

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR SEVENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 25th 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.
2. **ELECTION TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL FUND ACCOUNTS** to elect Members of the Committee on Local Fund Accounts .

**LAYING OF PAPERS**

3. **PU H. ROHLUNA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House 29th Annual Report 2013-2014 of Mizoram Khadi and Village Industries Board.
4. **PU R. LALZIRLIANA**, 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. 118 Ballot No. 44 asked by Er. Lalrinawma regarding "Sainik School Chhingchhip chungchang".

**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

5. **PU LALRUATKIMA** to present to the House the following Reports of Public Accounts Committee :
  - i) Fifth Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2009-2010 relating to Higher & Technical Education Department.
  - ii) Sixth Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2010-2011 relating to School Education Department.

- iii) Seventh Report on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2010-2011 relating to Environment and Forest Department.
- iv) Eighth Report on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2010-2011 relating to Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**Bills for introduction, consideration and passing**

- 6. **PU ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Municipalities (Second 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.***

- 7. **PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Youth Commission (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** : I have made a fool of myself, but you drove me to it. I ought to have been commended by you, for I am not in the least inferior to the “super-apostles,” even though I am nothing.

II Corinthians 12:11

To start our business, the Hon. member Pu Lalthanliana may ask Starred Question No.79.

**PU LALTHANLIANA** : Thank you Pu Speaker, my questions are for the concerned Minister of Social Welfare Department: -

- a) Grant-in-Aid which was given under Voluntary Organization Scheme to assist NGO’s was discontinued between the years 2014-2015. What is the reason?
- b) Is there any intention to continue this funding?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister Pu P.C Lalthanliana may answer the question.

**PU P.C.LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) Due to financial problem, the government has stopped to provide the said funds.
- b) The government may consider resumption of the said grant as soon as the existing financial problem is resolved.

**SPEAKER** : Er.Lalrinawma may state Starred Question No.80.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My questions are for the concerned Minister of GAD: -

- a) Is there any land which has not been acquired even after receiving compensation grant for Land Acquisition?
- b) If so, why has such land remain unacquired?
- c) How much is spent for this purpose?
- d) What is the area of such land?

**SPEAKER** : Since our Leader is on leave, the Deputy House Leader may answer the question.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is:-

- a) Yes, there is under the Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Project (KMMTTP) Road (Lawngltai AOC to Indo-Myanmar Border) which has been compensated but the land remains unacquired.
- b) Due to an Anti-Corruption case in the process.
- c) ₹ 6,59,15,014/-.

d) The area is 46.56 hectares.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Thank you Pu Speaker. (Pu R.ROMAWIA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker ,may I say that since the concerned minister is not present, supplementary question cannot be raised as per the Rules.)

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister is on leave.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, according to the rules, I believe the Minister of State should take the charge of the Hon. Chief Minister.

**SPEAKER** : It may be so, but the Deputy Leader is not authorized to do so. So, I request your consideration since it is inappropriate to call anyone is not authorized.

We will move on to Starred Question No. 81. Pu Lalruatkima may state his question.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My questions are for the concerned Minister of Home Department: -

- a) What are the demands made by Bru from Tripura to return to Mizoram? Will their demands be fulfilled by government?
- b) How many people are there in the Refugee Camp? How many are in the electoral roll?
- c) What measures are taken to persuade them to return to Mizoram? Will the names of those who declined to return be removed from the electoral roll?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana may answer the question.

**PU R.LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, answer to the Hon. Member questions are: -

- a) The memorandum submitted by the leaders to the Union Home Minister on his visit on 14.2.2015 contains 10 points which may be fulfilled by the State government and the Central Government.
- b) As per the record of Bru Coordination Committee of the 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, there are 5,481 families and 29,625 members. 11,014 names are enlisted in the electoral roll.
- c) As per conclusion made by the Supreme Court, Social Justice Bench of 16.1.2015, the State government bases Road Map-IV to determine the settlement area. The State level core committee held two sittings

since Dt. 3.3.2015.

The names of those who refuse to return to Mizoram within six months from the notice will be removed from the electoral roll.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu Lalruatkima.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Thank you Pu Speaker. Will initiatives be taken as planned by the NGO Co-ordination Committee on Dt. 8.4.2014? Why do we have no delegate in the Union Home Minister's visit on the Dt.14.2.2015? What is the reason?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** The Hon. Chief Minister was invited during the one day visit of the Hon. Union Home Minister; but since he was out of station, he was unable to present in the visit. The 1995 Electoral Roll remains our base.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. K. Beichhua may state Starred Question No.82.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister of Health & Family Welfare Department:-

- a) Will admission be opened in Mizoram Medical College within this year?
- b) If so, how many seats will be made available?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister Pu Lal Thanzara may answer the question.

**PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) We are planning to open admission for this year.
- b) 50 Nos. of vacant seats will be made available but as per the rules made by the Central Ministry of Health, initiative is made for 100 seats. A few alterations may be made with the infrastructure.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary questions.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, what is the amount of funds allocated for setting up the Medical College and what is the progress? If 100 seats is achieved, will our quota in other States still be available?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalruatkima may state Supplementary questions.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Thank you, Pu Seaker. My answer is: -

- a) How many departments have been shifted to the State Referral Hospital Falkawn from Aizawl Civil Hospital?
- b) What will be the name for our Medical College?
- c) Will the Medical College be owned by the State Government or the Central Government?
- d) If it is the State Government, where will we received the funding from?
- e) Is there any plan to give the salary of contractual based Nurses?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

**PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer to the Hon. Member Dr. K. Beichhua's question is: –

Financial sanction has not been received from the Central government and there is also certain amount which has to be contributed by the State government; but we are still unable to do so since this financial year is ending.

We hope that our seat in other State Medical Colleges will remain. I believe all the seats available will be occupied from our State but if the Central Government has norms to be fulfilled, I suppose notice will be given soon.

To answer the question of the Hon. Member, Pu Lalruatkima, the official name of our Hospital will be MIMER (Mizoram Institute of Medical Education & Research).

Salaries of contractual nurses will be given as soon as we receive the funds provision; 8 Nos. departments have been transferred from Aizawl Civil Hospital to Falkawn Referral Hospital; Initiatives have also been taken for transportation of patients and the public concerned.

Pu Speaker, regarding the absence of doctor at Phuldungsei and West Phaileng, both were called for training during the aforementioned period and post mortem was performed by the doctor posted at Mamit.

The doctor posted at Kawnpui was on maternity leave as the doctor at Lungdai went home at the weekend to attend a church service on Sunday; but after informing them to comeback, they rushed back to Kawnpui and the doctor posted at Kolasib also came and they have performed the post mortem altogether.

The amount we will receive from the Central Government is `198.00 crores.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, if there is a plan to open an admission in the Medical College, do we have any contact regarding the teaching faculty? Has initiative been taken regarding the recruitment of staffs?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrobiaka may state the Supplementary question.

**PU LALROBIAKA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is: -

- i) Marpara PHC has signed an agreement with the Synod Hospital. May the agreement be reviewed for our wish is the government to take this hospital under its wing?
- ii) When will initiatives be taken regarding Tuahzawl Sub-Centre which has been assured by the concerned Minister in 2012?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, having a medical duty is essential and I think priority should be given by the concerned medical officers. Anyway, I suggest we should give more attentions to Health Department. The Hon. Minister mentioned that it will be of a State owned Medical College. If so, the funding source should also be the State. Has the notification of the official name MIMER been officially given?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

**PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

Initiative has already been taken regarding the faculty member and we have also earmarked the staffs. As to the question by Pu Lalruatkima, I believe it will be a State College, and if I am wrong, correction may be made.

Regarding the question of concerned MLA of Phuldungsei, I think the agreement could be reviewed and as for the commitment made by the previous Health Minister, we will try to implement it as soon as possible.

To add a few points, experts came from the North-Eastern Regional Research Centre to study IMR of Saiha District; the report has been submitted to the Central Government for necessary action. As mentioned by the Hon. Member, Pu Lalruatkima, it is important that we give more attentions to the Health Department as

we have been tried our best; I do not think there are departments who have conducted trainings and other programmes as much as we do. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. K. Beichhua may state Starred Question No.83.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister of PWD: - Has approval been received from the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways for resurfacing work of Lunglei – Lawngtlai Road?

**SPEAKER** : As authorized by the concerned Minister, the Deputy Leader, Pu R. Lalzirliana may answer the question.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is: – Yes, approval has been received for renovation of Hrangchalkawn - Lawngtlai Road.

**SPEAKER** : Er. Lalrinawma may ask Starred Question No.84.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for the concerned Minister of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs: -

- a) Is there any intention to implement Food Security Act in Mizoram?
- b) If so, how much will be covered under this Act?
- c) How much will be the quota for one person per month?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister Pu John Rotluangliana may answer the question.

**PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER:** The answer, Pu Speaker is: -

- a) Yes, there is a plan to implement Food Security Act in Mizoram.
- b) The scheme will be made to cover 70,6,296 Nos. individuals.
- c) A person will receive 5 kgs of rice per month.

**SPEAKER** : Any Supplementary question?

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My supplementary questions are: -

- i) How much will be the estimate expenditure per month?
- ii) How many quintals will be spent under this scheme and what will be the profit in comparison to the present scheme?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister may answer the question.



**PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I do not think there are profits for the state government in compare to the present scheme we are using. At present, the quota for 1 person per month is 8 kgs and under Food Security Act, it is 5 Kgs and 1 kg will cost ₹3/-

**SPEAKER** : Any Supplementary question?

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The amount consumed by the people in Mizoram is about 13,000 metric tons and under Food Security about 6,600 metric ton will be provided by the Central Government and 6,400 metric ton will be bought from the local market. I believe we could save about 1,600 metric tons. Is there a possibility to expedite implementation of the scheme?

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Rinthanga.

**PU K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Speaker, how many will not enjoy the monthly ration?

**SPEAKER** : Dr. Ngurdingliana.

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, I believe there are many holders of VIP Ration Card which have been surrendered. If that is the case, how many Ration Cards being surrendered from a well-to-do families and high level government officials?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

**PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, there are only 17 families who have surrendered their ration card as the Secretariat has taken measure by giving notice and appeal to the public in various Districts.

As to the question by Pu K. Lalrinthanga, about 4 - 5 lakhs people of the entire population will not be able to receive the monthly ration. So, we are not much interested to implement this scheme in our State.

**SPEAKER** : We will move on to Question No.86, Er. Lalrinawma may ask Starred question No.86.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister of School Education: -

Is there a plan to establish SDEO Office at Chhingchhip?

**SPEAKER** : As authorised by the concerned Minister, Pu Zodintluanga may answer the question.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is: - No, there is no plan to establish SDEO office at Chhingchhip.

**SPEAKER** : The Hon. Member, Dr. K. Beichhua may ask Starred Question No. 86.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for the concerned Minister of Power & Electricity: -

MoU was been signed for Chhimtuipui Kolodyne project on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 2008 and I have raised a question in the previous session and as answer I have received, the matter is under process. Has the process been completed? May specification be given regarding the starting date and the expected date of completion of the project as per MoU?

**SPEAKER** : The Deputy Leader may answer the question.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, NTPC Ltd. has submitted an application for clearance in 2014 but the Ministry of Environment & Forest Department demanded another clearances. So, initiative is made in this regard by NTPC.

**SPEAKER** : The Hon. Member, Pu Lalruatkima may ask Starred question No.87.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister of Finance Department: -

- a) What are the present liabilities of the State Government in different Banks like, RBI, NABARD, Asian Development Bank, World Bank etc.?
- b) What step has been taken by the state government as the Economic Measure & Resource Mobilization in order to resolve the exisitng financial problems?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister of Finance may answer the question.

**PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) The total amount of liabilities from different banks during the year 2012 -2013 is ₹5,114.21 crores and we have not been informed as of the amount for this financial year.
- b) The State Government issue Office Memorandum to different Departments

regarding economic measures and also from the Chief Minister's office on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec, last year. Sensitization Workshop of Govt. Officials on Economy Measures & Resources Mobilization had also been conducted this year.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The Hon. Chief Minister mentioned in the media that action will be taken against the officers who failed to follow the said OM accordingly. If so, how many officers failed to follow such OM of economy measures. What is the progress made regarding Hawla Bonanza House Site Scheme?

In order to take extreme economic measures, the OM underlines that only a small size mineral water should be distributed in any official meeting. If the instruction being followed?

**SPEAKER** : The Hon. Minister may answer the question.

**PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, it is difficult to give the specific number of officers who are not following the OM. Anyway, Hawla Bonanza House Site Scheme is the on-going project and Revenue Department will take necessary steps for the implementation. As for supply of a small size water bottle in the meeting, most of the meeting I have attended so far provided small size water bottle.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, may I also ask if there is economizing measures to be followed for the Council of Ministers?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

**PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is: - Yes, initiative have is being taken as allotment of M.R. employee in respect of the Ministers has also been reduced and the same for officers and MLA's will also be implemented.

**SPEAKER** : It is further seen in the file that any flight ticket should also be of economy class.

**PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, only His Excellency, the Governor, the Hon. Chief Minister and the Speaker are entitled to enjoy the executive class flight. We all seem to be ready to sacrifice ourselves for the welfare of our State.

**SPEAKER** : Members who availed leave of absence for today are: - Pu Lal Thanhawla Chief Minsiter, Pu H. Rohluna Minister, Pu

T.Sangkunga MLA, Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana MLA, Pu K. Sangthuama MLA, Pu S. Laldingliana MLA, Pu Lalrinliana MLA, PU K.S. Thanga MLA, and Pu Joseph Lalhimpua MLA.

As suggested by the Hon. Minister, we established Local Funds Account Committee by appointing the following members: -

- 1) Pu John Siamkunga, INC
- 2) Pu T.Sangkunga, INC
- 3) Pu R.Vanlalvena, INC
- 4) Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu, INC
- 5) Pu Vanlalawma, MNF
- 6) Er. Lalrinawma, MNF
- 7) Pu Lalthanliana, MPC

We will now move on to Laying of papers and as authorized by Pu H. Rohluna, Hon. Minister, Pu Zodintluanga, Hon. Minister will lay the report on the table of the House.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay “the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Report 2013 – 2014 of Mizoram Khadi and Village Industries Board” on the table of the House.

**SPEAKER** : Let the copy be distributed. I now call upon Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana to present the Statement of Correction on the reply given on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 to Starred Quesiton No.118, Ballot No. 44.

**PU R.LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I present the Statement of Correction on the reply given on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 to Starred Quesiton No.118, Ballot No. 44 on the table of the House.

**SPEAKER** : The copy may be distributed. Now, Pu Lalruatkima may lay four papers on the table of the House.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : With your permission and of the House, Pu Speaker, I present the following reports on the table of the House: -

- i) The Fifth Report of Public Accounts Committee relating to Higher & Technical Education Department;
- ii) The Sixth Report of Public Accounts Committee relating to School Education Department;
- iii) The Seventh Report of Public Accounts Committee relating to Environment & Forest Department;
- iv) The Eight Report of Public Accounts Committee relating to Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let the copy be distributed. Now, we will go to Legislative Business and invite the Hon. Minister, Pu Zodintluanga to move the House to introduce “The Mizoram Municipalities (Second Amendment) Bill, 2015”.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I move the House to introduce “The Mizoram Municipalities (Second Amendment) Bill, 2015”.

**SPEAKER** : Do we agree? If so, he may now proceed and move the bill for discussion.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I introduce “The Mizoram Municipalities (Second Amendment) Bill, 2015” in this august House. With permission from the Secretariat, I want to replace copy of the bill distributed to the members as there are numbers of printing mistake. There is no change in the wording; change will come in the form of commas and spelling mistakes.

Pu Speaker, the Mizoram Municipalities Act, 2007 was passed in this House in order to form Mizoram Urban Local Bodies. When Mizoram Municipal Bodies was formed, changes were made with this Act. With the help of this amendment, the first Amendment Act, 2009 was passed by the Assembly. Initiative was made thereafter to form the Aizawl Municipal Council and under a peaceful election in November, 2010, the Municipal Council came into being. As the law was being enforced, we also made rules and regulations; AMC takes up the development works within the city. There are some which cannot be put into practice as so amendment is needed. Besides, we also have to change little by little in order to meet urban issues which were introduced time and again within India and in different States. The Central Government drafted a new policy for development and treatment affecting the developmental works done by State Government and Urban local body. Therefore, with the help of experts, a study was conducted on how to develop and how it will be done. Keeping in mind this, our rule need to be amended and we make proposal accordingly. Our proposals for amendment are: –

(i) **Definition of Amendment:** The definition in Section 2 is not clear and we need to omit some phrases. This is proposed for amendment and we also need to add some definitions.

(ii) **Classification of Urban Areas:** In our current amendment, the number of population specified for urban areas classification is bigger than the whole population of Mizoram. So, we need to reduce and propose a new number for amendment. The existing number as per the Classification of urban, it is 5 lakh so now we proposed 3 lakh. In a smaller urban area, the existing number is 1.5 lakh and we proposed 50,000 (fifty thousand). In transitional urban areas, the existing number is 10,000 (ten thousand) and we propose 5,000 (five thousand).

(iii) **Terms of Office of Councilor:** Since there is no limited term for the Councilor, we make a proposal to do so in a clause when such membership should be ended.

(iv) **Function of Municipality:** Our rules 58, 58(A), 58(B), 58(C) and 59 underline the function of the Municipal. It appears that there are some ambiguous terms which have double meanings. It would therefore be more practicable if we put the 18 functions in Section 58 as in the 12th Schedule of the Constitution. It will also be easier to understand if we put any other matters that the government deems important in Section 59.

(v) **Municipal Establishment:** As arranged by the Government of India, the Municipal Officer may be placed under a common cadre and give them training in a specialized subject of the municipal and may be transferable to any post. The Gazette Officer will be put under a common Municipal Cadre and other staffs will be the official of the Municipal. Recruitment is also made in a different form that the Municipal cadre will be recruited through MPSC and the others by the Municipal Service Selection Board.

(vi) **Earmarking of 25% of Municipal Budget for creation of non-lapsable fund for basic service to the Urban Power:** Under the direction of the Government of India, 25% from the budget will be set aside for the welfare of the underprivileged.

(vii) **Amendment proposed for relating to property tax:** Property tax is the main source of income for the Municipal. We need to turn our current rules in order to collect the tax precisely. This amendment makes a suggestion in order to have a definite assessment and collection including how to conduct Unit Area method in the assessment.

(viii) **Amendment Proposed relating to Preparation of Master Plan:** While there are rules relating to the limit of power of the municipal relating to master plan and zonal plan, it is not completed. We, therefore include in this amendment the complete area that the Municipal may cover Urban Planning.

(ix) **Reservation of Land for Housing to Economically Weaker Section and Low Income Group:** As the Government of India implements "Housing for All, 2020-22", we have made a plan as it is especially meant for economically weaker section and low income group from the urban areas. Following the plan, reservation for 20-25% of developed land for economically weaker section and low income group is now planned. As per demanded by the Central Government, housing development scheme will be enforced with a definite plan. By inviting private developer, housing complex will be set up and 1 flat will be set aside for a family. Instead of building for high income and middle income group, 25% will be reserved for the low income

group.

(x) **Municipal Appellate Tribunal:** This amendment aims to set up complain section where the Municipal Body may receive an appeal and hearing may be conducted; it will be the enforcer of the law in regard to the appeal which may be received; this is a body to resolve any dispute without reaching the court necessarily.

Pu Speaker, this is only the summary of this amendment. I believe that the hon. members will thoroughly study this amendment at home; I wish it is unanimously passed by the House.

**SPEAKER** : Is there anyone who would like to say anything regarding this Amendment Bill? If not, yes, Er. Lalrinawma.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, I would like to add few points in order to avoid criticism from the Press. We have a good law yet, amendment is necessary. I think the term and condition explained by the Minister is quite well. After having AMC, it is wise to enhance it with more power to exercise in order to function smoothly.

The Municipal Act 2009 underlines 17 points by which its power may be exercised where as only 7 points are in full. I opine we should give it in full for the welfare of the people. Regarding V/C, we receive fund under RGPSA on regular basis but not this time due to lack of Women Reservation; it would be appreciated if the fund is utilized purposely. Beautification of Aizawl plan could not be initiated without AMC; we need to utilize the funds provision. Besides, the release of fund provisions to AMC usually is very late and thus should be expedited to preserve its dignity. Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Romawia.

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, since this bill concerns the people, it should be put in Mizo where as the some English words used here are not simple to be understood by the general people. So, it may be wise to put it in mizo as well.

We are now having a separate Municipal Service, and as the member before me said, we need to enhance it powers and functions. Now, with this amendment, we can give that power gardually following the Parliament procedure. Regarding the welfare of its staff, there is a limited chance for promotion; some intellectuals thus hesitate to apply any post under AMC. I opine it is good for AMC to have a separate cadre so that many intellectuals will be attracted.

Besides, I do appreciate amendment of the non-lapsable fund for basic service

to the urban poor by putting 25% from the budget. This indicates the Congress Party is truly concern for the poor. Government under the previous ministry was being criticized for manipulating JNNURM as a mean only to obtain central funds but the main objective of the plan which is upliftment of the economic status of the poor as being left behind. It is further alleged that the Aizawl Development Authority as being created by the previous ministry just to benefit its fund provisions and the rules as being prepared slovenly. As the ministry headed by Pu Lal Thanhawla came into being, priority is given to alleviation of the condition of the poor as power of the Municipal is so enhanced. I am happy that the poor will now be able to start their livings with the help of funds which may be obtained through NLUP and Municipal Council.

Regarding Town Planning, it surely is a headache for concerned authority to determine a plan for Azawl city which is congested already and no space is left for any infrastructure. Our newspapers had even underlines that our city is full of patta land and there is no empty space for any new project which may be made; any locality is full and no space is left for the slums. In fact, we need to make law from the Revenue to take control over Aizawl and the suburb areas. However, the problem is whether to take land valuation or to develop the land. Realting to this problem, I opine it is important for concerned authority to determine if house site which may be applied is safe for living. Pu Speaker, it is a fact that central fund could not be obtained due to non-availabilty of free land to build infrastructure. So, we have not much choice than to cope with the situation and try to develop our land with strong determination anyhow.

Pu Speaker, I do appreciate the announcement you have made as it concern control of finacial management at V/C level and the Local Fund Accounts Committee will look into their account and provide any help which may be needed. I believe this bill will be of much helpful in the development of Mizoram and its city and towns. So, I give my support to it and hope that we all agree to pass the sam. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister has begs the House to pass the bill, but we still have more members to speak. Pu Lalruatkima.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, to add a few words, I would like to mention that the need arises to amend this bill though it is found to be good. The truth is, amendment is necessary with the changes of our envirointment. In relation, I would like to say a few words on classification of urban areas.

Any fund of centrally sponsored is assessed on the basis of the population in which ours is quite less compare to other states. I support the opinion of the mover of this bill to increase the percentage. There is also a new rule in this amendment which concerns the Councilors that he may vacate his seat if he is elected as MLA or MP.



Relating to setting a common Municipal Cadre, it may be wise to set up the Municipal Board in every district capital as well. I also appreciate that 25% from the budget is set aside for basic services to the urban poor. Within my constituency, we have areas announced by the government as slum area but no fund for the slums could not benefitted due to inclusion within the Municipal. With this budget being set aside, I hope we may receive some benefit in the future.

Numbers of family are without house in urban areas; hopefully many will benefit as seen in the introduction of 'Housing for All, 2010'. The AMC covers a large area and there are many things to do within their area. With the introduction of new law, progress will be made step by step. It is necessary for urban development to target low income group and economically weaker section. As I used to say, within the city, MLA fund and AMC is our only source for development work as we do not have the 100 days labour and BRGF and BADF. The poor in our city become poorer as the BPL family members could not find works as such funds are stopped. However, with this new budget made by the AMC, things will fall into place. With the change of our environment, we may need more amendments to be made in the future. If we continue with whatever developnet project made in the previous ministry, we will see development otherwise it is our very own people who will suffer; we have to know that no ministry is going to reign forever. So, I give my support to this bill.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Vanlalzawma.

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Pu Speaker, as we already pointed out, this bill is of 2007 and was introduced in the late 2010. It has been 5 years now and needs amendment. Suggestions made by the hon'ble Minister are well agreed.

First, in regards to vacation of seat by the Councilor when elected to other post like MLA or MP, the word 'disqualification' is used here; I opine it is inappropriate. While the Councilor should have the right to choose, why use the word 'disqualification'. Secondly, I think we are now using Anti Defection Law in AMC. While this is so, with our Deputy Speaker here, we presided vote of confidence to remove the sitting Chairman in AMC not long ago. If we are using anti-defection law, there is no need to used secret ballot in that vote. So, it is necessary to add this issue in this amendment.

We also see regarding Property Tax in this amendment; I think we need to make a strong rule in its execution. I want to say in the presence of the hon. Minister of Taxation that we need to chalk out the sources prior to implementation; we should also sum up an easy mean for submitting such taxes. It may be noted that most of the people are willing to submit taxes but it is the process which is a problem. So, we should simplify the process. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Now, Pu Lalsawta, Law Minister.

**PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I opine it is important to pass this bill as the hon. Minister said. From what I heard, the Municipality Service will consist of officer and the others will be in the Municipality where they are attached. If this is true, I am afraid they may face a problem in regards to promotion in the future. There are few workers within the service and there is no promotion channel. As such, stagnation of their promotion is inevitable. It is therefore wise for the concerned authority to determine deployment of such staff on deputation.

Likewise, there are numbers of Civil Engineer who enters as AE (Assistant Engineer) and ends up at SDO till their retirement while their colleagues in different services gets promotion upto Chief Engineer. The future of those employed under the Municipal should therefore be considered. In addition to Aizawl Municipality, we have a plan to set up the same at Lunglei, Champhai and Kolasib as well. So, in the deployment of any staff for such districts, it may be wise to put them on deputation basis as stated. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Rinawma.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Speaker, I support the opinion of Pu Vanlalawma regarding the term of disqualification used in this amendment for it is not harmful as it is used only in the term of object and reason but will not be included in the actual rule. Amendment of Section 22 in the rules states that the Councilor is 5 years term, if not dissolve or withdrawn. So, if we add 22 (c), it will also concern to any member who is elected as MLA or MP as well. When I chaired for the removal of the Chairman of the Municipal, we followed the same as laid down in the rules, Pu Speaker. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : To conclude the discussion, I call upon the concerned Minister to clarify our confusion, if any and may also move the House to pass the Bill.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I am thankful that 6 members participated in the discussion as they have pointed out the merit and demerit of this Amendment Bill by making further suggestion. However, I am glad that they all make a positive approach to this bill.

Regarding point mentioned by Er. Rinawma, this is a new chapter as all the members are. During a short term of its functioning, we have to amend it twice. As such, after having discussion with the Municipal Board and Councilors, we let it start to function steadily. Now, the government is giving the Municipal more responsibilities and function.

The hon. Minister Pu Romawia mentioned regarding the promotion which I also opine as quite important. A common cadre rule is being determined so as to evade stagnation problem. Regarding his suggestion to put Municipal Act in Mizo, step will be taken.

Regarding Slum area as pointed out by Pu Lalruatkima, it may be noted by the members that it is a resumption of the work started in the previous government. As certain areas in my constituency, many areas within Aizawl were announced as slum area during MNF ministry in order to receive fund from the Central Government. We have to determine the context of India and of Mizoram in regard to slum area which seems to be much different; we reiterated this issue whenever we attend a meeting. The slums in India are as large as Mizoram population; efforts are given to become slum free by implementing various schemes such as urban poor scheme and others. Our government has also taken advantage of these schemes by setting up numbers of building in the area of Lawipu, Rangvamual, Edenthar and Durtlang accommodating as much as 1,096 families.

Recently, we visited such buildings at Lawipui and Durtlang with department officials; the buildings are quite good and the rooms are large enough as officers' quarters. I praise the department officers for their performances. Besides, this scheme provides all amenities like rain-water harvesting, lots of public service, community hall, anganwadi, play ground etc. Apart from this, numbers of homeless are directed to build their own households under RAY (Rajiv Awaz Yojona) at Zuangtui, Aizawl; we are giving them a minimum space for every household following our specification.

Regarding the term of the Municipal member as pointed out by Pu Vanlalzawma, our Deputy Speaker has explained it already; I supposed we all are cleared. Unless we make this rule, the concerned Ward may be deprived of various developments as we have seen clearly in the case of Ramhlun. Therefore, this amendment proposes that the Councilor may resign from the post after being elected to other post.

Pu Speaker, I am very thankful to the all the hon. Members for supporting this bill. So, I beg this august House to pass my bill "The Mizoram Municipalities (Second Amendment) Bill, 2015". Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister has moved the House to pass the bill; those who agree may say, 'agree'. Is there any objection? I announce that "The Mizoram Municipalities (Second Amendment) Bill, 2015" is passed by the House.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Now, we will invite Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte, the hon. Minister to move the House to introduce “The Mizoram Youth Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2015”.

**PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I move the House to introduce “The Mizoram Youth Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2015”.

**SPEAKER** : Now, i invite him to introduce the bill and move the bill for discussion.

**PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I introduce “The Mizoram Youth Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2015” in this august House and also move the House for discussion.

As we all know, Pu Speaker, we have set up the Mizoram Youth Commission but without prospect for its future which further impresses to the public as having no use. Now, the intellectuals recognise the important of skill development. With this in mind, the Commission proposed to amend the bill which was prepared in 2008. We propose that some portions may be omitted and some may be added as necessary. This amendment will not cost any expenditure as stated in the proposal and is functioning under the department of Labour & Employment with the help of Grant-in Aids from the State Government. Pu Speaker, there is a double clipping of the Amendment of Section 12, page 2 on which i opologize before the House.

Pu Speaker, we propose amendment of only the wording in Section 9, sub-section (2), clause (d) that ‘to develop and harness the potential of the youth in order to attain optimum level of skill and to become economically self reliant and productive’. We opine the sentence is not clear enough and so may be changed by omitting some words and added some so that it is read ‘to develop the potential of the youth and to train them to attain optimum level of skill and to become economically self reliant and productive’.

Another proposal is inserting additional clause (j) within Section 9 which read ‘to inculcate the spirit of entrepreneurship among the youth so as to enable them to achieve optimum level of self sufficiency’ as ‘to advise the government in any other matter as may be referred to it from time to time’.

Again in the Amendment of Section 12 Principal Act, there are two sub-sections in the main rules. Here, we propose that the Commission be given more power in order to obtain more funds. We put the wording as ‘the commission may seek and raise fund to implement and execute its programme by way of special allocation, special assistance and other from all available sources in consultation with the State Government’. This is the main objective of the proposal for this amendment

with Section 12 (3).

As sub-section 3, clause (b), the number of member is 5 which we propose to increase to 7 as the works of the Commission increases. Therefore, we propose to add section 3(3) (b) as 'such number of members not exceeding 7 as may be detailment by the government'.

In short, this bill propose amendment of Section 3(3)(b); Section 9(2)(d); insertion of clause (j) and amendment of Section 12 sub-section 3. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Now, the Minister has introduced the bill for discussion. To start the discussion, I call upon Pu Lalruatkima.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, as we have listened, we need to make amendment from time to time. What I want to say is that Right to Public Service Bill is passed yesterday which concern in which sources fine may be imposed; this seems the Governor's approval is needed; I supposed we all have studied the case.

The Youth Commission was started under the supervision of a senior member as so at present. While we name Youth Commission, the supervisors are mostly old in age. In the case of other organizations, whether churches or NGOs, the age group is 40 or below. Hence, it is desirable if we have such leader who is physically younger than the previous terms. At the same time, I agree with the idea of increase of the number of members to 7. The other point is from which sources the Commission can pull the funds which may be determined in consultation with the government for it needs careful examination.

As a whole, Pu Speaker, I opine this bill is good and I give my support. However, I notice one or two patent error in this bill such as in the Statement of Object and Reasons and in Financial Memorandum' the letter 'n' is missing in the word 'training'. I do not know whether it is a patent error, the Minister who introduced this bill is a Minister of State but he is addressed as a Minister. When MoS acted as a Chief Guest of some functions, he is generally addressed as 'Hon. Minister' instead of 'Minister of State'. What is the protocol in this regard; may clarification be given?

**SPEAKER** : Er. Lalrinawma.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. The hon. Minister explains the proposal made in this bill clearly. What he say are important and are well needed. I do not think that the points need any elaboration as I support the bill. In the meantime, this is going to become very important as placements are going to be made

through this Commission. In the previous placement, we know the percentage of female is more than male. This makes me think very hard. It would be pleasing if we look into the placement more carefully. Many youths are abroad for some jobs nowadays; we should take care of them for they are our future; their performances will tell the future of our nation and we have to watch them more closely. If possible, it is appreciated if the concerned department verified job placement of such youths. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Speaker, I give my support to this Amendment Bill. What the hon. Minister proposes are all reasonable. Regarding the bill we have passed yesterday, I opine it is not a Money Bill. When there is a need to use State fund and from public account, approval of the Governor is obtained but that bill does not involve any financial expense except imposition of fine ranging from ₹500-5000. Yet, I support this bill as other members do. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : It is welcoming. Now, we will invite the Minister to beg the House to pass the bill and may also explain what is deemed necessary.

**PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, what the hon. member Pu Lalruatkima has mentioned needs clarification. I opine that addressing MoS as 'Minister of State' seems to be more appropriate than as 'Minister'. So, you may explain from your chair with regard to the order of precedence.

Regarding patent error, it is not the statement of objects and reasons that the bill body carries. So, there is nothing wrong in asking forgiveness.

Regarding Skill Development, we had a meeting with the hon. Chief Minister regarding this matter in which other members such as Chairman of the Planning Board, Minister of H&E, Minister of School Education, Minister of Employment and department officials were presents. Numbers of youth were recruited outside last year as hundred of them landed a job. In this regard, I must say that the female are generally more confident and more intelligent than their male counterparts. As such, the female outnumbered the male in the screening test also as they are more confident in pursuing their career as well.

Likewise, point mentioned by Er. Lalrinawma may also be taken into account. As I already said, it is under the Skill Development Initiative Scheme of the Ministry of Labour & employment. The National Development Agency set its target to train 100 crore and 162,500 persons in the current financial year; but the target has not been achieved unfortunately. Likewise, 17 Ministers and 3 departments under a Ministry and National Skill Development Corporation, totally 21 groups are being set up by the Central with a target to each group; intensive efforts are given to each

group. As such is the case, we have opined the existing number of trainees being sent under the Ministry of Labour & Employment to be enough for now. Where as the main objective is to impart Modular Employable Skill to trainees with various groups and 74 branches to give them training. It is just the beginning for us and we will try to benefit more as it includes training for illiterate with free of cost. After completion, any successful trainee will be given a certificate of the National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) which is recognized worldwide.

Presently, it includes 1492 Nos. trades and training to each trade will be given by the Director General of Employment and Training (DGET) which was under the Ministry of Labour & Employment. We give a specific instruction to the selected one that Youth Commission in coordination with VTP agents and the concerned department conducted the screening.

Under Labour Welfare Fund, there is a component where some percents could be used for skill development. However, we have to give fees in order to send trainees. We have even answered the assembly question not long ago regarding the number of trainees by stating 85 of our youths have landed a job outside. All of them are cover by this scheme as we give their training fee as permissible percentage. We handed over the sum at the disposal of the Youth Commission. So, Pu Speaker, we have proposed this amendment bill so as to make the best use of this Youth Commission.

Pu Speaker, as the majority, if not all participated in the discussion of this amendment bill; I supposed we all agree to pass it. So, I beg this august House to pass “The Mizoram Youth Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2015”. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Regarding the question as how to address the MoS, I would like to add that we hardly used MoS in writing or in verbal. It is a form of showing courtesy as ‘honorable’ also is. I opine using ‘minister’ is easy and more courteous.

The hon. Minister has begged the house to pass the bill, we will now vote on the Bill.

(The Bill is voted and passed by the House.)

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> Session of the Seventh Legislative Assembly of Mizoram. It is a Budget Session on Vote on Account. As chalked out by the BAC, today ten days of our sitting came to an end. Let us announce our transaction of business during this Session for record of the hon’ble members.

1. **QUESTIONS**  
Starred Questions

Received	-	125
Admitted	-	122
Rejected	-	3
Clubbed	-	1
In List of Business	-	93
Answered in the house	-	37
Not answered in the house	-	56

UnStarred Questions

Received	-	22
Admitted	-	17
Rejected	-	5
Starred Question to U/Q	-	28

We received all the answers and I thank all the departments in their dedication and hard work.

2. **GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS**

The hon'ble Governor addresses the house on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2015. Motion of Thanks was moved by Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu and on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 we had a discussion on the Motion.

3. **OBITUARY**

Obituary was observed in respect of Pu T.Hranghluta, MLA and Pu G.Karthikeyan, Speaker of Kerala Legislative Assembly. The hon'ble Chief Minister and Pu Vanlalawma summarize their life story and then we observe one minute silence to show our respect.

4. **PRESENTATION OF BUDGET**

The hon'ble Finance Minister Pu Lalsawta present –

- 1) Supplementary Demand for Grants for the year 2014-2015
- 2) Supplementary Demand for Grants (Regularization of Excess Expenditure) for the year 2010-2011 and 2011-2012
- 3) Vote on Account 2015-2016 with allied papers in the house.

5. **PASSING OF DEMANDS**

The house passed Supplementary Demands and Vote on Account (April to July, 2015)

6. **PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

During this Session 11 Reports was present in the house namely;

- i) Fifth Report of the Business Advisory Committee.
- ii) Second Report of Rules Committee relating to Constitution of



- Committee on Local Fund Accounts.
- iii) Second Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2009-2010 relating to Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department.
  - iv) Third Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2009-2010 relating to Industries Department (Geology & Mining Wing).
  - v) Fourth Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2009-2010 relating to Public Works Department.
  - vi) First Report of Subject Committee – I relating to Transport Department.
  - vii) Second Report of Subject Committee – I relating to Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department.
  - viii) Fifth Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2009-2010 relating to Higher & Technical Education Department.
  - ix) Sixth Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2010-2011 relating to School Education.
  - x) Seventh Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2010-2011 relating to Environment and Forest Department.
  - xi) Eight Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2010-2011 relating to Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department.

#### 7. **LAYING OF PAPERS**

During this Session, 13 Papers were laid on the table of the house. Namely:

- i) Finance Accounts 2013-2014 Volume – I relating Government of Mizoram.
- ii) Finance Accounts 2013-2014 Volume – II relating to Government of Mizoram.
- iii) Appropriation Accounts 2013-2014 relating to Government of Mizoram.
- iv) Report of the Director of Local Fund Audit on the Accounts of Local Bodies (V/C within Aizawl District, Kolasib and Local Council under AMC) for the accounting year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014.
- v) Mizoram New Defined Contributory Pension (First Amendment) Scheme, 2015.
- vi) 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Report 2013-2014 of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram.
- vii) Annual Report 2013-2014 (1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014) of Mizoram Information Commission.
- viii) Notification published in the Gazette of India regarding JERC for the State of Manipur and Mizoram (form of Annual Statement of Accounts & Records) Rules, 2014.
- ix) The Government of Mizoram (Transaction of Business) Rules, 2014 and the Government of Mizoram (Allocation of Business) Rules, 2014.
- x) A Statement of Correction on the reply given on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 to Starred Question No. 23 Ballot No. 45 asked by Dr.K.Beichhua regarding “PWD lei dawh chungchang”.

- xi) A Statement of Correction on the reply given on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 to Starred Question No. 83 Ballot No. 46 asked by Pu Lalthanliana regarding “Conversion cost leh Cook honorarium chungchang”.
- xii) 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Report 2013-2014 of Mizoram Khadi and Village Industries Board.
- xiii) A Statement of Correction on the reply given on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 to Starred Question No. 118 Ballot No. 44 asked by Er.Lalrinawma regarding “Sainik School, Chhingchhip chungchang”.

8. **BILLS**

7 Government was received during this Session, and was passed by the house. Namely:

1. The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2015.
2. The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2015.
3. The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2015
4. The Mizoram Right to Public Services Bill, 2015
5. The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriages (Amendment) Bill, 2015.
6. The Mizoram Municipalities (Second Amendment) Bill, 2015.
7. The Mizoram Youth Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2015.

9. **RESOLUTIONS**

During this Session 35 Private Member’s Resolution was received and was all admitted. Pu T.Sangkunga, MLA resolution “Zofate impumkhatna daltu chu engmah tih ni lo rawh se” was discussed in the house and was passed.

Now, we finished our sitting and I am proud to chair this sitting where all members give our best and effort in our transaction of business. Our unity and zealously shows that Mizoram is a land of Christianity. I want to deliver this to the government of the world which consists of 53 different tribes. Likewise, I also want to announce this in the Presiding Officer Conference, where all Speakers in India gather and to the Commonwealth Nations Conference.

I want to thank especially Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu on her dedication, honesty and sincerity. She never left her seat during sitting.

Now we will adjourn the 7<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly 5<sup>th</sup> Session.

The House is adjourned, *Sine Die*.