

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SECOND SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 8th JULY, 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 LALSAWTA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House the following :-
- 1) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on State Finances for the year ended 31 March, 2014.
 - 2) Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India on General, Social, Economic, Revenue and Economic (PSUs) Sectors for the year ended 31 March, 2014.
3. **Pu ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House the following :-
- 1) The Mizoram Municipalities (Ward Committee and Local Council) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2015.
 - 2) The Mizoram Municipalities [Election of Councillors (Second Amendment)] Rules, 2014.
 - 3) The Mizoram Municipalities (Election to Local Councils) Rules, 2015.
 - 4) The Mizoram Grants-in-aid to Aizawl Municipal Council (Amendment) Rules, 2015.
4. **Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House "The Mizoram Factories Rules, 2014".

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

5. **Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA** to present to the House the First

Report of committee on Petitions.

6. **Pu NIHAR KANTI** to present to the House the First Report of Committee on Public Undertakings relating to Zoram Industrial Development Corporation.

7. **Pu LALROBIAKA** to present to the House the Second Report of Subject Committee-III on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the First Report of Subject Committee-III relating to Public Health Engineering Department (Renewal and Augmentation of Greater Saiha Water Supply Scheme and Greater Lawngtlai Water Supply Scheme).

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

8. **Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Motor Vehicles Taxation (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 : Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

Romans 13:1-2

We shall now continue our session. We will start with Question. I think that it will be better to take not more than three supplementary questions in each question so that we could take more questions. Let us now call upon Dr. K. Beichhua to ask the first question.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Questions for Hon. Finance Minister are: -

- a) How much money was spent on Medical Reimbursement of government servants during the year 2014-2014?
- b) Was a committee formed to study about medical reimbursement?
- c) If it was formed, who were its members? Who was the Chairman?

SPEAKER : Hon. Finance Minister may answer.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the questions raised by Hon. Member Dr. K. Beichhua are: -

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| Chairman | : | Chief Secretary |
| Member Secretary | : | Finance Commissioner |
| Other members | : | 1. Secretary, Law & Judicial Dept.
2. Secretary, Planning
3. Principal Director, H&ME
4. Chief Controller of Accounts
5. President, FMGE&W
6. Pu Lalhmingthanga Colney, IAS (Rtd.)
7. Pu Lalthansanga, Finance Secretary (Rtd.)
8. Dr. C. Lalthanpara, OSD, MHCS. |

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : It seems that the amount spent on medical reimbursement is very huge regarding the financial problems of our state. Are there any pending bills at the moment? Also are there any improvements after the formation of the study Committee?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Thank you, Pu Speaker. While I was a Health Minister, the amount we spent on referring patients used to be around 170 crores. In this regards, what I wanted to say is that we have sufficient and expert doctors here in Mizoram. Even in referred cases, around 99 % of the investigation done here was accepted even in outside Mizoram. Therefore, I would like to suggest them to keep this in mind amidst the formation of committee.

I think a fund of 25 millions USD was still available in finance. If we could avail better machines and health equipments from this kind of funds, it will surely save much of our expenditure in medical reimbursement. Could that be taken into consideration?

SPEAKER : Pu T. Sangkunga, this is the third one.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Speaker, we talked about medical reimbursement a lot. It is great that a committee was formed in this regard. May I ask about the terms of reference, the findings as well as the aims and objectives of the committee?

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon the Concerned Minister to give answers.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding the question from Dr. K. Beichhua. There are many pending cases at the moment. However the exact amount is not collected from different department.

Pu Speaker, regarding the second question, I would like to request him to make further suggestions to the committee and help us at the central government also as far as possible.

Regarding the question of Pu T. Sangkunga, the term of reference is six months. There is no particular objectives mentioned, it is formed so as to bring about improvement as a whole. Regarding what has been mentioned by Pu Lalrinliana, there are of course proposal for that kind of initiatives. It is also one of the reasons why a committee is also formed. Our MP at Lok Sabha, Pu C.L. Ruala also help us survey how they practice in other places as well for which we are also very grateful.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: For our kind information, Speaker sir, we regarded six years to be too long for the terms of references. I proposed it to be three years. I do not know if it was accepted or not as it is still processed. We all are aware that the expenditure on refer cases is too high. We enquired how they practiced in other cases. The patients generally contributed in some amount in other states. Pu C.L. Ruala, our MP in Lok Sabha also helps us in doing so. I am not sure whether it is to be classified into categories such as A,B,C,D or else; I am not sure if that is included in the terms of reference.

It seems that there is less surveillance regarding our expenditure on medical reimbursement. The committee is also expected to suggest improvement in that regard also. I suggested three months for the term. I would like to inform this house of the facts. Thank you.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, can personnel from Health Department be included in the Board member?

SPEAKER : you have asked beyond the number limit for supplementary question. Therefore, let us call upon Er. Lalrinawma to ask starred Question No. 2.

Er. LALRINAWMA : My starred Question No. 2 for Hon. Minister, PWD are: -
a) When was the blacktopping work of Chhawrtui-Rullam Road expected to be completed?
b) How much is the estimated amount?
c) How much amount had been released to the contractor?
d) How much is the physical and financial achievement?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the House leader to give answers.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answers for Er. Lalrinawma's questions are:

- a) The first expected date of completion is 15.12.2014 but it is extended till 15.12.2015.
- b) ₹498.15 lakhs; this is the amount of contractor agreement.
- c) The amount that had been released to the contractor is ₹205.40 lakhs.
- d) Physical Achievement:-
 - 1) Hume Pipe culvert - 8 Nos.
 - 2) Retaining wall - 25 Rm.
 - 3) Lined Side Drain - 2950 Rm.
 - 4) Sub-grade –

Sub-base Course	-	18.50 Kms.
Base Course	-	12.00 Kms.
Wearing Course	-	3.00 Kms.

The financial achievement is the same as (c) above i.e. ₹205.40 lakhs.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, it takes a very long time to complete the work. It does not seem possible to finish within the expected date. Therefore, I would like to kindly request our House Leader to repair the more critical areas even temporarily for this coming monsoon.

SPEAKER : Let the Hon'ble House answer.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we shall enquire about the matter.

SPEAKER : Question No. 3 from Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Pu Speaker, my question to Planning & Programme Implementation Department is –

How much is the expenditure of Planning Department and Planning Board on travelling expenses to foreign countries from 2010 till date?

SPEAKER : Let the Minister concerned answer.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: The expenditure of Planning Department and Planning Board on travelling expenses to foreign countries from 2010 till date is ₹1,53,055. This is the expenditure on Pu P.L. Thanga, Member Secretary, State Planning Board to attend the “Ministerial Seminar on Forestry Industry among Developing Countries” during 1.11.2014 to 7.11.2014 at Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, People’s Republic of China.

SPEAKER : Any Supplementary Question?

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Who are the members of State Planning Board at present? How many Secretaries are there? How much is the expense on the salary of Co-terminus Secretaries within a month?

SPEAKER : Your questions seem to be a little irrelevant to the original question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : I think that he could answer as it is the same department.

SPEAKER : You could ask it anyways.

PU LALRUATKIMA : How many sittings of Mizoram State Planning Board were being held till date?

SPEAKER : Let the Minister answer if it is possible.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu speaker, I am sorry that I could not answer the questions

at the moment as I am not prepared for it.

SPEAKER : It seems possible not be able to answer the questions. Let us call upon Miss Vanlalawmpuii Changthu to ask question No. 4.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My questions to the Hon. Minister, Health & Family Welfare Department is: –

There is no Doctor at Khawhlailung for a long time. Will it be possible to post a doctor soon?

SPEAKER : Let the Minister concerned answer it.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is: –

A3 (f) Doctor used to be posted at Khawhlailung. However, the engagement period was over for now. We keep searching for another Doctor who would stay there. We are now proposing to post a Doctor there through National Health Mission.

SPEAKER : Any Supplementary Question?

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. There is no not only a Doctor, but also any other staff at Marpara PHC. Will it be possible to post a staff there as it is a Malaria prone area?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : There is no Doctor at Ngentiang, which is also near Khawhlailung. Will it be possible to post a Doctor there as well?

Secondly, as per the decision made by the RKS Governing Body, laboratory user charge was now collected at Civil Hospital. The amount is not that much. Hitherto, every test were procured by nurses or staffs but now, the attendants need to pay themselves which means they need to procure the tests by own. This creates problem especially for those who came from outside Aizawl. Could this be revised for better service?

SPEAKER : Pu R. L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. There is no Doctor anymore at Ratu as well. Will it be possible to post a Doctor at Ratu?

Secondly, could the Minister take steps to provide hearing aids to the needy as also

practiced in the past?

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Pu Speaker, I need to ask if Marpara Hospital is still under Durtlang Hospital or not; it used to be under Durtlang Hospital in the past.

SPEAKER : Let us us now call the Hon. Miniter to give answers.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Marpara Hospital used to be under Durtlang Hospital in collaboration with the Government. However, a new system is now proposed to be initiated. It is a fact that there is a huge shortage of Doctors at the moment. Even though it seems there are many doctors in Aizawl, the demand is also high as well. Therefore, Doctors will be posted at Khawlailung, Ngentiang and Ratu as soon as possible. Besides, regarding laboratory charges under RKS and hearing aid, I could not provide the exact answer as I am not prepared for that. The matters will be looked into.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinawma, Hon. Member to ask question No. 5.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, my Starred Question No. 5 to be answered by Hon'ble Finance Minister are: -

- a) How much amount had been availed by Aizawl Municipal Council under General Basic Grant (GBG) and General Performance Grant (GPG) during the year 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014?
- b) How much is the interest amount due to delaying of release of fund?
- c) How much amount of GBG and GPG are availed during 2014 -2015 and when was it received?
- d) How much amount of grant from GBG and GPG of AMC was kept in K-Deposit at the moment? What was the reason for doing so?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister concerned to give answer.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answers are as follows:

- a) The amount availed by Aizawl Municipal Council under General Basic Grant (GBG) and General Performance Grant (GPG) during the year 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 are as follow:

Year	Govt. of India released		Released to AMC	
	GBG (₹in lakh)	GPG (₹in lakh)	GBG (₹in lakh)	GPG (₹ in lak)
2011-12	1107.00	68.05	548.00	-
2012-13	1245.13	736.96	1151.56	68.05

2013-14	1436.43	426.67	1386.33	736.96
TOTAL	3788.56	1231.68	3085.89	805.01

b) The interest in these years due to delaying of payment are :

Year	Penal Interest (₹in lakh)
2011-2012	10.87
2012-2013	33.28
2012-2014	63.85

c) The amount of GBG and GPG availed during 2014 -2015 are:

General Basic Grant		
Amount (₹ in lakh)	Govt. of India Sanction & Date	Date of payment to AMC
718.11	No. F.12(22)/FCD/2010 Dt. 26.8.2014	13.11.2014
851.93	No.F.12(3)/FCD/2010 Dt. 5.3.2015	₹15.00 lakh only released to AMC Dt. 13.3.2015 (K-Deposit : 836.93)
General Performance Grant		
490.44	No.F.12(22)/FCD/2010 Dt. 26.8.2014	3.12.2014
490.44	No.F.12(22)/FCD/2010 Dt. 2.3.2015	9.3.2015 (K-Deposit)
583.54	No.F.12(3)/FCD/2013 Dt. 24.3.2015	K-Deposit
466.00	No.F.12(3)/FCD/2010 Dt. 31.3.2015	K-Deposit

d) Amount of grant from GBG and GPG of AMC kept in K-Deposit at the moment :

GBG	₹836.93 lakh
GPG	₹1073.98 lakh

There are certain reasons why it is kept in K-Deposit. The main reason is financial difficulty of the government.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Questions from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Where is the amount of ₹1129.34 under GBG and GPG during 2011-2014 which is not paid in full? When will it be released? Secondly, when will the amount of ₹1818.91 which has been kept in K-Deposit be released?

SPEAKER : Pu Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, my question is – Does keeping in K-Deposit decreases the possibility diversion of funds?

SPEAKER : Let the Minister concern, Pu Sawta answer.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding the first question of Pu Ruatkima, the reason is that it has been kept in K-Deposit. Regarding the time for release of the fund during 2014-2015, I will explain as follows: There are certain necessities in which the government spent money in deficit. Our income never covers our expenditure. Examples are cost of rice supply, power supply and compensations which the Court orders the government to pay. These kinds of expenditure could not be kept in budget estimate also. There is still a big financial problem in spite of our efforts under the leadership of our Hon. Chief Minister.

Besides K-Deposit is not started form the Congress ministry formed in 2008. It has been started way back in 1986 in which ₹1 lakh was kept in K-Deposit. It keeps increasing year by year. We need to keep more than ₹1000 lakh inevitably at present.

Regarding Pu Pianmawia's question, we try our level best for proper financial management. However, we need to understand that to keep some amount to K-Deposit is inevitably. Funds are often not possible to be paid due to delaying of works, etc. In such cases, we often need to keep the amount in K-Deposit. Besides, I would also like to mention our efforts to decreases the recurring expenditure also. Today's problem is the result of several years. Therefore we could not solve it completely at the moment. I requested my fellow members also to understand how we tried our best to minimize this kind of recurring expenditure.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, my questions to Excise & Narcotics Dept. Minister are:

- a) How much is the amount of tax collected from liquor since the implementation of MLPC Act?

- b) How many people have been arrested till date under MLPC Act?
- c) How are the people who break the law punished?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the Minister concerned.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. The answers are as follows:

- a) The amount of tax (Excise Duty) collected from liquor since the implementation of MLPC Act till 25.6.2015 is ₹723,43,628/-
- b) 1008 people had been arrested under MLPC Act.
- c) They were punished as: -
 - 1) Fine;
 - 2) Doing public work;
 - 3) Imprisonment.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : My first question is that as some corporations were made to sell liquor, are they submitting the revenue to the government or they dispose the income for themselves?

Are the corporations still efficient in their work after they sell liquor? Besides, are more staff employed in order to meet their needs?

SPEAKER : He has already asked all the three supplementary questions. Let the Hon'ble Minister concerned answer the questions.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, these corporations are meant to submit the revenues they collected as per the law. There is no employment of more staff till date because of which their previous jobs were slowed to some extent.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima to ask Question No. 7.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My Starred Question No. 7 is:

- a) How much money was given to DVO, Kolasib for buying of dairy cow from RKVY? When was the fund released? How many cows were bought?
- b) What is the price of one cow? From where was it purchased?

SPEAKER : Pu Speaker, answers to Hon. member Pu Lalruatkima's question are:

- a) ₹150 lakh was released to Kolasib DVO for purchase of dairy cow under RKVY. The

sum was released on 20.3.2013.

- 1) 124 cows was purchased from Kolasib for ₹55.80 lakh @ ₹45,000
- 2) Expenditure for cow shed and transportation cost to 62 beneficiaries is ₹21.70 lakh @ ₹ 35,000, the total of which is ₹77.50 lakh
- 3) 161 cows were bought from Directorate for different districts for ₹ 72.45 lakh @ ₹45,000. This amount is recalled by the Directorate from the released amount of ₹150.

b) The price of one cow is ₹45,000. The beneficiaries bought the cows on their own conveniences. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from Pu Ruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, ₹150 lakh had been released to Kolasib for purchasing of dairy cows. However, the amount of ₹72.25 lakh was withdrawn on 14.10.2015. What is the reason for that? There is no such provision mentioned in the delegation of financial power rules. Therefore, does this amount deposited in government account? If so, what is the Challan No. and date? What is the detail disposal of the amount? Besides I would also like to ask why is the amount withdrawn without the knowledge of State Level Project Screening Committee.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the minister concerned to answer?

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, as we all know, the many of the dairy cows bought under NLUP 1st phase from Haryana and Punjab died and as a result, there was a huge pressure and desire to give compensation to the beneficiaries. This amount was withdrawn from Kolasib to meet the need for that compensation of beneficiaries. I could not answer the detail figure at the moment as I am not prepared for this kind of supplementary question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, this is an important issue where there is a chance of severe financial management. Could the Minister give us assurance to provide the detail expenditure of the withdrawn amount of ₹72.25 lakh.

SPEAKER : The Question Hour is now over. Will it be answered from the office? Let allow us to change the chair.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : You may continue.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, this amount has been withdrawn as per the decision made by a meeting held by department officers with the Minister

concerned. There is no unfair practice in this regard. We would be able to provide the list of beneficiaries to our Hon. Member.

PU LALRUATKIMA : We often ask about this through RTI Act. However, we were not provided the information.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : There is a appeal provision in the RTI Act through which you may appeal. We shall now end the Question Hour and go to another business. Two of our members Pu H. Zothangliana and Pu K. Sangthuama applied for leave from the House today and they were granted.

Laying of papers is now. Let us call upon Pu Lalsawta, Hon. Minister may to lay before the House, the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on State Finances for the year ended 31st March, 2014 and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on General, Social, Economic, Revenue and Economic (PSUs) Sectors for the year ended 31st March 2014.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, according to Clause 2 of Article 151 of Indian Constitution, with the recommendation of His Excellency, the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I hereby lay before the House –

- 1) The Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on State Finances for the year ended 31st March, 2014 in respect to Government of Mizoram and,
- 2) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on General, Social, Economic, Revenue and Economic (PSUs) Sectors for the year ended 31st March 2014 in respect to Government of Mizoram.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Let us call upon Pu Zodintluanga, Hon'ble Minister to lay on the table of the House –

1. The Mizoram municipalities (Ward Committee and Local Council) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2015.
2. The Mizoram municipalities (Election of Councilors (Second Amendment)) Rules, 2014
3. The Mizoram municipalities (Election to Local Councils) Rules, 2015
4. The Mizoram Grants-in-aid to Aizawl Municipal Council (Amendment) Rules, 2015

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: With your permission, Deputy Speaker sir, I hereby lay before this august House –

1. The Mizoram municipalities (Ward Committee and Local Council) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2015.
2. The Mizoram municipalities [Election of Councilors (Second Amendment)] Rules,

2014

3. The Mizoram municipalities (Election to Local Councils) Rules, 2015
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DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Now let us call upon Pu Lalrinmawia, Hon. Minister to lay before the House, 'The Mizoram Factories Rules 2014'.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu deputy Speaker, with your permission I hereby lay 'The Mizoram Factories Rules 2014' before this House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Let us call upon Pu PC Zoram Sangliana to present "The First Report of Committee on Petition" before the House.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker for giving me the time. First of all, the members of the Committee on Petition are: -

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| Chairman | - | Pu P.C Zoram Sangliana |
| Pu R.L. Pianmawia | - | Member |
| Pu K. Sangthuama | - | Member |
| Pu T. Sangkunga | - | Member |
| Dr. K. Beichhua | - | Member. |

Committee on Petition is somehow unfamiliar in Mizoram. The last time its report was presented was in 2006. However, it is an important Committee which shows the power of Democracy. It is its objective to solve the problems and grievances faced by the people.

There are only around 10 petitions within this terms which is very less in comparison to Odisha Legislative assembly, which generally receives around 100 petitions every month.

This petition is about the grievances of employees in School Education Department it is regarding the 1981 DPC. The Committee found really unfortunate to see that many people were made suffer due to the unaccountability and inefficiency of some employees within the Department. The Committee would like to request every Department try harder and more efficient in our respective work.

I therefore, with your permission Deputy Speaker Sir, lay 'The First Report of Committee on Petition' before the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Let us call upon Hon. Member Pu nihar Kanti Chakma to present 'The First Report of Committee on Public Undertakings relating to Zoram Industrial Development Coporation' before the House.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Deputy Speaker, I am presenting this report as the Chairman of COPU. The other members are: -

Pu J.H. Rothuama,
Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana,
Pu John Siamkunga,
Dr. K. Beichhua, and,
Er. Lalrinawma.

COPU is a Committee which deals about the functioning of PSUs, especially which appears in the C&AG Reports. This report is regarding Integrated infrastructural Development Centres (IIDC) at Lunglei and, Zote, Champhai. It consists of various information availed from the department as well as the spot visit evidence of the Committee.

What I would like to mention in this House is that the department often do not comply enough with Assembly Committees. There are different versions in their answers from time to time. This is very unfortunate.

An amount of ₹89 lakh has been saved from the construction of IIDC, Zote under ZIDCO. This fund is said to be kept for Phase II at the beginning. Questions are asked regarding this matter. However, their reply has different versions every time questions are asked. Besides, the information asked to be submitted not late than 15th February was not received till Date. This is not only the contempt of the Committee but also the contempt of the House. I really wanted that this would not be repeated in the future.

The observations and recommendations of the committee were kept at the end of the report pages. It is the opinion of COPU that IIDC would be utilized as it is proposed to be used.

Pu Deputy Speaker, with you permission and as I am authorized by COPU, I hereby present 'The First Report of Committee on Public Undertakings relating to Zoram Industrial Development Corporation' before the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Regarding the inefficiency of the Departments, if the Committee is not satisfied they can move privilege motion in this house. The Committee has the same privilege as a member as well.

Let us now call upon Pu Lalrobiaka, Hon'ble member to present 'The Second Report of Subject Committee-III relating to Public Health Engineering Department (Renewal and Augmentation of Saiha Water Supply Scheme and Greater Lawngtlai Water Supply Scheme'.

PU LALROBIAKA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Besides me as a Chairman,

the other members of Subject Committee III are: -

Pu J.H Rothuama,
Pu John Siamkunga,
Er. Lalrinawma and
Dr. K. Beichhua.

We visited Lawngtlai and Saiha Water Supply Scheme. What we found out is that we need to be careful regarding the agreement between contractors and work Departments. It could be a huge loss for the government if we are not careful enough.

Pu Deputy Speaker, with your permission, I hereby present 'The Second Report of Subject Committee-III relating to Public Health Engineering Department (Renewal and Augmentation of Saiha Water Supply Scheme and Greater Lawngtlai Water Supply Scheme'. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. We shall now go to Legislative Business. We shall call upon Pu John Rotluangliana to introduce 'The Mizoram Motor Vehicles Taxation (amendment) Bill, 2015' before the House and also to move the same.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your kind permission, I hereby introduce 'The Mizoram Motor Vehicles Taxation (amendment) Bill, 2015'.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the first Mizoram Vehicle Raxation Act was implemented from 1996 which is amended in 2011. About 4.5% of the cost of the vehicle was collected. However there is a huge opposition. Therefore, a study committee was formed to look into the matter. However before they submit their report, The Transport Development Council of Union Ministry in its 31st meeting said that taxes from non-transport vehicle should be collected uniform in all states which means that we need to amend our prevailing act.

According to this new act, 6% of the total cost of the vehicle excluding VAT will be collected as life time tax at the time of registration. Non-Transport vehicles also include all maxi cabs, taxis and LMVs. One will not be required to pay the same tax for visiting other states for not more than three months. If a newly registered vehicle not older than two years is transferred to other states, he will pay the tax again in full but the previously paid amount will be refunded. Tax refund calculation will also be done all the same in the states. If this bill is passed, it also means that we could have 1.5% more revenue than before. Those are what I wanted to point out for now. Thank you, pu Deputy speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now have the discussion on this bill. Each Speaker will be allotted 5 minutes time. Who will be the first? Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. What I would like to

mention first is the duration of the tax. It is fixed for 15 years. It seems that some vehicle will be very old within these years. Public vehicles especially may not last this long. This creates a question in my mind. Apart from that, there is a huge irregularity in the rate of depreciation of registering old vehicles. This may be a mistake. I would like to request the Minister to look into the matter and clarify if needed.

The said three years in statement of object and reason in inter-state movement is unclear as it is said that no tax will be collected for three months if it is a temporary stay. It seems that vehicles like company vehicles which stay more than the said three months will also not be taxed. This is also a question. However, I think that there is more relevant arrangement for that. Which is obvious here is that we are going to pay a huge amount if it is to be collected at 6% of the cost of the vehicle.

Lastly, maxi cabs do not pay goods tax that means that they could not carry goods heavier than 15 Kgs. However it is inevitable for those who are servicing in villages. This creates a problem for the people who stay outside Aizawl. I kindly request the Minister to find a way to solve this problem. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon the Minister to provide clarification where needed and also to beg this house to pass the bill.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: This act is meant to be implemented throughout India. Regarding the rate of decrease mentioned by Pu Lalrinawma, it is a printing mistake. 10% has to be corrected as 40%. Regarding goods carried by maxi cabs, there are some problems here. We practice with a high level of understanding. I rather requested the maxi cabs to know how to respect the law as it is.

Pu Deputy Speaker, as stated earlier, this bill originated from central government so, there is not much we can do. Thus, with your permission Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg this house to pass this bill i.e. 'The Mizoram Motor Vehicles Taxation (amendment) Bill, 2015'.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As there is no one who opposed the Bill, I declare that the House unanimously passed 'The Mizoram Motor Vehicles Taxation (amendment) Bill, 2015'.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have finished our business for today. The House will stand adjourned for now and the next sitting will commence tomorrow, 9th July, 2015 (Thursday) at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned. 12:15PM