

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR FIRST SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 6th OCTOBER, 2015
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

OBITUARY

1. **PU LAL THANHAWLA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister to make obituary reference on the demise of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam former President of India.

QUESTIONS

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

3. **THE SPEAKER** to announce Panel of Chairmen.

LAYING OF PAPERS

4. **PU LAL THANHAWLA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following :
 - i) "The Twenty Third Annual Report 2013-2014 of Mizoram Public Service Commission".
 - ii) "The Mizoram Poisons (Concentrated Acid & Corrosive Substances) Possession and Sale Rules, 2015"

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

5. **THE SPEAKER** to report to the House the Seventh Report of Business Advisory Committee.
6. **PU CHALROSANGA RALTE** to present to the House the following Reports of Subject Committee-I :
 - i) Third Report on Action taken by the Government on recommendations contained in the First Report of Subject Committee-I relating to Transport Department.

- ii) Fourth Report on Action taken by the Government on recommendations contained in the Second Report of Subject Committee-I relating to Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- 7. **PU ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Municipalities (Fourth 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 : It is a sin to despise one's neighbor, but blessed is the one who is kind to the needy. Do not those who plot evil go astray? But those who plan what is good find love and faithfulness.

Proverbs 14:21& 22

I now call upon, Pu Lal Thanhawla, the leader of the House to deliver his obituary speech in respect of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, the former President of India.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is sad to pay tribute to Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, the former President, a humble man who truly deserves to be called the People's President. He passed away on the 27th July, 2015 at 7: 45 PM due to cardiac arrest at Bethany Hospital, Shillong. He was 83.

He was the son of Shri Jainulabdeen and Shmti Ashiamma. Born on the 15th October 1931 at Rameshwaram in Tamilnadu, he had 4 brothers and 1 sister. His father was a boat keeper. As a young boy, he had to sell newspapers in order to help the family's meager income. He finished his matriculation from Ramanathapuram Schwartz and joined the college in St. Joseph College, Tiruhirappalli and he graduated in Physics. He went to Madras and pursued his study of Aerospace Engineering in 1995 to become a fighter pilot; later, he graduated from Madras Institute of technology in 1960. He joined the Defense Research & Development Organization (DRDO) as a Chief Scientist in Aeronautical Development Establishment. In 1969, he was transferred to the Indian Space Research Organization. In 1992 -1999, he served as Chief Scientific Adviser to the Prime Minister and Secretary, SRDO.

In 2002, the National Democratic Alliance proposed his name to be the President and he was supported by every other parties. On 25th July, 2002, he was elected as the President of India as he holds the post till the 25th July, 2007. Due to his visions and his great contributions to the Indian Satellite Programme, Ballistic Missile Projects, Nuclear Weapons Programme and Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Project, he was call the "Missile Man of India". He was also nominated as MTV Youth Icon of the year, 2003 and 2006 even after crossing 70. The United Nations declared his 79th Birthday as the World Students' Day as 40 Nos. of University awarded him the Honorary Doctorate Degree. He was also awarded 18 different Awards.

He visited the Mizoram Legislative Assembly on 24.9.2005 and addresses the House; and, on this day, he advises us to utilize the vacant land for vegetation so that we may be economically stable. He also suggested that we utilize our bamboo to start a low budget industry which will also be of an excellent income generation for our

state. He further stated that we could use the growing of Anthurium for another source of income since one piece cost 6 - 25 rupees in Delhi. He further stated that Mizoram may establish a Nursing College to accommodate at least 200 students; and, it is important that one should be trained to meet the international standards. He further stated that the world will need millions of nurses and that Mizoram should be ready to be a part of this upcoming employment.

During his visit to Sairang, the local people informed him of their problems in the excavation of sands as the Mahal system was immediately discontinued so that the profit goes to the local people alone. He had written several books and to name a few, 'Wings of Fire', 'India 2020 - A Vision for the New Millennium', 'My Journey' and 'Ignited Minds - Unleashing the Power within India' and all his books are a prized winnings. After retiring from his Presidency, he continued to teaching career; and, on 7th July, 2015 while he was teaching in the Indian Institute of Management, he had a cardiac arrest and was rushed to Bethany Hospital in Shillong; there, he died at 7:45 PM.

As the news of his demise was announced, 7 days mourn was observed throughout the country. His body was airlifted to Guwahati and then to Delhi. Many high officials, political party leaders, the Prime Minister and other Ministers paid their tributes. On the 29th, his body was taken to Rameswaram where he was laid to rest.

We deeply mourn for the untimely demise of Pu Abdul Kalam who was an inspiration, an exemplary to many. I believe he was the most loved President and greatly respected even by young children. I will conclude by saying that his death is a great loss to the country. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I now call upon the Opposition leader.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. We, the legislators in the opposition acknowledge the homage paid by the hon. House leader in respect of the late President APJ Abdul Kalam.

As mentioned by the hon. House Leader, he was a great scientist, friendly and very humble. He was the most exalted President but he led a very simple life. I believe he was the only President who had visited Mizoram twice. I was fortunate to be among his entourage during his visit to Singapore, Philippines and South Korea and I feel very blessed and fortunate. Since the two senior most members cannot be present for the tour, I was fortunate enough to be near him on official meetings and

discussions during his tour. It is worth remembering that during this tour the opposition party of the South Korean government boycott their session but since they want the President to address the session, they had a discussion and his Excellency could address the session.

His personal staffs once talked about his love for the children. Right after he step out of his car, it is easy to follow protocol but when he sees children, he always stops and takes a moment to talk to them which makes it a bit difficult to follow the protocol. He keeps himself updated and well informed in his academic line and I still remember in his speech that he mentions that they are now conducting a research on putting a chip in a Down syndrome person which may help them to be normal again. These initiatives show that he also excels in the field of medical science.

As we all know that he continue to work in the academic line and in pursuing his journey, he went to Shillong and had a cardiac attack while he was delivering a lecture and was taken to Bethany Hospital owned by a Mizo. He was a great President and as the leader of the opposition party; I express my deep sympathy to the late President who was an iconic human being and an inspiration to many. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now take our time to stand up for 1 minute to mourn Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.

You may sit down.

We will now move on to the question hour and the first question may be asked by Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for the concerned Minister of Sericulture Department:-

- a) Number of families who are running a silk worm farming recognized by the government;
- b) The amount of cocoon harvested during the year 2014 - 2015;
- c) How much does it cost?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

Dr. B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My answer to the question of Er. Lalrinawma is:-

- a) There are 5054 families who are engaged in rearing silkworm recognized by the government.
- b) The amount of cocoon harvested during the year 2014 -2015 was 32,332.33 kgs.
- c) The cost of the harvested cocoon is ₹ 66.60 lakhs.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

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

- i) Are these cocoons sold by ZOHANDCO? If so, how much do they receive during the year 2014 -2015?
- ii) Since ZOHANDCO will cease to function, does the state government take any kind of measures to study the families who are relying on silk worm farming?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

Dr. B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the extracted silkworms are supplied to ZOHANDCO for further process. Sericulture and ZOHANDCO are not officially interlinked but skill development or capacity building trainings are conducted by Sericulture. Regarding the families who are engaged in silkworms farming, the department does not take any direct initiatives.

SPEAKER : I will now call upon the hon. Chief Minister.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, as mentioned by the hon. Minister, proper initiatives has not been taken regarding silkworms farming since it is an autonomous Board. I want to point out that due to climate change, Muga is found to be adaptive in Mizoram climate and we are taking the best advantage so that we may develop ourselves in textile industries and I have even discussed the matter with Minister of Textile during his visit to Mizoram.

SPEAKER : The hon. member Dr. K. Beichhua may ask his question.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister of Labour, Employment & Industrial Training Department: –

- a) The amount of fund allocated for purchase of buses for ITI Staff and students

for the year 2013.

- b) Whether concerned department float any kind of quotation for purchase of buses.
- c) If the said buses already been purchased. If so, the date and month for such purchase and what is the manufacturing company.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister, Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte may answer the question.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. The answer to the hon. member question is: –

- a) The amount allocated for purchase of buses for ITI staff and students were ₹22,52,068/-
- b) Supply order was given to M/S. P & Sons, Chanmari, Aizawl, the only Agency of the company.
- c) Two buses had been purchased; one, on the 12th June, 2014 but the other has not been delivered. It is of TATA Company. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Any Supplementary question?

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, how much is the cost of such bus we purchased? Why is the other bus not been delivered?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the cost of one bus during the time of our purchase was ₹11,50,000/- and regarding the other bus, we do not know the problem between the company and the agent. But a person from the Agency came to the Director's office and promised that it will be delivered within the month of October and the price will not be increased for late delivery; but if they failed to do so, the money deposited will be returned.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima may ask starred Question No. 3.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for the concerned Minister of Horticulture Department: -

- a) Whether there are any of NLUP beneficiary within Mamit District who are not continue receiving NLUP fund. If so, how many are there?

b) What is the reason for their discontinuation?

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

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon. member question is: –

- a) There are 7 numbers of beneficiaries who are not worthy to receive further funds from NLUP.
- b) Reports have been submitted against such beneficiaries so they are unable to continue receiving funds from NLUP.

SPEAKER : Any Supplementary question?

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Regarding this issue, the Addl. DC who is the Nodal Officer of NLUP sent a notice to the reporter that the report was not genuine and was just the opposite. He stated that the line department made a spot verification and found out that they all are very much worthy to receive the continuation of NLUP funds. So, he concluded that such faux report should not be submitted in the future. On 24th March, a notice was sent to DHO Tuidam stating that the application for continuation of NLUP fund had been approved by NLUP Implementing Board Aizawl. Pu Speaker, what is the main reason for discontinuation of the said fund and if the hon. Minister aware of this matter?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister may answer the question.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I am grateful that the hon. member gives much attention to our flagship programme. The VLMC (Village Level Monitoring Committee) is responsible for taking care of the supplies of saplings and others in this matter since the committee monitors the beneficiaries from the beginning and the line department does not have much authority in this regard. But there are also cases where joint verification needs to be conducted and from the results of such verification, decision will be made as to whether to continue with distribution of funds to such families.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, does this indicates that VLMC should be given a higher authority than the Implementing Board or the line department?

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in any Village Level Monitoring Committee, President and other members of the Village Council are its members and the government trusts their familiarity regarding the beneficiaries since they are the elected members of their own areas respectively. We are taking strict measures since we want all the beneficiaries to be successful in their trade. After the join verification, we will review the report of VLMC and the government will then take necessary steps.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, if the VLMC made a mistake, will the body be dissolved?

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: As mentioned earlier, Pu Speaker, join verification will be conducted and decision will be made after the report and we will do our best to make the conclusion.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, I am a little confused regarding the authority given to the Line Department and the Village Level Committee?

SPEAKER : The chain of command had been clearly mentioned earlier. We will now move on to Question No. 4 and I will now call upon Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister of Sports & Youth Services Department: –

Is there any initiative for construction of a new playground in Mizoram?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon. member questions is: -

Yes, initiative is taken for construction a new playground in Mizoram in areas like, Sakawrdai, Hnahthial and Thingdawl. Pu Speaker, an amount of ₹426 lakhs had also been sanctioned for the construction of Zauva Memorial Tennis Court at Lunglei and the 1st Installment had also been released; a Mini-Sports Complex at E. Lungdar had also been initiated.

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, I am grateful for the initiatives taken by the hon. Minister and at the same time, I request to expedite the work on Vaitin and Zohmun field.

SPEAKER : Any other supplementary question?

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU: Pu Speaker, when will the construction of East Lungdar Mini Complex be started?

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, may I say that we have only one field under my constituency which is at Lawipu which had been renovated with my MP fund and still, there are many works which needs to be done. So, I request this field be renovated so the people within the constituency could have a proper field?

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, what is the progress of construction of Sairang Dinthar Playground?

SPEAKER : Pu K. Sangthuama.

Pu K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, there is a Mini Sports complex in East Tupui which had been retained. What is the present condition of this Sport Complex?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, a playground which has been constructed in Khatla creates a problem for heavy and light vehicles. Is there a possibility of retaining the construction so that it will no longer create the problem? Tuikual playground which is also under construction for a long period, is there a way to expedite the construction?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, most of the questions from the members are of same. So, I want to say that the government is taking the best

possible means for development; no doubt, we will take necessary steps after the Budget is passed.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to the next question, Question No.5. Pu Lalthanliana may now ask his question.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned minister of Labour, Employment & Industrial Training Department: -

- a) If Cess is collected by the Govt. of Mizoram as per “the Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1996”.
- b) If Cess is collected, what is the procedure?
- c) Which department is concern for collection of Cess?
- d) How many have benefitted the collection so far?
- e) How much is the present balance of fund?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon. member question is: -

- a) Cess is taken in Mizoram as per the State Govt. Notification Vide No. A.47011/2/2008 Dt 04.02.2011.
- b) Cess is taken in any state Govt. Department and Semi-Govt. Department related to construction works, Public & Private Sector Undertakings, other recognized builders and construction companies.
- c) The procedure is taken care of by Labour, Employment & Industrial Training Department of Mizoram.
- d) So far, 17,712 people benefitted Cess.
- e) We have an amount of ₹ 11,73,23,779/- till the 28th September, 2015.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, if the balance amount is that much, why do we not utilize for aiding the under privileged? Does the scheme include job card holders under MNREGA?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Under Labour Welfare Scheme, more than twenty thousand had been registered and we have also given out many cards last year but this year we are unable to so, since the rules are amended.

Regarding the question of Er. Lalrinawma, job card holder cannot be registered since we do not receive Cess from MGNREGS.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalthanliana may state his supplementary question.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Speaker, is there a way to make people more aware of the registration and also about this scheme?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, this concern the Welfare Cess Act. So, has this fund been utilized by Mizoram Youth Commission or to promote Skilled Development? If so, on what rules the funds are utilized and how much, and for what purpose it is utilized?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Cess is a labour welfare fund and we have also conducted an awareness campaign when an opportunity arises. Many have become more aware of the importance of Cess and NGO's like NTUM, Mizoram Labour Association and Labour Union are now planning to conduct an awareness campaign; and at the same time, they will also conduct awareness on registration. I also want to say that we are open to receive any suggestion and ideas to promote our work.

On the question made by Pu Lalruatkima, the rules permit certain amount to utilize for awareness campaign and from that fund we have conducted Skill Development Training. However, the rules had been amended, and under these new rules, we are using the Vocational Training Provider like ITI Training Centre in Aizawl and during the training we provide the consumables needed during the training period. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We will now make an important announce. The

panel of Chairman for this session are, Pu John Siamkunga, Dr. Ngurdinglana, Dr. K. Beichhua and Pu Chalrosanga Ralte.

We will now move on to Laying of Papers. May I now call upon the hon. Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla to lay two papers, such as: -

- 1) The Twenty Third Annual Report 2013 - 2014 of Mizoram Public Service Commission;
- 2) The Mizoram Poisons (Concentrated Acid & Corrosive Substances) Possession and Sale Rules, 2015.

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

- 1) The Twenty Third Annual Report 2013 - 2014 of Mizoram Public Service Commission;
- 2) The Mizoram Poisons (Concentrated Acid & Corrosive Substances) Possession and Sale Rules, 2015.

SPEAKER : The copy may be distributed.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, the copy of the report is very blurry which make it hard to read. Can this copy be exchanged with another?

SPEAKER : Yes, it may be exchanged. May this august House agree to the programme chalked out by the Business Advisory Committee? Thank you.

Pu Chalrosanga may now present: -

- 1) The Third Report on Action taken by the Government on recommendations contained in the First Report Subject Committee - I relating to Transport Department;
- 2) The Fourth Report on Action taken by the Government on recommendations contained in the Second Report of Subject Committee - I relating to Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department on the table of the House.

PU CHALROSANGA RALTE : Pu Speaker, today's report is regarding the implementation made by the two Departments in following the recommendation made in the previous session.

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

- 1) The Third Report on Action taken by the Government on recommendations contained in the First Report Subject Committee - I relating to Transport Department;
- 2) The Fourth Report on Action taken by the Government on recommendations contained in the Second Report of Subject Committee - I relating to Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department on the table of the House.

SPEAKER : The copy may be distributed. Now, Pu Zodintluanga may introduce, “The Mizoram Municipalities (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2015” in the House.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I introduce “The Mizoram Municipalities (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2015” in the House.

SPEAKER : The hon. member had appealed to introduce the Bill, do we all agree? He may now introduce the Bill and also ask the House for discussion of the Bill.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I introduce, “The Mizoram Municipalities (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2015” in the House.

Pu Speaker, in 2007 the Mizoram Legislative Assembly passed a Bill to establish the Mizoram Urban Local Body and a First Amendment Act was made in 2009. And, in 2010, election of the first Aizawl Municipal Council was conducted. Since then rules and regulations were drafted and implemented and no doubt there are certain rules which needs to be amended. So, the Mizoram Municipalities Amendment (Second Amendment) Bill was passed in March, 2015 and the third Amendment Bill in July, 2015.

After five years, the term of AMC is now coming to an end and the UD & PA Department made recommendations to the consultative committee and with their consent, “The Mizoram Municipalities (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2015” was again passed. I will highlight three points from this Bill.

Suggestions for amendment under Definition: -

Under Section 2 definition, rules and procedures needs to be amended and section 11 is proposed to be included and sub-section 25, executive council is proposed to be erased.

Municipal authorities and their responsibilities: -

Municipal authorities section 11 is proposed to be amended and this will included Section 12, 15, 15(s), 18, 69 and 208 and deleting and adding of other suggestions is also included.

Suggestion to eradicate Executive Council which is under Municipal administration: -

After 5 years of experience, it was concluded that it is better to eradicate the executive council under Municipal administration since there are other high authorities who can perform their duty efficiently and at the same time which also helps to decrease a higher expenditure. So, it is concluded that the Executive Council should be eradicated.

In accordance to the points mentioned above, there are certain amendments which need to be made between section 14 and section 363. This Amendment aims to put the authority of the executive councils to the other Municipal authorities and to change the working system. The Board of Councilors will make plans for developing the whole city and the government also gives importance in pursuing the plans of development made by the Board. The State Government is trying to summarize a Bill which does not need frequent amendment. I hope my fellow members have gone through the Bill and I request the hon. House to accept and agree to pass this Bill.

SPEAKER : We will now discuss the Bill and each member will have five minutes.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, may I suggest that each member should have at least 10 minutes?

SPEAKER : Suggestions has been made by the hon. Member. So, do we all agree? Pu Lalrinawma may have his time.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I believe it is very important that the Executive Council is changed to Municipality in 67 sections and sub-sections and the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer had also become

very high in regard to construction of houses, butchering of animals, the utilization of lands and so on. So, I believe it is important to appoint our CEO very carefully. It is crucial that they should be bold and brave enough to execute the rules and regulations without hesitation or fear.

I suppose Municipal Corporation needs to be established very soon and if we look at the Reports of the Director of Local Fund Audit, I believe the majority of the complaint received concern about the work which clearly means that we need technical experts in this issue. If we are to establish a corporation, I think we need to have a line of staffs which should be monitored by a CE. I also suggest experienced engineers should also be engaged from government departments like PWD.

I also suggest we should examine about the delegation of financial power and I think we should keep a broad mind; and, though AMC is an autonomous body, it should act without opposing the rules and regulations of the government. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Col. Z.S. Zuala.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Speaker, Aizawl city MLA's are also appointed as a member in AMC but we do not have a voting power. So, it is suggested that complete authority should be in their hands and should not involve the MLA's.

In my opinion, I think it is important that the members of a Local Body AMC or a Local Council should be fearless and they should be brave enough to take the stand and follow rules and regulations. For example, one must be brave enough to take actions on those who build houses on road reserve areas; they should be able to function like the cantonment board in other states. I believe town administration will soon be under the authority of AMC and if we are to follow the steps of other states, departments like Police and PHE may also function under their authority. I am glad they could come up with a conscientious law for the development of the city. And, I will conclude by saying that I give my full support in passing this Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, I want to support the amendment Bill presented by the hon. Minister. I believe this Bill paved a way for direct development in other district capitals and I also think this will have a positive effect on the division of MLA constituency.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I think it is crucial to have an engineering wing to have a progressive developmental work within the city. The Chief Minister of Sikkim once told me that he established an engineering cell in each and every department that concern developmental work which helps in making a rapid progress in his State.

I will conclude by saying that I believe this amendment is not only for the development of Aizawl city but it also pave a way for development of district capitals as well; and for this reason, I support to pass this Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K.S. Thanga.

PU K.S. THANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As mentioned earlier by my fellow member Col. Z.S. Zuala, I think our participation in AMC as a member should be reconsidered. Regarding the area of the ward partition, we are facing a problem at Aizawl South-III. The majorities of the population are within Aizawl ward and cannot enjoy the kind of advantages that the people of rural areas enjoy. So, I suggest we should examine this issue once again. The residents of this area also want to be under rural area and they do not enjoy the kind of advantage or have development like the city area.

Anyway I would like to express my support in passing this Bill that will be for the betterment of the city where even the Local Councils could also take part in it. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I think this Bill is pleasing and no doubt, we will have to make amendments in the future but for the time being, it is quite satisfying.

I want to stress on the Amendment of Section 208, "Probation against sales on public road," which we see almost every day. It is not hygienic and we must make people more aware of this and we must also take precautionary measures. I support the initiatives of the concern department to build the infrastructure and to maintain cleanliness in the city and this will no doubt be a great improvement for us.

As mentioned by my fellow members earlier, I suggest we should reconsider about the voting rights of the MLAs in AMC. We should also reconsider the placement of many urban areas which are still under rural areas. I believe there is a

new project named 'Smart City' which will be implemented in the future to promote Aizawl city in terms of its infrastructure, cleanliness and others. I will conclude by saying that I do not find much to be altered in the Bill for the time being and I give my support in passing this Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there anyone one else who would like to take their time? The Minister may now wind up and appeal to pass the Bill.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, firstly, I want to express my gratitude to my fellow members on their thoughtful ideas regarding this Bill. I will try to react on the points they have mentioned earlier.

Regarding the Urban Rural Divide, it had been an issue we are tackling for a few years now, but for the time being, the people are all enjoying the advantages in both Rural and Urban areas like the construction of Stadium in Lunglei, construction of houses for BPL families and we are also implementing NREGA in both rural and urban areas. At the same time, we have to know that we cannot enjoy this kind of advantage for a very long period and we have been informed about this issue by the Central Government.

As to the point mentioned by Er. Lalrinawma regarding CEO who will implement the rules and regulations without any fear, we have amend this matter in the previous session and many MCS officers had appealed for deputation and we have already make an appointment for this post. On the matter of the amounts of funds saved, it will be around ₹1,03,528/- monthly if the post of an Executive Councilor eliminated.

On the matter of establishing Boards in different districts, many departments are not at ease since financial involvement is high and establishment will be complicated and it may become an obstacle in the future for us. Regarding the technical issues, we have to remember that we have a new municipal body and it is our very first experience for our councilors and our nodal department. So, we are threading carefully so that the power and functioning should be balanced. Initiatives are also taken so that water supply could be given 24 hours within Aizawl city area and we have also taken initiatives for free water connection. At the same time, bill will be paid according to the amount of litre used by the consumer and with the growing development and many other necessities; no doubt we will have to upgrade the technical line.

Regarding the voting right of MLA, I want say that they are appointed so that they could work on developing their constituency with the concerned Counselor. As to the issues mentioned by Col. Z.S. Zuala, we have called and explanation and they have also told us their plans and due to their tight schedule, they are unable to take more rapid steps. As to the points mentioned by Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana of Urban Rural Divide, it may be difficult to resolve the problem in haste. So, in order to make a more rapid development, I believe it is crucial to establish more urban local bodies. On the issues mentioned by Pu Lalruatkima, we have to stand united in achieving our goals and I think it is crucial that we also keep a check on our political circle.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I believe I have reacted to all the questions. So, I will conclude by saying that I request all my fellow members to agree to pass, “The Mizoram Municipalities (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2015”. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As the hon. Minister had requested, all in favor to pass “The Mizoram Municipalities (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2015” may say ‘Aye’ and those who oppose may say ‘No.’ There seems to be no objection; now “The Mizoram Municipalities (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2015” is unanimously passed by the House.

We have finished our business for today and we will resume our session tomorrow, the 7th October, at 10:30 AM

Sitting is adjourned.