

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SIXTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 13th OCTOBER, 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 a copy of each of the following :-
 - i) The Correction of Statement at Page No. 1 of Annual Financial Statement (Budget 2015-2016).
 - ii) The Correction of Statement at Page No. 5 and 23 of Explanatory Memorandum on the Budget 2015-2016.
 - iii) The Annual Technical Inspection Report on Urban Local Bodies and Rural Local Bodies for the year ended 31st March, 2014.
3. **PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of The Mizoram Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Right and full Participation) (Amendment) Rules, 2015.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing

4. **Pu R. LALZIRLIANA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Private Placement Agencies (Regulation) Bill, 2015.

ALSO

to introduce the Bill

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

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

**GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR
2015-2016.**

5. **General Discussion** on the Budget for the year 2015-2016
(to be concluded)

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches and honor and life. (Proverb 22:4)

We will take Question No. 73 and invite Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu to ask her question.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU: Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Labour, Employment & Industrial Training Department be pleased to state –

Whether Mizo youth were deploy outside under Labour, Employment & Industrial Training Department and Mizoram Youth Commission. If so, how many finish their training and how many landed a job.

PU LALRINAWMIA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. Answer to Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu questions are :

Under Registered VTP 1954 Mizo youth finished their training and 972 landed a job. Right now 1105 are under training.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU: Pu Speaker, thank you. My supplementary question is – Those who work outside State face problem.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. What is the number of male and female? If female are more than male, what is the reason?

SPEAKER : If there is no one else, let us invite the concern Minister to answer.

PU LALRINAWMAI RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, while there are many issues, the top most is Hindi. Their inability to speak Hindi causes them many hardships. We have some who cannot go through the interview for Cabin Crew in the Airlines because of their hardship in spoken Hindi. We have to take a drive on teaching spoken Hindi. Besides, there are other issues like diet, standard of living and personal problems. Some of them become ill and some lost their live. As a government, we have to see to all of these. Also some of our VTP does not have medical insurance which in turn become a hardship for their family. Besides, those who are insured are also not clear from this trouble as their insurance are too low and cannot cover their medical expenses. Beside these, we do not have any other major

problem right now.

Regarding the quantity of male and female, the female are higher in number as the trade offered requires female trainees then the male. Besides, the reason female are more than male is that they are much braver then the male in entering unknown areas. In addition, among the applicant who answers our advertisement, there are more female than male in general Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Question No. 74, let us invite Pu Lalruatkima to ask his question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for District Council Affairs Department be pleased to state _

- a) Source of fund for building Areopagi at Lawngtlai Bazaar. Estimate amount.
- b) Whether there is an intention to build Fly-over Bridge.
- c) Time of tender float and its bidder. Who was selected?
- d) Financial achievement and Physical achievement till date.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the concern Minister, the hon'ble Chief Minister.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answers to hon'ble member's questions are –

- a) It was built under NLCPR Up gradation of Lawngtlai Town and the estimate amount was ₹77.20 lakh.
- b) Yes.
- c) Tender was floated on 12.10.2011. The bidders are –
 - 1) C.Hranghluna, Chandmar, Lawngtlai.
 - 2) Thaluathanga, Bazaar Veng, Lawngtlai.
 - 3) HC Saphmuaka, Chanmary, Lawngtlai
 - 4) C.Zothanpuia, Bazaar Veng, Lawngtlai.
 - 5) C.Zothanpuia, Bazaar Veng, Lawngtlai.
 - 6) C.Lalkunga, Electric Veng, Lawngtlai.
 - 7) C.Zothanpuia of Bazar Veng, Lawngtlai was selected.
- d) Financial Achievement till date is ₹61.76 lakh and Physical Achievement is 80%.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question, if there is any. Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. While tender was floated for construction of Areopagi building with Flyover Bridge, Flyover Bridge was not constructed along with the building. What is the reason? I also want to ask the reason why the work was not given as sanction work order. How are they going to run this as the cost is very high without adding the Flyover?

SPEAKER : If there is no other supplementary question, we will invite the hon'ble Chief Minister to reply.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we will enquire as necessary.

SPEAKER : We will go to Question No. 75 and invite Pu Lalthanliana, the hon'ble MLA to ask.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Finance Department be pleased to state –

- a) Amount of Aizawl municipal fund the government does not turn over to them.
- b) If not turn over, is there any intention to turn over to them immediately.
- c) If so, when will it be?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Finance Minister to reply.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answers to hon'ble member Pu Lalthanlian's questions are –

- a) Basic Grant 2015-2016 (14th Finance Commission) ₹577.00 lakh, 1st installment is not yet fully turns over.
- b) Yes.
- c) It will be given to them as soon as possible and the concern department (UD&PA) will take the initiative.

SPEAKER : Any supplementary question? If not, we can go to Question No. 76 and invite the hon'ble member Dr.K. Beichhua to ask.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Finance Department be pleased to state –

- a) Amount of MR of Govt. Servant from 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 till date.
- b) Amount of MR bill release.
- c) Amount at credit.
- d) The finding of the Committee set up by the government to study.
- e) Any new development.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Finance Minister to reply.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answers to hon'ble member Dr. K. Beichhua's questions are –

- a) We cannot furnish the answer right now as MR bill of every department is collected and is not yet finish. We will distribute the answer after we finish the collection.
- b) We can furnish the answer after department give us information.
- c) No. of amount was still under collection.
- d) This Committee learn many things while there are many more to learn more. We hope to give the report soon.
- e) After the study is finish, we will give the report in how to take a step forward.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, whenever we submit a question in the Assembly, 15 clear days was given to the concern department. How is it that the department cannot furnish the answer within this time? Who is responsible? Will the government take action in this regard?

SPEAKER : Can the Minister give a reply?

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the hon'ble member question regarding taking action to department who cannot furnish Assembly question on time is not place to give answer as Finance Minister. However, I feel that it is not right to furnish answer on time.

SPEAKER : Now, let us invite the hon'ble member Pu

Vanlalzawma to ask his Question No. 77.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Finance Department be pleased to state –

- a) Estimated amount plan by the 14th Finance Commission for Mizoram.
- b) Its head.
- c) Their intention to distribute the estimated amount year wise.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister to reply.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answers to hon'ble member Pu Vanlalzawma's questions are –

- a) Estimated amount is ₹30584.21 crore.
- b) Its Head are as follows :
 - 1) Share Taxes
 - 2) Revenue Deficit Grant
 - 3) Urban Local Bodies (GBG and GPG)
 - 4) State Disaster Response Fund
- c) The following are the amount of fund expected from the 14th Finance Commission :

Year	Revenue Deficit Grant	Share of Taxes (Estimate)	Urban Local Bodies		State Disaster Response Fund	Total
			GBG	GPG		
2015-16	2139	2670	11.54	-	15	4835.54
2016-17	2294	3081	15.97	4.71	16	54411.68
2017-18	2446	3559	18.46	5.34	17	6045.80
2018-19	2588	4118	21.35	6.06	18	6751.41
2019-20	2761	4769	28.85	7.93	18	7539.78
TOTAL	12183	18197	96.17	24.04	84	30584.21

SPEAKER : It is clear enough, Pu Rinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First, a sum of 211 crore which the then 13th Finance Commission already recommended was not received. Is there a hope to receive this sum? Secondly, whether recovery was made of fund received from the Finance Commission but not utilizes in time and was overtaken by

a new Finance Commission in the past.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister to reply.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the 13th Finance Commission award we receive had a condition. As we are unable to fulfil many of their conditions, we cannot receive the award in the new Finance Commission as the award go with the 13th Finance Commission.

SPEAKER : Now, we can go to our next question. Let us invite Dr.K.Beichhua, the hon'ble MLA to ask Question No. 78.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for District Council Affairs Department be pleased to state – Number of Officers Selection Grade in the three District Councils.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister to reply.

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

- 1) LADC - 3
- 2) MADC - 3
- 3) CADC - 24

SPEAKER : Is there a supplementary question?
Dr.K.Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, there is a vast number of difference in selection grade offers in the District Councils. What I want to ask is whether their promotion is done with the approval of the Governor. Does the Governor know it? Is it Gazette?

Secondly, there is recruitment of staff without Advertisement especially in Chakma and Lai Autonomous District Council. It is also the main reason why the CADC face trouble. Does the DCA witness this? If so, what is their intention to take step? Is she going to accept it?

SPEAKER : Now, let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister to

reply.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, our District Councils are under the 6th Schedule to the Constitution of India and have paramount of discretionary power. Therefore, we cannot delve into their matters as we wish.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, he does not answer about the witness.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, many of their recruitment does not need the approval of the State Governor. Besides, they do not want us know their affairs internally.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, according to the CCT rules, they have to do these recruitment with the approval and assent of the Governor. Therefore, they cannot do that by themselves.

SPEAKER : We will go to our next question and invite the hon'ble member Pu Lalruatkima to ask hi Question No. 79.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for DP&AR be pleased to state –

- a) Number of Govt. pensioners who are re-employ with their names.
- b) Time of their re-employment and the reason.
- c) Whether there are Govt. servants whose services are extended. If so, their names and the reason.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the concern hon'ble Chief Minister to reply.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answers to the hon'ble member Pu Lalruatkima's questions are –

- a) There are 13 pensioners' re-employed. The reason can be seen in Annexure-I. They are – L.R.Sailo, B.Sairengpuii, J.N.Singh, D.K.Dwivedi, Hmingthanzuala, R.Vanlalduha, A.K.Roy, S.H.Laskar, Wing Commander Lalzawma, K.Lalchhunga, T.P.Khaund, Lily Vaikhum, R.L.Rinawma, IRS (Rtd).

- b) Their re-employment as shown in Annexure-I are –
- 1) L.R. Sailo – 9.10.2009 (Co-terminus)
 - 2) B. Sairengpuii – Commissioner, PWD 1.11.2012-31.10.2015
 - 3) J.N. Singh - Associate Professor, IASE (contract basis) till 2014-2016
 - 4) D.K. Dwivedi - Associate professor, Mizoram Hindi Training College, 2014-2015
 - 5) Hmingthanzuala - Associate professor, IASE/CTE (contract basis) 2015-2016
 - 6) R. Vanlalduha – Sr.PPS to CIC. 2014-2015
 - 7) A.K. Roy – ARC, OSD, Mizoram House, Guwahati, 2014-2016
 - 8) S.H. Laskar – Steno-III, Mizoram House, Guwahati, 2014-2016
 - 9) Wing Commander Lalzawma – Principal Consultant, Aviation Wing, 2009-2015
 - 10) K. Lalchhunga – Commissioner of Inquiry, 2009-2016
 - 11) T.P. Khaund – Principal Adviser to Govt. of Mizoram, 2009 till necessary.
 - 12) Lily Vaikhum – P.S. to Governor, 2013-2015
 - 13) Pu R.L.Rinawma, IRS (Rtd), Principal Adviser to Cm, he was re-employed from the day before.
- c) Yes, there are Govt. servants whose services are extended and the list can be seen in Annexure-II. Their services are extended due to the need of the Govt. In Annexure-II we see –
- 1) Noel Pari, Dy. Director, Tourism Department.
 - 2) Vanlalpari, Addl.SP (Ministerial), Home Department.
 - 3) Hrangthanhira, Lab. Technician, H&FW Department.
 - 4) Lalhuzami, Teacher, Govt. Hnahthial H/S, School Education Department.
 - 5) E.K. Sashidhatan, PPS to DGP, Home Department.
 - 6) F. Ngurthansangi, Teacher, Govt. P/S (National Awardee), School Education Department.
 - 7) B.Lalchhuanliana, Addl. Director, School Education Department.
 - 8) V.L. Para, DFO, E&F Department.

SPEAKER : You will have supplementary question. However, the hon'ble member should aware that long question and answer should be asked as Unstarred question in the future.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. We do not know that they will re-employ that much and is hard for us to know the length. Therefore, I am

very thankful. I also want to convey my thanks to the District Council Affairs Minister as he answered my Starred Question No. 74 as “it will be check as necessary”.

My supplementary questions are – (1) Can the govt. go without extending or re-employing these govt. servants? (2) Is there any intention to extend whose services extensions are coming to an end? (3) Is there a way to extend the service of Pu T.P.Khaund as time bound as we do not know how long we are going to need his service?

SPEAKER : Pu K.Sangthuama can ask his supplementary question. If he does not have any we will invite the hon’ble Chief Minister to reply.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in this government no one is indispensable. We also try to go without making anyone indispensable. However, in some special cases we have need and the government makes recruitment to fulfill that need.

SPEAKER : Let us call Pu Sangthuama to ask Starred Question No. 80

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon’ble Minister for Finance Department be pleased to state –

The reason why we face financial crisis in Mizoram.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon’ble Finance Minister to reply.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to the hon’ble member’s question is-

The reason we faced financial crisis is our expenditure exceed our income.

SPEAKER : Is it satisfying? Now, supplementary question.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My supplementary questions are –

- i) After putting only 60 crore in NLUP, will our financial condition improve?

- ii) Is it that the government does not know how economized?
- iii) Step taken to improve our financial condition.
- iv) Expected time for improvement of financial condition.
- v) Can the Finance Minister control management of funds in order not to exceed our expenditure.

SPEAKER : If there is no other question we will invite the hon'ble Minister to reply.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answers to hon'ble member Pu K.Sangthuama's questions are –

According to our marking, we have a balance of about 437 crore in NLUP. In spite of this, for 2015-16 we put another 60 crore in NLUP which according to us does not make any difference in our financial crisis.

Last December, from the Chief Minister's Office, O.M. was circulated to all departments to economize and shows how to make income. Many departments follow this. The Finance Department also circulated this kind of order to all departments in July last year. We cannot set a timeline for improvement; however, if we follow this routine accordingly we hope to improve our condition within 3 to 4 years. The hon'ble members should be aware that we need 181.21 crore for the increase of pay of the government servants and 45.68 crore for pensioners under the 6th Pay Commission. Besides these, we need a lot of fund for conduction of election like State election, Autonomous Bodies and Parliamentary election. Also revision of E Roll is also a must that is very costly. In addition, we have to keep in mind of Land Acquisition Compensation where we have to give out compensation whether we want it or not.

Beside all these, there is also a new scheme which we are not prepared for like the 100 days wages. There is no way from the Finance Department to make any kind of preparation. We have to meet the State share in order to have that scheme in our State. These schemes are important as they are under the national scheme.

To answer the last question, the Consultative Committee give us guidance and work hard as we are in this. A Cabinet Sub-Committee was set up to see to improve our condition and hope that a sitting will be convening as soon as possible.

Regarding whether the Finance Minister can control the management of fund is, yes, but not all of it and also as a department not as an individual. However, I try my best as a Finance Minister to take control and with the help of the State Chief

Minister, we can control it slowly.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, NLUP was benefitted by the people and the government. When we say NLUP, it does not search for the well to do and the businessmen and government servants. It search for the down trodden, the farmers, labourers as the Bible tells us. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs at the Central Government gives us more than we apply and is very useful to us. With the help of NLUP we get hundred of crore in RKVY that helps us in helping others like Kelkang village.

SPEAKER : Now, we will go to Question No. 81 and invite Er.Lalrinawma to ask.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Finance Department be pleased to state –
Amount used for RSBY during 2014-2015 by the Government of Mizoram.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Finance Minister to reply.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is –
The Government of Mizoram used ₹1134.93 lakhs during 2014-2015 for RSBY.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question Pu Rinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Does the Finance Department approve the package rate set for RSBY beneficiaries? It appears that there are other things added to the package that the beneficiaries do not know about.

SPEAKER : Is there any other question? If not, we will invite the hon'ble Minister to reply.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it appears that this question should go to the Health Department instead of Finance Department. We do not know about their financial arrangement. What we know is that we give the fund as they applied and does not raise question as we thought that they will follow the national pattern.

SPEAKER : Our question hour is over.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, 2 minutes left.

SPEAKER : Okay, ask the question.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for District Councils Affairs Department be pleased to state –

- a) Whether any recruitment was made without going through Employment Exchange after 2010.
- b) If so, number of recruitment made by the three Councils.

SPEAKER : Our time is up. If it is answerable for the Minister let us invite the concern Minister.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, as question hour is over, I will not give the answer.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over now. I want to announce that there are two members who are granted leave of absence for today besides the other two who were absent yesterday.

All hon'ble members should aware that when a member absent and authorized other member, that question will come at the end when all questions are taken. Besides, yesterday we used the word 'lying' which is restricted in this house as it is an un-parliamentary.

Now, we will go to Laying of Papers and invite Pu Lalsawta, hon'ble Finance Minister to lay on the Table of the House -

- i) The Correction of Statement at Page No. 1 of Annual Financial Statement (Budget 2015-2016).
- ii) The Correction of Statement at Page No. 5 and 23 of Explanatory Memorandum on the Budget 2015-2016.
- iii) The Annual Technical Inspection Report on Urban Local Bodies and Rural Local Bodies for the year ended 31st March, 2014.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with you permission and

recommendation of the house I lay –

- i) The Correction of Statement at Page No. 1 of Annual Financial Statement (Budget 2015-2016).
- ii) The Correction of Statement at Page No. 5 and 23 of Explanatory Memorandum on the Budget 2015-2016.

Based on the Indian Constitution Article 151 clause (2) and with the consent and recommendation of the Governor and yours and with the approval of this august house, I lay “The Annual Technical Inspection Report on Urban Local Bodies and Rural Local Bodies for the year ended 31st March, 2014 relating to the Government of Mizoram” by the Annual Technical Inspection Report, Comptroller and Auditor General of India. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let distribute the copy to the hon’ble members. Now, we will invite Pu P.C.Lalthanliana, hon’ble Minister to lay on the Table of the House “The Mizoram Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Right and full Participation) (Amendment) Rules, 2015”.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and consent of this august house, I lay “The Mizoram Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunity, Protection of Right and full Participation) (Amendment) Rules, 2015”.

SPEAKER : Let distribute the copy. Now, we will go to making law and invite the hon’ble Minister Pu R.Lalzirliana to beg the house to introduce “The Mizoram Private Placement Agencies (Regulation) Bill, 2015”.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission of yours and this august house, I beg to introduce “The Mizoram Private Placement Agencies (Regulation) Bill, 2015”.

SPEAKER : Do we agree? If so, let us invite him to introduce and move the bill.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. I introduce “The Mizoram Private Placement Agencies (Regulation) Bill, 2015”. This bill was originated because of the wrongful imposition of forces to servants. The Commission after studying learned that many women and children from tribal areas are wrongfully

engage in the household of the rich in metro city. They suffer abuses and overwork from their employers and faced many hardships. Most of them are placed by Private Placement Agency without signing any contract.

In our own State, we also face this kind of problem. Many of them are placed in Delhi, Mumbai and in some foreign countries. As always when they face trouble it is the help of the government they seek in the end. In this regard, the Delhi High Court ordered the National capital territory of Delhi to take action in the regulation of private placement agency. As such, we are also ordered by the National Commission for Scheduled Tribe to make regulation in this regard. We know that in Mizoram we have this kind of Agency which makes recruitment that catered throughout the country as well as foreign country. Therefore, we faced problem because of this and we know that when they face hardship there is not much we can do even when they are dead. In the Indian Constitution Article 15 clause (3), there is a provision to make rules for the benefit of women and children. In 7th Schedule List 2 of Concurrent List, entry 22 and 24 stated that a State Government can make provision for improvement and welfare of labourers. This Private Placement Agencies Regulation was made according to the Constitution after careful examination by experts of our Constitution.

We cannot go through the bill thoroughly as our time does not permit us. However, we will try to point out the basic as we can. This bill will come into effect after the State Government gazette. The government will appoint not below the rank of Sub-Divisional Magistrate for the Controlling Authority. The controlling Authority will have the power to grant the license after careful examination of the application. The applicant will have to submit ₹5000/- and a Bank guarantee of ₹100,000/- when apply for the license. Private Placement Agency set up before this bill will also have to apply for the license within 90 days after Gazetted. The Controlling Authority will have the final decision in granting and extension of the license as well as in termination of the license.

Those who are not satisfied in the ruling of the Controlling Authority can submit complain within 30 day from the date of receiving the Authority Order to the Appellate Authority appointed by the Government. The Private Placement Agency will submit a report of their domestic workers working outside Mizoram within 7 days from the date of their placement. They are not to take any profit from the domestic workers and are not to recruit women under 18. It is also a must that they hoard a board showing their name and license number outside their office. They are to

keep a Register showing the employees name and address as well as the employers and their telephone number for communication.

Running Private Placement Agency without license will be punish up to 7 years imprisonment and a fine up to ₹ 100,000/- or on both count. Besides, those who do not follow rules laid down in Scheduled Eight will be punishable by 3 years imprisonment and a fine up to ₹5,000/- or on both count. To make this an Act, the State Government was given an authority to make the rules. If the Controlling Authority acts accordingly, no case will be file. Violation of this rule is a punishable offense and is non bail able. The violators and their accomplices will also be punishable under this rule. This rule was made to strengthen the existing rule.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, this rule can be enforce by any government servant and does not need new recruitment. Besides, the government will not have to make expenses in this regard. I praise those who constitute this bill and I want your feedback. Unlike other bills, there is not much typing mistake and patent error in this bill. However, in Section 13, 12 clause 3 we see 'Every rule made under this Bill' Here, they are using the word 'bill' instead of 'act'. This may be a typing mistake or not as I am not an expert to point out the correct one. I am grateful that I have the opportunity to introduce this bill and hope that all members agree to pass the bill.

SPEAKER : A bill becomes an Act after it was passed in the house. This is something new and is there a way to pass it without discussion? Or do we want to discuss it? Pu Sangthuama and Pu Rinawma.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I think a short discussion was needed as it is a new thing. The bill in general was very good and I am thankful to the concern Home Minister and the constituent member for developing this bill.

We faced different kinds of hardship in relation to this. They are placed in foreign country and some of them are unable to land a job and are broke to return home. I also have a hand in paying for their return home as they are in deep trouble. This bill will make us more alert and careful in the future. We can help our children by this bill. Therefore, let us contribute our positive though in this regard. We are always in a hurry in our Session. We do not have much time for discussion during Session. Let us not make time to dictate our discussion. We used to take at least 30 minutes for preaching, so let us share the negative and positive side of this bill. I think

this bill is good and hope that it will help our children and others who work in foreign country and India. I want to say that I am very thankful, thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Rinawma. What the hon'ble discuss is very good and precise, let us try to follow him

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. This bill may look thin however; it is very important and good for our country. I am thankful that we are having a bill that will safeguard our youth and women. We all know that we have some kind of Agency before this bill, when their workers face trouble nothing can be done as we do not have the rules to act upon. While reading the content of this bill, it gives me great pleasure to know that we are going to have rules to lean on to.

Our bill covers vastly and will have a big impact. However, I think that we put many matters for prescribe of member who make this rule. While it would be appreciate if we can put these matters in this house for each member to see. However, let us hope that our rule maker will make the rule having in mind the important and with greater scope. Here in Section 5 No.1 we see 'Unconditional bank Guarantee', it appears that there are unconditional and conditional in Bank Guarantee. I thought that unconditional Bank Guarantee is favourable. In Section 6 we see the subject of Cancellation. I think it is thankful that opportunity was given in this matter. The rule makers have to keep in mind that when these housemaids are deported to other countries, they often face trouble. Therefore, we have to make strict rule in this regard. The Placement Agency should know and learn the labour condition of the country where they placed domestic workers.

In Section 8 sub-No.2 we see 'No Private Placement Agency shall charge any fee by whatever means from any domestic worker'. Here, I want to know where we are going to draw the line. From what we heard those who are placed in Singapore and other places are given a loan without confirming the placement charge. When they started work, they cut the loan from their salary up to 5 or 7 month. While in this bill, we see clearly that the total amount charge may not exceed two month salary. However, in reality this not followed. Especially in Singapore, their Labour Law does not include foreign workers and does not set minimum wages. Many domestic workers placed in Singapore face hardship. When faced with hardship they submit complaint and have to wait for 3 month. In many cases, during this 3 month their cases are still pending or not settled.

I am thankful that we have the opportunity to discuss this bill. I hope that the rules maker having in mind the condition of this domestic worker makes the rules accordingly and set the punishment severely. Pu Speaker, I give my support to this bill, thank you.

SPEAKER : We will invite Pu Rinliana Sailo. Let us try to shorten our discussion.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am happy to have an opportunity to discuss about this bill. It is challenging and is thankful to the Home Department and the Minister for introducing this bill. This bill effect others department like Social Welfare and Labour & Employment. Meanwhile, Pu Speaker, I want to praise our opposition group. In spite of being a first timer, our engineer MLA is very diligent and knowledgeable.

The most important thing is that this bill will safeguard the welfare of the domestic servants. In the past, many of our women suffer injustice because of their ignorant. With this bill the Agency will be more careful and the applicant will have more knowledge of the condition of the country or families. I have not much to discuss about its content, however, what I do know is that this bill is good. Our State Government has the power to make rules to carrying out the provision of this act by notification. Besides, the amount involve for bank guarantee is less than I anticipated. One lakh is small to set up an Agency which will engage in business of a human welfare, I think that five lakh or more will be enough. The owner should also be a reliable person.

Our country set foot in reaching other world and many of our youth reach out to the world. In order to safeguard them, today our Home Department introduces an excellent bill. It does not need much discussion as it is a good bill. I give my support to this bill, thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. This bill is a good bill which I envisioned for a long time. In this world, there are many human trafficking and many suffer because we do not have the rules to safeguard them. However, with this bill we can solve many of these problems.

Today, our bill is important knowing how many suffers outside our State. In regard to placement, it is thankful to know that Private Placement Agency will conduct their business with care and precision following the guidelines set in this rule. In Chapter IV under “Functions and Duties of Private Placement Agencies” we see clearly how the domestic workers are to be treated. Besides, it is precious to know that to safeguard the workers ‘No Private Placement Agency shall charge any fee by whatever means from any domestic work’ was put in this rule.

In sub-section (5) we see that information should be given to domestic worker for communication. In this regard, ‘where the woman workers have been employed’ was inserted. Does this mean that the Agency should take up information only where woman workers concern. It appears that male worker also be included as they can also be engage in a bonded labour. There are many bonded labour in India who are kidnapped to work in Industry and in other areas. When their time is over many of them are killed. Therefore, I want to point out this as it looks like it only concerns the woman workers.

I think this bill is very welcoming and I am thankful to the Home Minister for introducing this bill. If we exercise it accordingly many of them will benefit and our youth will have a safe passage in their future. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pi Awmpuii and Pu Vena, which one will be first.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHANGTHU: Pu Speaker, thank you. First I want to thank the Mizoram Government for giving women empowerment which never occurs in the history of Mizo. I also want to convey my thanks on behalf of the women of Mizoram to our Home Minister for introducing this excellent bill. I am thankful for introducing this bill not only for woman, but also for the benefit and welfare of the children. I hope that we will pass this bill today and I give my support, thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Rinawma, Deputy Speaker.

PU R. LALRINAWMA, DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Speaker, I will not take long. As already discussed by others the important and necessity of this bill. As our world go on we need rules which we never need in the past. I am happy that this government takes an initiative in making law for the welfare of the people. Our bill

for today is also welfare legislation. Many bills were passed during this government and 2011 is regarded as the year where we passed more bills compare to other years.

We all heard how we are in need of this bill. I am happy that our efficient Home Minister introduced this bill in this house. We all know from the mover that this bill does not have much typing mistake and patent error compare to other bills. As the mover pointed out in Clause 12 sub-clause 3, we see “Every rule made under this bill shall be laid as soon as may be”. Here instead of using ‘act’ the word ‘bill’ was used. As our hon’ble Speaker said, a bill becomes an act after this house passed the bill. Hence, in this clause the word ‘bill’ is a typing mistake and takes it as a patent error. I want to point out that we have to read this as ‘Every rule made under this act’. I will not discuss about its important and usefulness as it was already discussed. Therefore, I want to give my support in its passing, thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Sangkunga.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First, I am thankful that the hon’ble Home Minister introduce “The Mizoram Private Placement Agencies (Regulation) Bill, 2015”. Not long ago we passed “The Mizo Marriage Divorce, Inheritance of Property” bill. It is reasonable that our female member her thanks. I am thankful that I have an opportunity to present in the passing of the bill and discussion of this bill. With the hon’ble Minister for Labour Employment & IT, we used to discuss about our problem and how to solve them. However, this bill will solve all our problems and for us it is a blessing.

The Mizoram Private Placement and the Labour & Employment Welfare Board placed many workers and for training. In the beginning when they landed a job, they submit their report. However, when they find a better job and transfer to other places we lost touch. Our VTP try their best in maintaining communication. However, it is hard to follow them when they transfer to other job. Many of them face hardship in their new job but we are unable to help them as communications with them are hard. Now, I am thankful that we are going to have a new rule under which everything will be done.

We used to talk about Singapore, what we have to know is that they have a good labour law. Regarding placement, if you are going to work in Singapore, first

you will have a communication with your employer. You will be directed your work schedule, salary and every important aspect. Many who face troubles are some who go there using false passport. When that is the case, it is hard for the government especially their family to help them. Besides, the Placement Agency cut a lot of money from their salary. They give them a short training and then began cutting money from their salary using the cost of making passport, visa, plane ticket and food. The Agency receives a lot of money from these household servants. However, with this bill, we can control all of these and provide security for them. I want to convey my thanks to the hon'ble Minister and the department for preparing this bill. Let us all pass this bill, thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Thanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me time. First, I want to say that I give my support to this bill. This bill will save us from many unpleasant circumstances. It clearly shows that the governments also have much to do in creating employment among our youth. They have to find a way to stop the desire to go abroad in search of employment among our youth. If we developed our country this desire will fall apart. I hope that we will take step in this direction.

Pu Speaker, I am not knowledgeable in law, however, what we in Chapter 5 under 'Offences and Punishment for Contravention of Certain Provision', here the punishment is not very severe as it appears to be. The punishment appears that the offender can give a fine of one lakh instead of going to jail for 7 years. Here I think the penalty is unequal. All of us may want to give a fine of one lakh instead of going to jail for 7 years. Besides, it would be easy to show partiality in this regard. While there are many thing to discuss in this regard I will finish by giving my support to pass this bill.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinmawa Ralte.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. As the hon'ble Youth Commission Chairman and member from East Tuipui constituency said, we face a lot of trouble not only from the domestic servant but also from the trainees under Skill Development Initiative Scheme who are above class 12. I do not say this to degrade the domestic servant. Following the order of the Delhi High Court by the Delhi Administration to constitute a bill that will ensure the welfare of the

domestic servants, the Home Department in Mizoram follow suit and introduce this bill today in this house is very thankful. With this bill, we can solve and help our youth who are in trouble. I am thankful to our Home Minister and the concern department.

Meanwhile, in Chapter 4, Section VIII there are para 1, 2, 3,4,5,6 and in para 5 we see that an address for the employer of woman worker should be maintain. This para portrayed that this is only for woman worker and I think that this is wrong and take it as a patent error. We have to know that male worker are also victim and in many places they are treated as bonded labour. We also have to know that many of our trainees who are given NCVT certificate are tempted by many Mizo female by offering a better job during their training period. We have to make awareness campaign in this regard as many of our youth followed them without knowing what is in store for them.

Now, Labour & Employment know the need to organize training for this domestic worker and we are thinking about it. We thought that if they are given a training in the field of managing a household and learn a little of manner and etiquette and spoken English and hindi, they can apply for the job with certificate in hand and will not be look down by their employer. Our youth are quick learner and we think that within a month they will learn the basic which will help them in their job. It is clear that with a certificate in hand after finishing their training not less than 6 months and was given an approval by the Assessing Body under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship face exploitation, the domestic workers without a doubt will face it.

So, it is true that the Govt. has a lot of work to do.

The Labor & Employment department is aware that there is a lot of work to be taken up. While, this the case, Pu Speaker, the proposed bill is limited only for the safety of women employees as shown in Chapter-4, Sec-8 that “Every private placement agency shall maintain a register containing the names and addresses of the domestic workers for whom it had arranged employment and also name and addresses and verified contact numbers of persons of the woman’s worker have been employed”. Hence, this portion may be modified as “of the domestic workers have been employed” so that it covers not only women employees but all domestic workers as a whole. Thank you for giving me the time.

SPEAKER : Pu R. Romawia, hon. Minister.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I believe this point concern only women and weaker section. Here in our Rules Definition-II (h), “Private Placement Agency means a person or body of person other than the Govt. agency”, it is stated that “In the business of providing work to any women as domestic worker beyond the boundaries of Mizoram”. Also here in (i), it gives a definition of “woman” as “Woman means as defined under section 10”. So, the term ‘Woman Domestic Worker’ implies to any woman employee of weaker background.

I believe this Rule is made specifically for women and children since they are weaker members of any society. It is also defined in the Objects and Reasons that “As the issue of exploitation of women and children working as domestic help, maids and servants”. I am glad that this bill concern employment of children as well.

As pointed out by the hon. Dy. Speaker, we will discuss the bill; and, if it is passed by the House, it will become an Act and will be adopted by the House consequently. Otherwise, it will be treated as null and void.

Pu Speaker, it is a learned that the government, the Youth Commission and Labor Employment are capacitating youth employment. I opine this bill truly concerns an excellent Rule which may be passed by the House instantly. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, I feel obliged that this Bill is introduced for the safety of the women since human trafficking becomes a global concern. Yet, there is a slight mistake at Chapter 5, Sec 2, 3rd line though the hon. Minister and our experts claim no patent errors or typing mistakes is found; I believe the spelling of ‘herin’ is supposed to be ‘herein’. Anyway, I feel obliged and support this Bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu H. Zothangliana.

PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Regarding the ‘Statement of objects and reasons’, I agree with the hon. Minister that he has

introduced the Bill as per instruction of the High Court to protect women and children. Yet, I feel that men should be included as well.

Moving on to (h), I believe the term ‘any woman’ should be ‘any women’. I know for a fact that the domestic workers sometimes have no one to care for them to in times of sickness. So, I believe that there is a way to resolve the problem from the Rules since there is hardly any provision in the Act which concern their welfare.

There are many from my constituency who fearlessly proceed for employment to Singapore and other countries; I think it is necessary to give awareness to our people to restrict anyone from going to other countries unless the proposed place is verified. As the saying goes ‘a good name worth more than riches’, it is not the way of our Christianity to start our mission by means of fake passports.

Regarding bank guarantees of rupees one lakh, I believe is quite less and may be increased to 10 lakhs or at least 5 lakhs since nothing much can be done with just 1 lakh nowadays.

Another thing is that Sec 4, sub-Sec 4 last line underlines that ‘such fees and or such conditions as may be prescribed’; if I am not mistaken, Pu Speaker, there should be a sign (/) after ‘such fees and’. The fines and punishments are also quite excellent which is very appreciating. The misspelled ‘women’ is again shown in section 8, sub-section 3 which may be corrected and I agree with our Minister for the term ‘domestic workers’ instead of ‘women workers’ since it applies wholly and is much more safe.

In general, I find this Bill to be excellent and I support it. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We only have 5 minutes left. We may need some clarifications from the Minister and also beg the House that the bill be passed. I suggest our Minister to utilize the time only for which needs to be clarified. It may not be a problem since we all seems to oblige for passing this Bill.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is appreciating to know that the members who participated in the discussions of ‘The Mizoram Private

Placement Agencies (Regulation) Bill, 2015) are much more than expected; it is appreciated if any typing mistake is regarded as patent error.

I agree when Pu Thanliana said the punishments are not severe enough, but it is also used by IPC and CRPC. The punishment also includes a 7 years imprisonment and may be bailed out with ₹1 lakh. If not, one may be punished by these two sentences together and let us be satisfied with this.

This Bill is meant only for women and children as we see in the ‘objects and reasons’ indicating that “Recently, many cases relating to women trafficking, children trafficking and their exploitation as maid servants, house servants have come to the notice of National Commission for Scheduled tribes as the issues of exploitation of woman and children working as domestic help”. The Indian constitution is amended from time to time and we may follow the same as per the situation demanded.

So, Pu Speaker, I ask that “The Mizoram Private Placement Agencies (Regulation) Bill, 2015” be unanimously passed by the House.

SPEAKER : Our hon. Home Minister has begged the House to pass this Bill and anyone in favor may say, ‘Yes’. Is there any objection? The Bill is voted and passed.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Recess till 2:00 PM

2:00 PM

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrobiaka.

PU LALROBIAKA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Due to the changing patterns, preparing this budget will surely be a headache for our Finance Minister and his officials. Though the Central Sponsorship Scheme is changed to 50:50 from 90:10, I appreciate that we still manage to lay an excellent budget.

Budget preparation is a meticulous job for anyone is looking for which portion

a change is made. Likewise, the youths today are speculatively watches for the budget as to which portion concerns their welfare and how to benefit. I truly support this budget as it concern the welfare of the youths as well as the poor as none was to be found during the past 7/8 years.

This 14th Finance Commission would surely be the new stepping stone for us as we are provided with ₹30.584.21 crore as soon as begin the new financial year. It is also appreciating that we can keep this much amount of fund for NLUP, ₹2740.28 crore for the Revenue receipt and ₹4435.17 lakh for non-tax revenue as we begin this year as ‘a year of consolidation.’

In a Democracy, the budget should be made in concern for the people for it is the people which form the Govt. (**Dy. SPEAKER:** *You have 2 mins left*). We are hoping to receive ₹35.68 crore from MLPC Act, 2014 and ₹1.50 crore from Tobacco which is very appreciating. We received only ₹4.91 crore in 2014-2015 but we are hoping to receive ₹35 crore this year.

It must be noted that the people do not hesitate to pay taxes but the government needs to simplify the process. Where as we should concern the fact that the taxes we contribute for power supply is quite less compared to Delhi and other states of North-east.

The PWD, Food & Civil Supply, Health Engineering are beginning to make arrangements for the people and I feel very much obliged that we are given ₹3 crores for construction of W.Phaileng-Marpara road. So, I support this budget. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

PU K. LALRINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Firstly, our funding sources have changed a lot since NITI Aayog and many of our sources were ended including the Special Category State’s fund, Normal Central Assistant, Special Central Assistant and various CSS funds and we need to turn our attention to increase of tax and non-tax revenue that are suggested by our Finance Minister for our benefits. I hope that the oppositions also would support this in order to improve our financial status.

Page 6, para 16 of our Budget stated that there is a will to improve our

financial status and I believe that this will bring out many good results. Also we have seen in page 8, para 23 that ₹60 crore is kept for NLUP; it would be appreciated if it is not kept in K. Deposit. As known to us all, NLUP fund is used mostly used for cultivation in rural areas and so would be much obliged if it is received on time.

I believe that our Finance Minister is quite an expert in finances as our debt from GSDP this year has decreased from 2010 by a margin of 44.07%. I believe that we still can improve our financial position if he continues to take the same charge by the next ministry. So, I support this budget. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. We all know how our budget is prepared and the overview shows that we need to be more economical in our financial maintenance.

We had never faced this kind of problem during the time of UT but only after 20/22 years as we became a state. The Govt. of Mizoram spends a lot of money on House rents indicating negligence on the part of the Govt. towards infrastructure even after our statehood. We spend ₹2,89,000 every month on power supply, ₹2,23,655 on Sports, ₹1,85,106 for Health & Family Welfare, ₹1,46,173 on Taxation and ₹1,17,882 for Social Welfare. Apart from these, we spend almost ₹8 lakhs every month on House Rents for 5 Departments as we have 32 Departments renting private buildings where as rent for 3 departments is not even been included here.

Our Minister has stated that this year will be declared as 'Year of Consolidation' but I prefer to do so as 'Year of Establishing Govt. Offices'. It is unfortunate that many departments remain functioning in rented buildings even after 20 years of our statehood. So, we need to be more careful in our financial managements and not to waste our budget funds for the benefit of some privates. Despite the need of an efficient financial management, is unfortunate that we ignore the need for any department for having its own office building.

Looking at our Budget Speech, it is also again unfortunate that we have to spend more than ₹80 crore on Medical reimbursements. It was ₹82 crore last year and is now reduced to ₹8 crore. It is wise if the Govt. employees deposited 2% to 5% on Health Insurance every month or our Govt. will be doomed if 10%

will be spent on MR.

Regarding the Education, it is very sad that hardly anyone prefer to admit our children to the Govt. institutions. We have a high literacy rate but we wastes huge amount of money for schooling our children outside. Our practice of favoritism on job opportunity despite ones qualifications has its negative effect on us. It is time for the Education Deptt. to appoint only those who are trained for the teacher and priority may be given to any applicant from rural areas for any post or to undergo such trainings for it is a fact that any applicant from major towns have more chances in competing with those from rural areas. And, shortly after receiving such appointment, those from urban areas would apply for their transfer to Aizawl or other major towns which widely hinder the progress of our educational system.

Pu Dy. Speaker, the Youth Commission, in coordination with YMA has conducted trainings on house building technique to the youths with a view to absorb all such jobs monopolized by experts from outside. It is sad that we are not even befitted to build our own houses or church which later ends up in the hands of outsiders automatically. In fact, moral reform is utmost necessary for skill development of our youths.

We will soon be having a parking lot in the area of Zodin Cinema Hall recently acquired by the government which will soon become pride of the Aizawl city. Likewise, the concerned authority should have in mind that the same is needed in every district capital as well.

Pu Dy. Speaker, despite hospitals of each district headquarters, anyone prefers to receive the medical treatment at Aizawl or outside. If such hospitals at the District headquarters are improved, a huge sum of the expenditure from rural areas could be saved. Our Assembly has a morgue van but it is always on busy schedule which indicates that patients from rural areas need not to come to Aizawl if experts or specialist are posted in such rural hospitals as well. We need to give our thought on this matter.

Pu Dy. Speaker, we do not receive District Development Fund this year but only an innovation fund where as Aizawl share is always ahead as if we try to keep everything in Aizawl. So, it is time to make equality on District Development Fund.

Lastly, the people need to have a sense of ownership. We lack everything and lacking sense of ownership is very distressful. Many people rented a house in Aizawl including the Govt. which is very unfortunate. It is also sad that we wait for the Govt. even if we can handle the problems alone. When there is a landslide in our neighborhood, we just waited for PWD labors; the Govt. provides us with good roads but we are ignorant of its maintenances; we are not willing to work unless we receive a fund from the Govt. So, it is necessary for us to have sense of belongings to this land.

Lastly, it is also time the Govt. wakes us up persistently; it is more appropriate that Plan & Non-Plan is not separated. I support that there is ₹111.40 crore for engaging our budget from the NLCPR and the Central. I support the Budget laid by our Finance Minister.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T. Sangkunga.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, As already discussed yesterday, we are now in a transitional period and things are not clear as yet; but we are able to present an excellent report to the 14th Finance Commission which is granted by the Union Council of Minister instantly. As it is laid in the Parliament, the Union Finance Minister, Pu Arun Jaitley gave a budget speech which I opine as much comforting as we have an efficient financial team headed by our Finance Minister to manage our financial.

This budget allocation of the central indicates no discrimination is evolved in the process as Mizoram of Congress ruling happened to be the 3rd next to Arunachal Pradesh of Congress and Goa of NDA. We are so blessed to receive such award from the Central Govt. and I extend my appreciation to the hon. Finance Minister and the officials for their remarkable efforts.

Secondly, we have seen the Budget Speech of Pu Arun Jaitley, Expenditure Vol-I, 2015-2016 Annexure-8 (a), I find it much comforting to see that 'Roads & Bridges under Central Road to be fully funded' i.e.100% and the same for Mid-day meal, BADP, MGNREGA, SSA, NEC, NLCPR; this has not been changed till date and I find it much comforting. As of Horticulture, Agriculture, Health and Education, the Finance Minister made no voice and I don't have any complain even if it is 50:50. While this is the case, I have learned from our financial experts that many changes

have been made with the central budget and this consequently put our government in a lurch.

We have heard yesterday that Mid-day meal which was supposed to be fully funded is changed to 90:10 and I praise our Finance Minister for his courageous action in laying our budget of ₹7756.83 crore with our own tax as ₹326.56 crore amidst of such controversies. We have another reason to express our appreciation to the hon. Fin. Minister i.e. proposal to increase the state share on tax from 32% to 42%; his initiative is indeed, appreciative.

Again, it is truly appreciative that we are able to have a clearly defined budget as a result of the efforts of the hon. Minister and his officials as we have been placed in the fourth position in the best increasing percent of shares in taxes in the country i.e. 42% under the 14th Finance Commission.

Again, I am glad that we are able to receive a well-prepared work programmes as no department other than PHE, PWD and P&E were hardly had the time to put that in ready before the Budget Session. Thus, the efforts made by the hon. Minister for Finance and the officials are truly appreciated.

I believe that we may approach the Central for the fully funded of 'roads & bridges' under the Indian Road Congress as stated in the Budget speech of our Union Finance Minister and also because the Lok Sabha has passed it. I suggest that our leaders are giving more efforts in this regard.

To bid farewell to the Planning Commission, I would like to express my ignorance of the Commission as lately I have found out importance of the Planning Commission for Mizoram as I thought that it was the State Finance Department which prepares our entire budget; but now it is over. Pu Dy. Speaker, it is also worth mentioning that among the North-east states, Mizoram comes first in making plan; and with that ability, we can achieve anything if we set our minds to it.

I agree with our Finance Minister on giving importance to 'Year of Consolidation'; and in connection, I would like to point out few things which destroy our financial status. Pu Dy. Speaker, I often think about our implication on loans which I think is not right. Many avail housing loan as we have even exceeded limitation made by the India Constitution; and for that reason, NABARD loan or

Govt. employee loan is no longer accessible for us. The hon. Minister of LAD may be able obtain fund provisions from NAABARD for Housing loans but it is regretted but we have exceeded the limitation. As such is the case, we need to evade unnecessary loan as it may affect our livelihoods for its interests are really high. By observing the Year of Consolidation, we need to be careful in this regard as critical examinations should be made on all our future plans.

I have found myself fortunate to work under the previous Chief Secretaries such as Pu Lalfakzuala, Pu Vanhela Pachuau etc. for the fact that they were the ones who taught us the official procedures of using formal address such as ‘Honorable’, ‘His Excellency’ or else may not be used in the note sheets but only on public concern. For that reason, many officials today are able to put up their views on a note sheet with confident. Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me the time and I support this budget. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I appreciate this general discussion on our budget. To start with, I extend my appreciations to our Finance Minister and the officials for their efficiency and relentless efforts in providing the Budget Statement both in English and Mizo.

With the objective to make a change, the Prime Minister is removing the system of Special Category States which include 11 states. The National Institute for Transforming India is established but it is not known how it will proceed for transformation of India; I believe this policy will surely bring us some sorts of problems. However, our Finance Minister, Parliamentary Secretary and the officials are able to present an excellent Budget regardless of such changes. This budget emphasize on economizing our finances with the needs to take austerity measures. (*Dr. Ngurdingliana at the Chair*). Pu Chairman, I must say that the officials had given relentless efforts in the preparation of this budget and I truly appreciate for that.

I believe that the Elementary Education is much important for our state development. Earlier, we passed a bill on women’s protection with concern for their status. Some people who work abroad may bring home large sum of money as the people of Kerela who enabled their State Govt. achieving 12.5% of its budget due to what is called ‘brain drain’. Thus, Elementary Education becomes quite important for

development of our state as well. So, attention may be given in this regard as our education system should be well-functioned from the start in order to build up quality education.

As we all have known, 8 projects which were directly funded had been delinked; it is desirable if any of the uncompleted project is continued. Another problem for our state is having too many departments which further cause a problem to the Central Govt. To save more funds for development, it is important for us if we downsized the numbers. While this is the case, it is appreciating that austerity measures are taken on OE and OC which was discussed back in 2004 and 2005.

Regarding Healthcare, we have borrowed \$100 million from Asian Band Development Bank out of which the Health Department received \$25 million. We always need to reach the breakeven point in our plans whether it is on industry or other projects.

Despite having number of expert doctors in our state, the Govt. expenditure on medical referring cases exceeds ₹200 crores every year. I am afraid that this excessive expenditure may compel us into a financial crisis. We spends ₹6 lakhs for treatment of a patient of Hepatitis 'C' which was later reduced to 1.5 lakh; I believe we can still reduce the amount for the sake of our economy.

We are pleased with the establishment of the Lunglei High Power Committee, but Pu Dy. Speaker, other districts that do not have such committee should also be well-attended and any fund should be equally distributed. It is learned that MLA Constituency Fund is raised and if this is fact, then we have transparency well-maintained. Pu Chairman, regarding allocation of ₹1 lakh for HIV treatment, it is truly appreciated but i opine it should be raised at least to 1 crore considering the demand. Thank you and I support this budget.

CHAIRMAN : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. I was thinking if we have too much to worry on this budget. Last year, our plan fund was ₹340 crore and our plan fund outlay for this year is ₹3,097.78 crore. The state owned non-tax revenue of revenue receipt was ₹278.48 crore last year but only ₹252.81 crore this year.

Likewise, the internal debt of the Govt. last year was ₹456.07 but only ₹369.22 crore this year.

The 14th Finance Commission is coming and we should not be nervous; we will have a resolution on Friday and we will all support each other. Dr. Raman Chandra Gadgil made a plan for the special category while he was Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission, 1969-1974. Members have submitted their Private resolution respectively which will be on a discussion. So, in order to retrieve what we lost, the people of Mizoram have the answers. Even though the 14th Finance Commission delinked 8 schemes, 31 fully sponsored schemes and changes the sharing pattern of 24 projects, we should not be nervous.

Mizoram faced financial crisis in 1999 during the ministry of MNF and our former Chief Minister, Pu Zoramthanga came up with BAFACOS. Now with NLUP, our success is rely on whether we are ambitious or not; we should control ourselves from purchasing new vehicles for we need to put an intensive effort on any economic measure.

We hope to receive ₹579.37 crore from our taxes out of which ₹35.68 crore will come from MLPC Act and, we are also hoping that the liquor tax is increased. We are also taking measures to increase tax from tobacco products, entry taxes, stamp duty, registration fee, electric bills etc. but the problem is poor economic background of the people. The net revenue expenditure from our total budget of ₹7,576.56 crore will be ₹691.29 crore which is 80% and ₹1,485.27 crore (19%) for Capital expenditure.

Pu Chairman, I opine we do not put enough effort from the PWD regarding our roads. We implement quality education or world class education which is appreciating but we do not even know where the Education Reforms Commission Report. This year, we do not see any for UPSC; so, we need to put more attention on it.

Regarding the Planning Department, I opine restructuring is needed since it concern planning and monitoring. As of the Govt.'s debt, the total amount of Public Debt and Other Liabilities is estimated at ₹6,260.20 crore. In GSDP sectoral share of 2013-2014, construction contributed 21.9%, Public Administration 19.06%, Real Estate and Business Service 14.55% but only 12.01% by agriculture, crop, husbandry

and animals as our Finance Minister tries his best to reduce the debts. We had ₹3,259.89 crore debts in 2007-2008 and increased to ₹3,627.69 crore in 2009-2010. Hence, we should make a common effort to minimize our debts. While this is the case, ₹111.40 crore is kept for state matching share though the exact proposed amount is unknown but our income will increase with the increase of our matching share.

Our fellow member from Champhai North mentioned that they also need a parking area as the easiest way is to buy the said buildings as other parties have shared the opinion.

Pu Speaker, let us all work together on our budget and without any wary. I support increase of MLA Fund initiated by our Finance Minister. Though some members suggested increasing the amount more, I find it satisfactory for the time being and I thank the hon. Finance Minister for this. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Pianmawia.

PU R. L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to share my gratitude on behalf of our House Leader who could not join us today due to sickness. I would also like to thank our Finance Minister for presenting our budget in Mizo as well. I am also thankful for increasing MLA fund and it is desirable if District Development Fund is again provided. I am also grateful for having an excellent budget despite the change of funding pattern from the Central Govt.

Excise Department has ₹10 lakhs for secret service expenditure while Home Department has ₹8 lakhs and ₹20 lakhs by MPSC. The expenditure for Home Department is rather less and we need to increase it since we all are rely on it.

In regard to Medical treatment, Finance Department kept ₹2,752 lakhs unpaid, Home Department, ₹1,326.62 lakhs and ₹720.11 lakhs by the Education Department. The budget of Home and Education Department, both being major Departments should be increased.

Regarding the budget size, Finance Department has ₹217.14 lakh, PWD ₹166.57 lakhs and P&E ₹56.94 lakhs where as under the heads of O.E and in Other Charges, Finance Department kept ₹22,067.82 lakhs and ₹15,262.05 lakh by P&E

while PWD kept ₹13 lakh only. PWD, being an important department should be given more.

Earlier, I found that Mizoram Hindi Training College needs renovation where as the DTP Office, Aizawl is not satisfied with its computers but enough fund is not provided under OE. Is there a way to pull the required amount from the head of Other Charges? If I were LAD Minister, Sports Minister and Social Welfare Minister, I would certainly provide sports materials to rural youths and I will pay more attentions to the poor and construct more steps. I would also like to provide utensils to various NGOs from Social Welfare for it is essential for public use. To provide all such necessities, it is important for the Planning and Finance Department to make sufficient budget provision for the said departments. We hardly seen any fund provision under POL column but the Transport Department have it, and I am grateful for this. But we need to be more attentive in future.

In regard to Home Department, the salary of our Home Guard is seen as ₹614.39 lakh and ₹1,595 lakh for wages, and I am a little confused here; we have a lot to learn. We are all much concerned for poor condition of our roads but we need to examine ourselves on how we handle it. Pu Speaker, this is an excellent budget and I support it.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalzawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am confused as to how to make a comment on our budget. I appreciate the economic measures and wish a successful outcome as the opposition members are always ready to lend a hand.

Firstly, a defaulter is seen in the work programme for annual plan 2015-2016 of Sports & Youth Service Department but I do not know the reason behind it. Regarding the Veterinary Department, when there was a landslide at Sairang road for several days, we almost have problem with supply of animal feeds. So, it would be appreciated if the animal feeds are subsidized; I believe the Mizoram economy could be changed if we funded more in this.

We currently have ₹437 crore on NLUP and I don't see why it is necessary to add another ₹60 crore even though NLUP is our flagship program which is given quite an importance. I have a feeling that we destroy the morals of the beneficiaries

while trying to alleviate their economy. There are many who have not yet receive NLUP and I hope that they also receive it since we also have the fund. It would also be appreciated if the extra funds are added for other uses.

I believe we do not give much importance to Primary Education ever since. Primary education is usually not well-functioned however many church-funded schools came into being. I often lend help as much as I could in setting up Christian schools so that they become successful if not the Primary Education based schools. Pu Speaker, most of the buildings of Govt. Primary School are poor compare to others and priority may therefore be given in this regard.

Despite shortage of water supply in Khatla locality, the installation of a new tanky by the department remains uncompleted even after 4-5 years. It would be appreciated if PHE gives importance to this. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Now, the hon. Finance Minister to wind up our discussions.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, 19 members participated in our general discussion and I would like to express my gratitude to each member participated in the discussion.

Er. Lalrinawma was right when he said that some mistakes are found in the Annual Financial Statement; I hope the members see the corrections for such mistakes do not affect our Budget yet; I do apologize for our mistake. I do hope that the House may forgive such mistake as well.

Due to change of procedure in the 14th Finance Commission, the Central Govt. has made some sort of changes in dealing with our budget system as well whereas our Finance Officials in our state are also very busy with it. We have received verbal instruction regarding the new guidelines but not in written as expected. So, we need to proceed anyway with preparation of a full budget this time. The main reason that we had not availed some of the fund provisions under the 13th Finance Commission for the Govt. deemed unnecessary such as collection of taxes from canal which may be constructed under the Minor Irrigation Project for it is not time as yet to lay the burden of tax to our farmers.

There are many more reasons; there are some we disagree with it and some we could not afford to avail. Whereas we had some faults for not being able to produce utilization certificates due to irregularity of the department. Another thing is that we failed to set up Fire Station due to unavailability of a convenient location to that effect as the plan was later transferred to Kolasib. For all the aforementioned reasons, were not able to receive fund provisions specified by the 13th Finance Commission for the state Govt.

Pu Speaker, we are the Govt. and we need to be always ready for disasters and catastrophes. This is also the reason why we declare a year of consolidation. We need to take economic measures for which additional resource mobilization is much necessary to achieve it.

I don't believe that the sharing patterns would change during this mid course of 2015-2016 and we are hoping to come by the next year. The North-East is quite a small region in the eye of the Central Govt. as we have only few MPs. The thing is, the 14th Finance Commission recommends our budget proposal and the Central accepts it and later becomes a budget. Let us hope that we make an effective pressure to the Central as our Chief Minister, on behalf of the North-east states had wrote 2 or 3 times to central authority and even mentioned it every time he visits New Delhi as well.

We should not have a dependency syndrome which is widely ridiculed in South America and Asian countries as well; Greece is put to shame today for fighting too much for welfarism; we should not follow such footsteps. What is important for us is not to destroy our morals for we may loss everything when we lose our characters.

It is stated that Mizoram GSDP has increased to 44% and I want the members to know that it is as per calculation of the Central Ministry of Finance. We said that we have a limited finance but we can make the best use of it if more attention on our plans. Our Chief Minister has given importance to Good Governance and this is one of the things the Year of Consolidation carries.

Regarding Medical Reimbursement, the tenure of the referring Board members was fixed for 6 months which was later reduced to 3 months as per suggestion of the hon. Chief Minister. Accordingly as per suggestion of its Board

Chairman i.e. Chief Secretary, the number of Board's member was reduced to 3 with a view to expedite the process. However, the dealing of work remains undone within 3 months yet intensive effort is being made.

The Land acquisition compensation given by the Govt. is excessively high. The Land Acquisition, 1894 concern All India having the ownership of its state such as Bihar, Kerela, and Maharashtra etc. whereas on the other hand, our state is not ours as yet but we somehow maintain its ownership by paying the tax. Thus, we may loss that status unless we made our own part on contribution of tax every year.

The professional tax collected from Govt. employee has been ₹2,500/- ever since 1988 in spite of the recommendation of the Finance Commission to increase the amount to ₹12,000 but it did not happen till today due failure to amend the Constitution. The people did not hesitate to pay the specified amount and we may be able to increase our contribution of tax as soon as the said problem is resolved. Apart from this, we need to determine how to make use of our unutilized assets.

We presented the Budget in Mizo and I am very impressed for it is the local and official language which enables us to speak of many points within a very limited time. I would like to discuss on global warming but there are particular officials to do so but we need to turn the attention of the House towards the global warming.

The Sports & Youth Services Department is remarked as defaulter for failing to submit its Performance Report on time. Since the department seems to be the most to make contribution, I consider this failure as most unfortunate.

Regarding the Special category states, the 14th Finance Commission recommended not to continue with it in the sense that status of the deserved states is not ridiculed by the rest.

In regard to expenditure, we need to take economic measures whatever the case maybe. The profit of the Govt. from NLUP & Allied departments is quite less for the system remains unmodified same since 100 years back.

We talked about poor condition of roads and that funds will be given from non-plan for resurfacing. Pu Speaker, I acknowledge the supports of each member as I share my gratitude on behalf of the hon. Chief Minister. I hope that we can work more

for the development of our state.

The Veterinary department started its project for processing Animal feed at Ramrikawn with only ₹3.47 crore in hands; we hope to yield a favorable outcome very shortly. I would also like to say that the NLUP will still be continued for helping the poor.

Pu Speaker, we had a general discussion for 2 days; I am grateful that 19 members shared their opinions and many constructive suggestions. For that, Pu Speaker, I extend my thanks to all members of the House. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Our business for today is over and the sitting is adjourned till tomorrow 10:30 AM

Sitting is adjourned.