

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR NINTH SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

2.   **\* Resolutions**

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NGURTHANZUALA  
Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : Blessed is he who has regarded for the weak; the Lord Delivers him in times of trouble. The Lord will protect him and preserve his life.  
(Psalm 41:1-2)

We shall now take Starred Question No. 128 which is shared by Pu K. Sangthuama, Dr. Ngurdingliana, Dr. K. Beichhua and Er. Lalrinawma. Let us call upon Pu K. Sangthuama to ask the question.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Thank You, Pu Speaker. The question to the hon. Minister for Excise & Narcotics Department is:

- a) Number of liquor licenses issued till date;
- b) Number of wine shop in Mizoram;
- c) The average amount of liquor sold in Mizoram per day;
- d) In which areas/localities wine shop is opened;
- e) The amount of revenue collected by the government from liquor and, number of persons punished for violation of the law;
- f) The value of liquor sold by the government since the implementation of MLPC Act;
- g) The amount of profit earned by the government due to MLPC Act;
- h) The amount of excise duty collected by the department;
- i) Amount of liquor imported;
- j) The amount of tax collected by the government since implementation of the MLPC Act;
- k) If there is misuse of liquor permit;
- l) If so, how many of such cases.

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

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, my answer is as follows:

- a) 56,631 Nos. permits.
- b) So far, there are 22 Nos Wine shop in Mizoram.
- c) There is no record of selling of liquor on daily basis.
- d) Wine shops are opened in the following areas/localities: -  
**Aizawl District:**
  - 1) Dawrpui
  - 2) Zarkawt

- 3) Chawlhmun
- 4) Ramhlun Venglai
- 5) Khatla
- 6) 1<sup>st</sup> MAP, Armed Veng

**Lunglei District:**

- 1) Venglai
- 2) Bazar Veng
- 3) Ramthar Veng

**Serchhip District:**

- 1) Serchhip Bazar Veng
- 2) Serchhip Bazar Hnuai Veng
- 3) P&E Veng
- 4) New Serchhip
- 5) Thenzawl Bazar Veng

**Champhai District:**

- 1) Grape Grower Society
- 2) A.K. Lalremsiama, Champhai
- 3) Vengsang, Champhai

**Kolasib District:**

- 1) Rengtekawn, Bairabi Road (END Complex)

**Total - 18 Nos.**

- e) The revenue collected so far amounting to ₹24,82,83,107. And, we have 1495 Nos. offenders.
- f) Liquor is sold only by privates and corporate firms but not by the government.
- g) The government does not receive any profit from liquor. However, the amount of Excise Duty is ₹19,44,69,543. (ie. 16.1.2015 - 31.8.2015).
- h) The amount of Excise duty collected since the implementation of MLPC Act was ₹19,44,69,543. (ie. 16.1.2015 - 31.8.2015).
- i) I cannot answer it since it is of private business.
- j) It is the same as of Excise Duty which is 19,44,69,543. (ie. 16.1.2015 - 31.8.2015).
- k) Yes.
- l) 507 cases.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary Question from Er. Lalrinawma

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. We have heard from the

Minister that the amount of liquor imported from outside Mizoram is unknown. Is it possible to know it from the records of Way Bill of Taxation Department or is it imported without Way Bill?

**SPEAKER** : Pu T. Sangkunga.

**PU T. SANGKUNGA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to ask what the real motive behind MLPC Act is; also, does selling liquor merely aim at revenue income or does it aim at providing pure liquor to the consumers; does the impure local liquor sell decreases after implementation of the MLPC Act; does consumers of local liquor decreases; does the death rate due to alcoholism decrease or it is increasing; did the police personnel who are allegedly died of alcohol consumption started drinking after implementation of MLPC Act; is a committee formed to study the effect of MLPC Act; what is the effective date of implementation of MLPC A00206ct; was there any revenue being collected before introduction of MLPC Act? If so, what is the amount; what effect does MLPC Act has in the neighboring states; and, what is the socio-economic impact of MLPC Act particularly to women?

**SPEAKER** : We will give time to Dr. K. Beichhua which will be the last supplementary question in this regard.

**DR. K. BEICHHUA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. What is the amount charged for availing liquor permit? Is there any proposal for establishing distillery? Was tender floated for bonded warehouse? How many firms made a bid for it? Does the government witness the condition of yeast alcohol since introduction of the MLPC Act?

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, when was the Cost Card became effective? What is the rate of VAT? What is the percentage of ad valorem? How much is received as import permit fee per case till date and what is the percentage? Who are the raiser suppliers? How many type of label are imported so far and what is the name of mono carton?

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister may answer.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, there are many questions asked, so I may not remember it all. Let me answer as much as possible.

Regarding questions asked By Er. Lalrinawma, the matters relating to way bill is not our purview. I think Taxation Department may able to answer it as it is their concern.

On Pu T. Sangkunga's question, it has been only awhile since the MLPC Act was implemented and there is no time to die for anyone who started drinking since introduction of the Act. However, I could not state the fact as I am not an expert or doctor. It is a fact that local liquor decreases due to MLPC Act but still available. The act also concern for supply of pure liquor to the consumers.

Excise duty was also collected before the introduction of MLPC Act. It is collected from supply of CRP, Assam Rifles and Pioneers. It is said that the demand from neighboring areas decreases drastically; I am not sure of how we will react if the MLPC Act is repealed.

Regarding its effect on women, we did not receive any report of the ill-effects. And, we have no idea as to when the dead police personnel started drinking. Despite setting up the Commission, it is not possible to ask the dead police as to when they started drinking.

I will go to Dr. Beichhua's question as I could not answer Pu Lalruatkima's question at this time. ₹540 is charged per liquor card; ₹20 for the form and ₹20 for chalan expenses and ₹500 for the permit, totally ₹540.

Regarding distillery, we may have it when enough supply of raw materials is available. Tender is not floated for bonded warehouse; we have received 7 applications. The following are exisitng owners of bonded warehouse: –

- 1) RTP Bonded Warehouse,  
Proprietor: Pu Rothangpuia,  
S/o Challianchhunga.
- 2) S.S. Enterprise Bonded Warehouse,  
Proprietor: Sam Syuhlo,  
S/o S. Hiato.
- 3) Raphael Enterprise Bonded Warehouse,  
Proprietor: Lallianzuali Hauva,  
S/o Thansanga.

I cannot answer about the details of VAT except that ₹100 per case of wine and ₹50 per case of beer is taken.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now move to the next Starred Question.  
Pu R. Vanlalvena may now ask Starred Question No. 129.

**PU R. VANLALVENA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 129 to be answered by the hon. Minister of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department is: –

- a) The amount of rice purchased by the government from private firms per month;
- b) The amount of quota of rice we received from FCI;
- c) The reason for our purchase of rice from private firms instead of FCI;
- d) Date scheduled for introduction of the Food Security in Mizoram.

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

**PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answers are as follows –

- a) We have the permission to purchase 80,000 qtls of rice from SPAB. It is purchased from private firms as per the need and stock position of rice. Therefore, the amount could not be fixed.
- b) The quota of rice for Mizoram provided by Government of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs through FCI was 52,210 qtls.
- c) The amount of rice quota from FCI which is 52,210 qtls is not sufficient for Mizoram. The rest needs to be purchased at economic cost of ₹3,134 per qtl. Therefore, it is purchased at ₹2,575 per qtl from FCI which is less than the economic cost.
- d) Food Security will be introduced from November, 2015.

**SPEAKER** : Pu R. Vanlalvena to ask supplementary question.

**PU R. VANLALVENA** : Pu Speaker, is it a loss or gain to purchase rice from private firms? If we gained from it, how much is the amount?

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Sangthuama.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Thank You, Pu Speaker.

- 1) Why was the tenure of the present supplier extended without a new quotation?  
For how many months was it extended?
- 2) Will it be possible to call a fresh quotation soon?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrinawma.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I think that it is inappropriate that the concerned Minister did not know the exact amount of rice purchased from private firms. Could he answer it at least the approximate amount?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Ruatkima.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Who is the lowest bidder of rice supply? What is the amount of the bid? Why did the bidder withdraw their bid?

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister may now give the answer.

**PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the price of rice is ₹559 less per quintal if it is purchase from private firms than from FCI.

There are many extra works due to introduction of Food Security. Therefore, as the law also permits us, the tenure of the supplier was extended for another 6 months. The suppliers are 'Rem Rem Enterprise.' Regarding Pu Ruatkima's question, I have no idea why they withdraw their bid.

As stated yesterday, requirement of rice per month changes from time to time. Therefore, the amount of rice purchased within a month also keeps changing from time to time as per the requirement and stock position.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalruatkima to ask Starred Question No. 130.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question to the hon. Minister of Land Revenue & Settlement Department is –

- a) How many pass/LSC for which the cadastral survey being done could not be delivered by the owners for excessive demand of charge? Is there any proposal

to arrange alternative mode of payment so that concerned people are able to deliver their LSC?

b) Is there any plan to simplify the process of LSC/Pass for village concern?

**SPEAKER** : The Minister concerned may now answer.

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is –

- a) It is not possible to know the exact number. Easier was to avail LSC/pass is under process.
- b) There is no such plan at the moment. Cadastral survey is going on in each District Headquarter and Sub-Town. The entire Mizoram could not be covered at the moment due to shortage of manpower.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary Question from Pu Ruatkima.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, I insist on to the hon. Minister to enquire his department the number of LSC/pass being withheld for it is unlikely for the minister not to know that matter.

Besides, many from the villages desire to mortgage their LSC for availing loan. May the government entertain such appeal since it is a kind of revenue source for the department? And, what is the latest position of the proposal for amendment of the Mizoram Land Revenue Laws, 2013? When will it be completed?

The next Question is; when will SAAB be established in the District Headquarters including Aizawl? We have also heard that Zoram Chhiah will no longer be collected in addition to property tax. However, we do not find any provision for that in the act. What is the difference and connection between the two taxes? Will payment of both be necessary?

**SPEAKER** : The Minister may now give answer.

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, it is a fact that some people from villages want to mortgage their LSC for availing loan. However, such people who may apply for loan generally have another LSC in a notified town or sub-town which may be mortgaged. Regarding the Land Revenue Act, 2013, it needs some modifications and we hope to introduce it by the next session.



Regarding SAAB, it is necessary for us to rely on it and we want that it is available in every town and sub town. We often propose for the villages but some difficulties often arise from the village concern as they hardly cooperate with such plan. Priority is given to any recommendation of SAAB as we keep reminding them to form the SAAB.

Regarding tax collection within Aizawl, our department will continue to collect the revenue from the land itself as we are the concerned department for allotment of any land. AMC will also have the authority to collect revenue which arises from the use of such land.

**SPEAKER** : We shall now take up Starred Question No. 131 and Pu Ruatkima will ask.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, my question to the hon. Minister of Environment & Forest Department is: –

- a) Whether the Environment & Forest Department concern for maintenance of Rengdil. If so, the amount spent for maintenance during 2010-2015;
- b) Any proposal for the development of Rengdil.

**SPEAKER** : Let the hon. Minister answer the question.

**PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is: –

- a) The Environment & Forest Department takes good care of Rengdil.  
Pu Speaker, ₹4,00 lakh was spent for construction of watch-tower near Rengdil under IFM; a Forest Guard quarters is constructed for ₹10 lakh from TFC grant during 2014-2015. We have no records during 2010-2014.
- b) The Government has created Eco-Tourism Project for Rengdil and its concept note has also been submitted to North Eastern Council.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary Question from Pu Ruatkima.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Thank you Pu Speaker. I think that it is appropriate to declare Rengdil as a cultural heritage site. Also, I would like to ask if it is possible to make Wetland Development Project for Rengdil which will cover all the surrounding areas and its conservation also.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. Ngurdingliana.

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, I am really disappointed with the answer given to me by the department on my request for construction of IB at Khawruhlian which simply stated there is no need. It seems inappropriate while a huge development is going on there regarding PHE Watson Division and forest conservation; I had even informed to the hon. Minister. I would like to ask a concrete question on this matter.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister.

**PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, Pu Ruatkima's question is an important one. It is said that Lungkulh reserve and the paired Reng dil are known to be rich in bio-diversity as many species of plants, wildlife and fishes are found there. Besides, an old forts of Reng rulers is located here and thus is an important archeological remain. It is desirable if it is declared as a cultural heritage site in cooperation with other departments also. It has also been recommended for bio-diversity site to the State Bio-Diversity Board; the Board already approved it and is set to be notified.

Besides, it is also included for the Wet Land Development other than this lake also. However, some problems arise due to the size of lake which is relatively small to get fund from CSS. We will try our best to avail funds from other sources like NEC as already mentioned.

Regarding the point mentioned by hon. MLA from Chalfilh Constituency, I deeply regret to hear such kind of complaint; I would like to apologize for it on behalf of the department. Even though I could not assure him, we will try our best to meet the requirements on that matter.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call upon Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask Starred Question No. 132.

**PU R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My Question to the hon. Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs is:—

Whether there is a plan for reconstruction of Darlawn Godown building.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon the hon. Minister to answer it.

**PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, efforts has been made to avail funds for the reconstruction of Darlawn Godown building from Non-Lapsable Central Pool Resources (NLCPR).

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary Question from the owner of the question.

**PU R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, I thank the hon. Minister for construction of a good godown at Sakawrdai. My question is; when will it be completed? Is it possible to renovate the building of other godowns such as of Zohmun and Vervek as well?

**SPEAKER** : Er. Lalrinawma.

**Er. LALRINAWMA:** Pu Speaker, a godown which is said to be of Supply Department is constructed at Chhiahtlang. Is this necessary?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Thanliana.

**PU LALTHANLIANA** : Pu Speaker, my question is; if the department continues with allotment of special quota of rice? If so, whether the record is maintained for that?

**SPEAKER** : Dr. K. Beichhua.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. How many godowns are being abolished recently and how many are retained? If the one at the constituency of the hon. Speaker among those retained.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call upon Dr. Ngurdingliana.

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, will it be possible to reconstruct the godown at Khawruhlian?

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call upon the Minister concerned.

**PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Regarding Pu R.L. Pianmawia's question, there are some godown buildings including the one at Sakawrdai which are not yet handed over to the department by PWD. Regarding renovation of godown buildings, we have heard from the speech of our Finance Minister that there is a proposal for reconstruction of 28 godowns. We will look into it from this available fund. The one in the constituency of Er.Lalrinawma is among those which have not been handed over to the department.

Regarding Pu Thanliana's question, the government is not aware of any allotment of special permit of rice from the department concern. As of the question of Dr. Ngurdingliana, we will find a way to comply with the request.

**SPEAKER :** Let us now call upon Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma to ask Starred Question No. 133.

**PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA:** Pu Speaker, my question to the hon. Minister of Public Health Engineering Department is: –

- a) Whether Tlabung Greater Water Supply Scheme being completed;
- b) What is the estimate amount?

**SPEAKER :** The hon. Minister may now answer.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, my answer to Starred Question No. 133 is –

- a) Tlabunga Greater Water Supply Scheme is not yet completed. However, it is put into function since January, 2015 as distribution also is done from it.
- b) The approved estimate amount is ₹441,00000/-

**SPEAKER :** Any Supplementary question?

**PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA :** Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are –

- i) When will Tlabunga Greater Water Supply Scheme be completed?
- ii) Who is the contractor?
- iii) How many household will be covered by the scheme and when will it be inaugurated?

**SPEAKER :** Pu Lalrobiaka to ask his question.

**PU LALROBIAKA :** Pu Speaker, I would like to ask about Phaileng Water Supply Scheme. I was answered in Unstarred Question that the Physical and Financial achievement of Phaileng Water Supply Scheme as 100%. However, it is not in a condition for commission since many works remain uncompleted. It is wrong to report this as already being completed.

**SPEAKER :** Er. Lalrinawma.

**Er. LALRINAWMA :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is: -

- i) What is the physical and financial achievement?
- ii) What is the estimated quantity of water to be allotted per head?
- iii) Whether there is a proposal for taking up the River Tuirini for Tlungvel Water Supply?

**PU JOSEPH LALHIMPUA:** Pu Speaker, Runtlang East/Leite Combined Water Project was included in our election manifesto of 2008. While this is the case, 6 or 7 years has now been passed but water pump remains unavailable as reservoir for Leite is constructed but for Runtlang, no step is taken as yet; but the department reported it as already being completed. I kindly request the Minister to look into the matter.

**SPEAKER :** Question Hour is over. The Minister concerned may now answer the supplementary questions.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, regarding the question of Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma, this project is undertaken by the Ministry of Urban Development, Govt. of India. It will be completed as soon as the final installment is received.

Regarding the question of Pu Lalrobiaka, there are many works remaining for we do not received the last installment as yet.

**PU LALROBIAKA :** Pu Speaker, this is what I am talking about. Why the project is reported as being completed even though it is not?

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we will look into that. Regarding the question of Er Rinawma, the physical progress is 95%. The remaining

works are filter bed, filter media, staff quarters and laboratory building.

Besides, initiatives are taken to provide water supply to Tlungvel and the neighboring villages. I am not sure at the moment if Tlungvel is included in such initiatives.

Pu Speaker, I could not answer the financial achievement at the moment. However, the remaining fund for this project is ₹119.17 lakh from the estimate amount of ₹441 lakh.

Regarding Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia's question about Runtlang East, I was informed by the engineers that there is something wrong in the system. Efforts are made to renovate it as possible.

**SPEAKER** : I would like to announce that Pu Chalrosanga Ralte is granted leave of absence for today. We shall now go to resolution. It is a common resolution of Pu Vanlalzawma, Dr. K. Beichhua, Pu Lalthanliana, Pu Lalruatkima and Er. Lalrinawma. Let us now call upon Pu Vanlalzawma to move the resolution on behalf of all the members.

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am glad to have another opportunity to move the Resolution. Last week at this time, another resolution which belongs to me was passed in an amended form; I thank this august House for that.

Our resolution today is, "Let more efforts be made to solve the problems faced by the people due to poor condition of roads." There are two other important resolutions which have not been selected for discussion today. I wanted to point out this because this selection indicates this House is really concern the welfare of the people.

We are really careful about the wording of today's resolution. In our discussion also, we aimed at a lenient expression which will be persuasive for the ruling party as well so that we could have a good discussion and unanimously pass the resolution. Recently, Dr. K. Beichhua had also moved a resolution in connection with the same subject which was defeated, may be because the wordings were too strong. To prevent the same problem, we really are careful about the wording also.

We have heard from media that the road condition is not good nowadays. It is a fact that the government is trying its best to resolve the problems. At the same time, it is really desirable that we could pass this resolution to help all the other initiatives taken by the government.

It seems that rural people could hardly live in peaceful today as problem could come anytime due to condition of roads. Maxi Cab and other public transport services of many villages are on halt nowadays with concern that they may need to go to Aizawl on emergency. I really feel their problems today in such circumstances.

We all know that it is not possible to have a good road within a month or so. However, if we pass this resolution today, it will calm the minds of our people for they will become aware of the House concern for their problems. In this connection, I would like to share my past experience. In 2013, we had faced many problems at Buichali-Kawnpui National Highway; by the following year, the Estimate Committee visited the spot under the chairmanship of Pu Lalrinliana Sailo; some officers of the department also present there. It had a great impact on the ongoing work more than expected. Likewise, this resolution will also have great impact on the improvement of roads. Therefore, I would like to invite all my fellow members to support this resolution. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : The resolution has now been moved. We shall now have discussion by allotting 10 minutes to each member. Who will be the first? Pu K. Sangthuama.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding our resolution today, we all seems to know the condition of our roads today. It is not intended to oppose the ruling party alone, it is the need of the state today. It is only to find a way to improve our roads from the current situation.

Our National Highways are really the lifeline of our state. The part of National Highway under PWD is not that much but there are many things we can do from our part. Besides, we can also take necessary steps in cooperation with the National Highway officials also. The PWD also has more manpower and engineers nowadays in comparison to the past. Therefore, I would like to request the department to put more efforts so that we may have better roads.

Surveillance is also necessary for good quality of works. We need to witness the progress of work on the spot. Contractors may also play an important role to help the government and the state. If the work is performed with sincerity, huge amount of contribution may be made. It is a fact that some of our contractors nowadays are less sincere in their works as many have halted their work when no fund is received. As a contractor, we need to bear such problem and should not affect the progress of our works. In order to bear such attitude, the ministers as well as the engineers too have their share of responsibility.

At the same time, I believe that our leaders are able to give more efforts on improvement of our roads. The responsibility of the damaged roads lies in the hands of the Govt. and we can improve our roadways if we work harder and in unity. We should also put more efforts on our National Highway and I request our House Leader, who is also the Minister of PWD to give instruction to our PWD Officials strongly.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Er. Lalrinawma.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Our Minister has moved an excellent Resolution which concerns the actual needs of our state. The state is very much distracted by damaged roads caused by bad weathers and that is why I support this Resolution. We should let this motivates us and everyone the people should know their responsibility; we all need to give our best efforts. Problems often come before we start any project and we need to stop such incident; we should always verify the problem as of site clearances so that no problem is left after handling over the project to the contractors.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Finance recommended ₹8,900 lakhs on Roads & Bridges but the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission did not specified the amount in the recommendation; I am afraid that we may face some kinds of problem. I opined that if priority is given to deficit grants, devolution of tax etc, we may be able to achieve better roads. The Road Fund Board needs to see how far is achieved for they have an excellent Road Fund Rules and Road Fund Act. It would also be appreciated if Cess is charged on diesel and transport related tax etc. so that the accumulated fund can be used for damaged roads repairing. The main reason of our problems in any construction works is lack of appropriate inspection. We have 80 Nos. vacant post of JE under PWD out of which 30 are of Road & Bridge. One JE looks after works more than he can afford which



often create problems in the works. I opine our performances will improve if one JE carefully attended lesser works and also if the vacant posts are filled.

There is a Condition of Contract in every tender and a Site Investigation Report is mandatory. Actions can be taken if our contractors bid on tenders without Site Investigation Report. The Contractors should know their material components and laborers and our technical leaders should also be very concerned of the bidder's Site Visit Certificate and Site Investigation Report. We are now beginning to face problems as a consequence of e-tender application. I also opine that the contractors should also be certain of their work programmes and also be familiar with the analyzed the rates of the Engineers; and, the SDO and JE should always look at the work programmes and check their progresses. It is not a good idea to take up so many works that we cannot afford to look after as there is always a delay due to limited finance which further results in price escalations and deprivations.

The contractors expected to have site Engineers to witness the works but it is unfortunate that unskilled workers were often hired to witness the work on the official behalf which always impede the progress of works. Such practice may not be evasive but the site Engineers should be there at the site. Apart from this, the agreement underlines the condition that concerned contractor should have a laboratory. The main reason of our failure with most of the development works is too much of comprehension being evolved in the process. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Dr. K. Beichhua.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : I moved this Resolution last year on the 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. but unfortunately it was rejected and I really support this Resolution. A Total Bandh organized at Lawngtlai today is for wants of better roads and is not a protest against individuals.

Earlier, our House Leader said that Hrangchalkawn - Lawngtlai road miserable one, but I say, Mizoram road as a whole is miserable. In fact, problem is faced in every corner due to poor condition of roads; I request everyone to unite in any effort for improved roads and support this Resolution.

There are 2 seasons such as rainy season and dry season, but unfortunately, works cannot be carried out during rainy season where in dry seasons, the contractors

are always negligent. So, we, the members should examine ourselves and put more efforts into this affair. It is our mutual responsibility to keep concern on the condition of our roads and support this Resolution. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

**PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : I would like to discuss about the system of PMGSY. It was first started on 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2005 with 73 villages within Mizoram being targeted for road connectivity as ₹210 crore was received for the purpose. Unfortunately, we misused the fund that was meant for developing our roads. The fund was for making 71 roads (1032 kms) but only 17 villages were connected during 2000-2005 but 47 roads were reported as being completed. I believe for this reason that we have not had any developed road. I request each member to look into the GAC Report of the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2005 which indicated the details of our misused of PMGSY funds. The Report further stated that “Execution of 7 roads work which did not connect any inhabitation resulted in irregular, injudicious utilization of fund amounting to ₹16.64 crores”. The Bank Balance and Book Balanced can never be in accordance which also is quite a problematic.

Pu Dy. Speaker, there is a guideline for PMGSY and a scheme like Basic Minimum Services should not be used. But, upgradations were undertaken at Khawzawl, Phullen, Thingdawl, Kolasib, Lawngtlai, Lungsen, Zawlnuam, Tuipang and Serchhip where ₹803 lakhs was spent. Zawlsei-Khuangthing road was enhanced with ₹18 lakhs to accomodate transportation but was re-tendered and reconstructed with ₹130.26 lakh. Likewise, a 407 truckable road of Hmunhmeltha to N.Khawbung roads was again improved as a new connectivity in which ₹136 lakhs was spent.

So, we cannot blame each other on our damaged roads but we all need to be more careful in the future. Unfortunately, the Central did not provide us the required amount; and also, this rainy season is quite heavy to do the work and we need understandings. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana.

**PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : It is quite appreciating that the MNF Group Leader has moved this Resolution. I am glad that his party is concern for our roads as well and had even organized a bandh earlier. The Govt. does not ignore

the cause of such Total Bandhs as most of them targeted the delaying works. There were so many neglected roads during the 10 years of MNF Ministry. We should understand that the Govt. cannot manage every works in hand and so is necessary for the people to support the Govt. as it is ours.

We must consider the fact that the Govt. somehow manage to provide supply of water and electric power to the people but at a loss of huge amounts every year. The hon. Minister of Foods, Civil Supplies has also pointed out yesterday that supply of rice which has been acquired at the rate of ₹2,500/qtls is provided to the people at the rate of 1,500/qtls. Pu Dy. Speaker, we should appreciate concern of the Govt. towards the people; it is wrong to expect the Govt. to be always smooth and strong in its efforts for the service of the people; it also has its ups and downs like others; or else, we need to examine ourselves.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I am much obliged that they have the desire to move this resolution rather than the Resolution itself. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu John Siamkunga.

**PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Our Govt. tries its best on achieving developments and we should know that this year has a heavy rainfall; roads under construction were washed away and so difficult for the Govt. to proceed. The road within my constituency was also redone twice but the rain destroyed it in just one night and this is the situation of Mizoram. Everyone feels miserable to have damaged roads but nothing can be done when it is raining heavily. It is sad to see rural people travelling to Aizawl to and fro with maxi-cab service on damaged roads but there is nothing we could do with this weather. I opine it is not the right time to organize a rally or move the Resolution to that effect.

Certainly some portions of our road are poor for we have 4,731 kms of roads under Mizoram PWD, 1,463 kms under National Highway, 896 kms under BRO and 155 kms under CPWD totaling 7698 kms. We should also know that black toppings of road are carried out in different district these days but the works are on halt due to rain. Our roads will last longer if we give importance to quality control.

During the MNF Ministry, the works on water bound mega-dam, after using a granular sub-base process so far, were completed; but the project were being

abandoned after drawing the Bill. And also, certain bills on such project which had been misappropriated were deeply regretted as such practice left a far-fetched effect on us. If not, we would have achieved bitumen carpeting works. We must know that our Govt. tries its best regardless of bad weather.

Likewise, Darzokai project is in a miserable state; the bridge which was constructed in 2008 collapsed in December 2014; the works are under process as the fund for this is also clearly highlighted in our work programme. A boat which was built for night services to carry pickup truck and full loads is also commissioned and is now ready for use; BRO also builds 2 boats of 60 ft. long each to accommodate 12 wheels vehicle; we are taking measures as much as we could but we need to understand that the bad weather has delayed us. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu K.S. Thanga.

**PU K.S. THANGA** : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. The wording of our Resolution is great but I was wondering what the motive is. Is it really necessary to move it in this House since it was already moved before?

We are under the India Govt. and the major works like road works are tendered. Our Chief Minister had mentioned several times that such tenders are usually of e-tenders floated in Delhi as many of non-mizo firms who have no idea about Mizoram bids such tender as well. Some of the bidders sold the work to others which supplemented our problems. So, what is the actual reason for bringing this up again?

Pu Dy. Speaker, monsoon is quite heavy here in Mizoram which began from 1<sup>st</sup> March till this coming October and working season is quite less. So, we need to know that the reason for our damaged road today is heavy monsoon. Regarding e-tender system, our leaders and Chief Minister also try their best but it is beyond our authority.

It would be a bad idea to use this resolution for playing politics or gallery. The people should also agree to pay more taxes even if they are naive in nature. The wording of this resolution is great but I was wondering if this resolution is necessary because our House Leader had mentioned it several times in this August House. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : We will take a break and discussion will be continued at 2:00 PM.

**2:00 PM**

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : We will now continue with our discussion; 7 members have participated in the morning; now, Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

**PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA:** Pu Dy. Speaker, it is appreciating that the Aizawl West-III MLA moved this Resolution and the wording is also quite good. The NGOs, the Christian Community and the people of Mizoram plays their respective role in developing our roads. Even when our fellow mizos on Myanmar side were affected by some disasters, the NGOs and other organizations collected charity in aids of such victims and we can practice the same. We can offer charity to PWD or Urban Development Department anytime. I believe there should be no clashes in this House due to our roads; we should also be generous towards our surroundings which may affect us.

I would like the mover to be contented with the discussion without actually hoping it to be passed. On the other hand, I believe it is time to impose tax on bridges; we do not have a definite Weigh bridge and the Department needs to put more efforts to those effects.

It would be appreciated if all the members are spearheaded for the development of our roads as we contributed ₹1 lakh each for HIV/AIDS from our MLA Fund. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Before calling Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, the members may not take up the whole day for this Resolution for we still have some more to be taken up. Yet, the freedom of the members will not be oppressed and we will still continue to call any member who would like to share his opinion. Next is, Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

**PU LALRINLIANA SAILO:** Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. We all seem to know the Resolution moved by Pu Vanlalawma is an excellent resolution. We all suffer this season's heavy rainfall in different parts of Mizoram and landslides, as a

consequence indicating not any road are safe. Our Chief Minister has also taken measures as much as he could; I believe he would feel miserable too.

Pu Dy. Speaker, our roads are quite well-worn. For example, we know that Lawngtlai road is damaged but there is no bypass road. So, when heavy rainfalls occur, we all are the victims and the people of Mizoram and NGOs should also have a lot of understandings.

“Let the Central Govt. continue to sponsor special category status for special category states in India” is the other Resolution. This indicates we are an undeveloped state as other 11 states. The road from Silchar-Aizawl was voluntarily constructed by the Assam Tea Board and being a poor and dependent state, it is time that we contribute on some works like toll roads.

The PWD and contractors should be very careful on quality controls for our roads cannot last long because of the cobblestones with poor quality. The opinions of the Engineers and laymen differ a lot in road making. Everyone including the villagers and drivers agree on a system where a sub-grade preparation underneath and a boulder on top of it. The Engineers might not agree with it but it is quite important for our roads.

Now, the roads are laid with GSB and compact it with small fragments of sand/stones. But this compact does not work wholly as it is soaked with water and problems arise. It is not the PWD's fault but maybe the system has failed. Truth be told, Pu Dy. Speaker; I don't think our new system will work. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

**PU K. LALRINTHANGA** : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. It seems that the metal do not last long on our level roads as the rain flows down from sloppy level roads and does not soak. But there are some holes on level roads which get soaked and I believe this is why roads get damaged easier on level roads. So we need to put more efforts here.

We do not have good cobblestones in Mizoram and by looking at the roads made by PWD/BRTF or others, there are no good cobblestones. If estimates are made for possessing cobblestones with good quality, we can have better roads if the fund is

sufficient.

We all seem to experience heavy rainfall across the state; it even causes landslides in some areas which makes the roads muddy and wet for a very long period. So, when vehicles pass over such muddy roads, the roads cannot last long. Heavy vehicles are not allowed inside Assam but big trucks from Lailapur and Bairabi ran over our soft roads which then damage our roads easily. This is not exactly the responsibility of PWD or GAD. We all know this year brings a heavy monsoon.

During the previous Ministry, the road condition was not up to the mark, it was below sub-standard; I, therefore, do not see the need to urge the Govt. Moreover, the Govt. has declared a National highway. Thus, we have to wait for estimate to be finished.

There is one more point I would like to highlight, Pu Speaker. The Local contractors are not adequately stable financially for construction of roads. Thus, when tenders are called for construction of roads, since such tender had not been applied from the local contractors, Non-Mizo contractors bid the tender without knowing the actual conditions of the work site with low rates. Thus, when actual work is implemented, they are unable to complete the work which in turn cause problem for PWD.

Pu Speaker, the mover of this resolution has demanded the rights for maintenance of National Highway from BRTF; which is not necessary as PWD, with its strength of staff will be able to take up the task. The owner of the resolution has submitted the resolution propaganda only. Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Who is next? Pu Lalthanliana.

**PU LALTHANLIANA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I agreed with today's resolution. I give my support, and we must pass this resolution. Pu Deputy Speaker, the treasury branch seems to agree that the road condition of our states is sub-standard. The wording of the resolution is harmless, it just express the need of improve the road condition of our state.

Monsoon is arriving as hon. Member, Pu Rinawma has mentioned; we need to

act before monsoon arrives so that monsoon will not be made as an excuse. Pu Deputy Speaker, it may not be wholly the responsibility of the Govt., but if we pass this resolution, it will definitely have great impact. Therefore, I request that this resolution be pass. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Lalruatkima.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I am grateful that hon. Member, Pu Vanlalzawma submitted this resolution. Problem that the people faced because of the condition of our roads crosses my mind. Pu Deputy Speaker, as we are aware, maxi-cab services to rural areas are reluctant to continue their service and so are the MST bus services their routes have to be cut. Likewise, there are certain areas where rice grain has to be carried over by JCB due to poor condition of road.

Pu Deputy Speaker, in the year 2011, July 13<sup>th</sup> Chief Engineer, PWD has already issued press statement in regard to Mizoram road maintenance. Then, in the month of November, on 21<sup>st</sup> Dr. K. Beichhua's private resolution on maintenance of road was discussed in this House which was not passed. It has been 5 years since we have taken up the issue. As per the answer to Starred Question No. 107, ₹400.86 lakh have been allotted under Mizoram Rural maintenance Fund for the national highway, and ₹4,204.8 lakh for state road fund. We have approximately 7500 kms of road in Mizoram. Pu Deputy Speaker, funds allocation for its maintenance is quite less. I, therefore request that we should all take responsibility and save the roads of Mizoram.

Pu Deputy Speaker, last year on 21<sup>st</sup> November, we discussed about the condition of the road. At that time, ruling members highlighted that the roads were in good condition. But, during discussion of the demand, all ruling members highlighted that the road condition in their constituency were below standard and that they were facing problem due to bad communication. Therefore, this is the time we should come forth and discuss as the same family.

I request the hon. ruling party members to support this resolution as it is the right moment, instead of declaring the condition of the road during PWD demand. Throughout Mizoram, we are facing common problem, thus, it is time to discuss here in this august House. Hon. member from 'W' Tuipui pointed out that we have to take one day rest on reaching the capital. Pu Speaker, we have to take steps for allotment



of fund for maintenance provision as well. BRTF have the provision of ₹15,00,000/- per km for maintenance where as we have ₹11 crores for normal maintenance for the state. I, therefore, request all members to support the resolution to solve the communication problem face by the state of Mizoram. I give my support to it. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Now, Lady Member, Miss Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu.

**PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU:** Pu Speaker, thank you. I will make a short speech. Lungdar - Sailulak road construction has been done with new German method. Since, it was new method after completion of construction work; a gap of 14 days has to be kept before plying on the road. However, as it was the main communication link road, the vehicles plied before the said 14 days which resulted in the damaged of the road. There is very less that the department can do about it as we cannot change the method as we desire unless the central Govt. approve. Pu Speaker, monsoon season plays key role as well, which is not in our hand. The present congress ministry is eager to develop communication, but there are certain factors which hinders the development. Therefore, the Govt. is taking all possible steps to develop communication, thus, there is n o requirement to pass this resolution. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Sangzuala.

**Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Hon. Member, Pu Ruatkima should be the one who is aware of the development of PWD, like the narrow converted point, which they have converted into a huge turning point at Vaivakawn.

There are under seen disaster which PWD has to take care besides the work schedule which incurred high expenditure. Inside my constituency, there are certain places like Ngaizel, CP road and Mission Veng market which need special attention during monsoon season, which PWD have done exceptionally well in clearing and maintaining these spot. Pu Speaker, we highlighted black topping is not up to mark. But, it is not possible with the monsoon climate that we are experiencing. The main problem that we are facing at present is mainly disaster management rather than road maintenance. Pu Speaker, PWD is implementing work at its best capability; I

therefore, do not see the need to pass this resolution. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Nihar Kanti

**PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Today, we are discussing group leader's resolution in regard to road condition. It is true, the people are aware of the below par condition of our roads. I have asked question in regard to Tlabung-Lunglei road. The hon. Chief Minister explained and informed the House of the development process. The hon. Chief Minister had even mentioned that it is kept at priority list. I expect the project will be approved.

Alright, Pu Speaker, I request the hon. opposition leader to withdraw the resolution. Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu John Rotluangliana, hon. Minister.

**PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, just few words. Today, we are discussing Pu Vanlazawma's resolution in regard to the condition our roads. We are all aware of the road condition of roads. While winding up my demand, even I mentioned that rice grain has to be carried by JCB. It is true that we need good communication every where it is sub-standard. My constituency is worse, however, like hon. Chief Minister has mentioned, the company who are executing the work are from outside the state; they do not have proper knowledge of the geographical condition of our state. Thus, they are unable to execute the work as they should. On the top of this, monsoon is playing key role for the speedy execution of work.

Pu Speaker, once monsoon season is over, PWD engineers will be able to take up their project and I belief there will be development. I trust them completely as of now; the climate does not permit them as they desire to execute their work. All the hon. members are aware of the road condition in their constituencies let us wait, if by passing this resolution upgraded our road condition; then, it is well and good. But, that cannot happen as of now due to the monsoon climate. Like hon. Member, Pu Nihar Kanti has stated, the hon. opposition leader should withdraw the resolution for now, in my opinion. Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu T. Sangkunga.

**PU T. SANGKUNGA** : Pu Speaker, the resolution is an important issue which the state required, but careful thought has to be put in as to how it shall be accomplished. There could be a different yard stick to the condition of our roads. If compared to the days when missionary arrived through Tlawng River, there were no roads. Our problem at that time was to have road. Pu Speaker, I want to highlight why other country have standard roads and we don't. For instance, like hon. member Pu Lalrinawma's constituency, it has been a very long time since they are facing problem because of compensation. Country like China have a good standard road because roads are made where required without any difficulty with compensation. It is true what hon. Chief Minister have stated that we are a tribe who are in love with compensation. There are many lessons the people of the state have to learn as well; also, the system and quality control by engineers.

Lastly, yesterday there was agitation in regard to sub-standard of roads in the state. It was surprising that none of the opposition MLA joined the agitation.

**SPEAKER** : Mr. H. Zothangliana raised his hands first.

**PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, thank you. I will make a short speech. A Mizo Officer in the mainland India wrote in Social Media that Mizoram with a population of only 10 lakhs has no good roads while 4 Districts with 45 lakhs population under him, have all the good roads. I would like to point out that it was done not only by him but also the contribution of his predecessors. Similarly, how can we expect the Government of Pu Lal Thanhawla to complete all the roads in 10 years, while the previous government has done nothing?

As mentioned by one of the hon. member, if development of roads is really in the mind of opposition leaders, they should be leading the procession at the front; many leaders did not attend the agitation.

As mentioned by one Minister a while ago, even the Prime Minister's office cannot manage the big companies in the case of Delhi to Jaipur Road, how can we expect our Chief Minister to manage the Companies according to his whims. Moreover, Companies cannot be selected by the Mizoram Government without the approval of the Union Government.

In my Constituency, bandh has been called for the past one month due to poor

condition of Hrangchalkawn - Lawngtlai Road and no vehicle was plying. But I would like to remind you, hon. Speaker that it is not against the Government but against the contractors. I appeal to people including the NGOs and Churches to insist and monitor the contractors in their activities. Thus, this resolution need not be pass as it is only to pressurize the Government unnecessarily while Government is doing its best. Mr. Speaker, Sir, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

**PU R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I will give a short speech. The reason for the bad condition of the road is due to heavy rainfall.

Last week, opposition Party President said that if they form the Government, they will not take any help from the Central Government. But the truth is; it is impossible. We cannot survive without Central Govt.'s help.

As mentioned by hon. Member, Mr. Rinawma that no money, no work, their alliance NDA at Central is planning to cut down their share to 50/50. They may even cut down farther in future.

Pu Speaker, if they want to develop the state, they must include all the problems of the state and individuals. So, I request that the content of the resolution be change as it has no meaning to our constituencies. Thank you, Sir.

**SPEAKER** : Anyone else? If not, let us call hon. House Leader.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, thank you. I thank all hon. members for their concern for development of our roads.

This resolution is not at all required to be passed as the concerned departments are trying their best to complete the roads even in rainy session. Anyway, thanks to our Opposition Leader, Mr. Zawma for submitting two resolutions continuously, one after another in this session.

As mentioned by Mr. K. Sangthuama, I feel that even if all the PWD Engineers and Contractors are included in this discussion for the resolution, all the

members including the opposition may feel that the resolution is not at all required as the concerned persons are doing their best.

And, I also feel that whatever spoken by respected member, Er. Rinawma, who himself is an Engineer, about the rules and regulations and integrity, many engineers may not be able to digest even if he is given a chance to explain the same to these engineers.

And, about the work supervision as explained by Mr. Sangthuama, I also feel the same. In Police Department, many of our DSO and SP are just sitting in the office and working like clerks, forgetting their duties of 50/50 % in the office and field.

Likewise, in many of my visit to work sites, I find, instead of EE and SDO, works were supervised by the like of Mahorais. In many of my visits, I use to advise them that while we construct a building, we have to check all the details, like number of timber to be used, design and cement mix etc. I am afraid that many of them may retire without checking a single work site.

Whatever it may be, today, our greatest problem is due to heavy rain fall that our soils cannot endure.

And, we should know that as per Geologist, our land formation which was pushed up from the sea is not old. Thus, the rocks are not hard. While repairing Tuirial Airport, we were bound to use Jatinga Valley stones. In the construction of Lengpui Airport, we used stones from Thenzawl which is of better quality. For making good roads, if we use the like of Jatinga Valley stones..... (*Speaker : Now it is 4.00 pm; let him complete his speech. You may continue*), it will be too expensive; so, we have to use low quality stones. And as such, roads cannot last long.

Many new National Highways are notified for which we have to wait for final plans as it does not belong to State Government. We have to continue the old roads. It creates many problems for PWD as they have to adjust the works as per the rules and instruction from central Government.

As we have listened, National Highways within the State is 1,463 kms long, PWD or State Road is 4,731.119 kms, Boarder Roads Organization looks after 896.315. And the portion which is in the hands of the CPWD is 175.600 kms. To look

after all these roads, Government needs around 427 Crores instead of 427 lakhs. So, it is quite expensive and the Government does not have such amounts. So, we submit DPR to the Central Government. Many a time, it was not sanctioned immediately as we are at the mercy of the Central Government. Sometimes, the concerned department takes loan from other sources. But many a time, we find difficulties for that as well.

Central Government which looks after the National Highway did not clear the bills of the Contractors in time. Sometimes, crores of bills are not cleared for long period; thus, it creates problems. If the Department has enough funds for maintenance, we could have finished many roads. This year, because of heavy rainfall, work cannot be done as fast as we would like to.

Pu Speaker, instead of condemning and finding faults of the Government; we should have the attitude of supporting the government. We are thankful to many villages, colonies and NGOs who helped us in repairing the roads in this need of the hour.

Just yesterday, many members of the Associations in the vehicle sector assembled and passed a resolution, "Roads in our land needs repairing; we are ready to help the Government in repairing roads in any way possible". We appreciate such kind of resolutions and people of Mizoram must learn from such endeavor.

It is the Government that suffered the most due to bad condition of the road; as for transportation of rice, trucks had to be hired with higher cost and many a time, JCB has to be used. If we are to pass the resolution at all, it should be "We are sorry for bad roads in our state and the Government is facing huge set back, once monsoon is over; let the Government start working at the earliest". Otherwise, if we pass this present resolution, no department can start working. So the resolution should be, "In the dry season, without delay, let the Government start construction and repairing of roads; and we, the Mizos will support in all possible way". Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Alright, now let the owner of the resolution wind up the discussion.

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Let me read out the resolution again; "Owing to suffering of the people due to poor condition of the link

roads, let stronger actions be taken to complete the roads". The resolution was discussed for whole day beyond 4 pm and I thank all the members. It seems that all the members are interested to discuss the issue. So, as the owner of the resolution, I have no regrets for introducing the resolution; whether it will be passed or not is another issue, as so many members were involved in the discussion.

I feel that if our House Leader spoke in the beginning of the debate, many issues would have been cleared. But as per rules, he has to speak at the last. Many members including Mr. John have spoken justifying the bad roads.

Whatever may be, according to my observation during my attendance here for the last two years, the behavior of many members in the House is beyond my understanding. According to my understanding, Mizos do not praise their superiors too much in their presence even it is not found in the mainland India too. But here, many of the members are trying to praise their leaders too much. It is not in the interest of the Mizo people.

The main reason for moving this resolution is how to solve the problem arising from the bad roads. It may be due to the negligence of the previous Government or may be due to the wrong selection of contractors or due to monsoon rain. Whatever may be, people are suffering. How are we going to do about it? Is there any way out to solve this problem?

If this resolution is passed by this House, people will be happy. We also know that this problem cannot be solved instantly. We also feel that Government need not tell about the problems of National Highways, State Government and problems of BRTF in detail. We also know that it is difficult to look after all these problems and our capacity is not enough. That is the reason why we are facing these problems. But we should not sit idle.

After discussion with our leaders, we have decided not to go for procession, but instead, to find out a solution by moving this resolution. We discussed in detail today and thank you all for joining the discussion whole heartedly by many members. We pray that this resolution may definitely be passed. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : In that case, the House has given importance to the resolution by discussing in detail. We will vote now.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, as mentioned by the House Leader, can we pass with some modifications? I would like to ask you if it can be amended.

**SPEAKER** : As per rules for the amendment, another letter has to be submitted. Let us vote. Those who agree with the resolution, say, 'yes' and those who.... (*Members: Ok*). Is there anyone who does not agree with the resolution? Ok, let us agree that discussion is enough. There are two more resolutions. (*Dy. Speaker: Mr. Speaker, Sir, you should not ask us whether our discussion is enough*) Those who did not agree to pass the resolution are more, so it will be taken as rejected. We have two more resolutions to be discussed. Shall we proceed or not?

Ok today, we have done what we have to do. Let us be ready to meet on Monday morning, dated 19.10.2015 at 10:30 am.

Sitting is adjourned: 4:24 pm.