

SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM

(TENTH SESSION)

LIST OF BUSINESS

SIXTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 27TH MARCH, 2012
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

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

CALLING ATTENTION MOTION

2. **Pu LALDUHOMA** to raise a matter of urgent public importance under Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

3. **Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA** to present to the House the First Report of House Committee relating to Revision of Rent of Legislator's Home and Terms & Conditions for allotment of Conference Hall and Basement in Assembly Annexe Building.
4. **Pu K. LIANZUALA** to present to the House the Third Report of Subject Committee-IV relating to Rajiv Gandhi Stadium at Mualpui (Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in First Report of Subject Committee-IV) and Fourth Report of Subject Committee-IV relating to The Minor Irrigation Department (Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Second Report of Subject Committee-IV).

LAYING OF PAPERS

5. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA** to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Appointment of Consultants) Regulations, 2009.
6. **Pu R. LALZIRLIANA** to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Mizoram State Employment Guarantee Fund (Amendment) Rules, 2011.
7. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA** to lay on the table of the House a copy of the Report of the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts on the Accounts of Local Bodies (Village Councils within MADC, LADC and Lunglei District).

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and Passing.

8. **Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram (Prevention of Government Land Encroachment) (Amendment) Bill, 2012.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

To move that the Bill be passed.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary.

SPEAKER : But the land whither ye go to possess it is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven. A land which the Lord thy God careth for. The eyes of the Lord thy god are always upon it from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year. Deuteronomy 10:11-12.

Now, we will take up question. I call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana, to ask starred question No.61.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Sports & Youths Services Department be pleased to state: - Will construction of Sport Complex at Zobawk be continued by government?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to give the answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to starred Question asked by Dr. Lalthangliana is: -

There is a plan of resumption for construction of Zobawk Sports complex with a quality better than previously estimated in the former Ministry.

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from Dr. R. Lalthangliana, Pu Lalthansanga and Joseph Lalhimpuia.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are as follows: -

- 1) What is the amount of fund for the construction?
- 2) From which source?
- 3) What kind of sports disciplines will be included?
- 4) When will the construction be started?
- 5) What is the proposed date of completion?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are as follows: -

- 1) What is the expected date for completion of Indoor stadium at Bungtlang and Keitum?
- 2) What is the amount sanctioned for the construction?
- 3) A demand for construction of Indoor stadium at East Lungdar was made. Whether it is approved by the government?

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are as follows: -

- 1) Whether Work Order for construction of Zobawk Sports Complex is issued without fund provision?
- 2) What is the amount of debts for the construction?
- 3) If such debts have already been cleared by the Government?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to give the answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

The former Ministry named it District Sports Complex but the work was stopped in 2005. So, the contractor had no bill to receive. When Congress party assumed the Ministry in 2008, the hon'ble Chief Minister asked Finance Commission ₹4 crores for recovery of debt incurred by the former Ministry. The debt was cleared under the leadership of the hon'ble Chief Minister which also included ₹100 lakhs for construction of Zobawk Sports Complex.

Pu speaker, out of ₹34 crores DPR submitted for Zobawk Sports Complex only ₹17 crores is being sanctioned. So, working estimate is being prepared in comply with the present financial position as the Central Government has also been informed for we need to maintain the process quite carefully. Now, work tender is floated and the contractor will be selected this week.

SPEAKER : What is the actual name of this sports Complex?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is States Sports Academy, Zobawk.

Pu Speaker, the States Sports Academy is planned to accommodate various disciplines such as football ground, hockey ground, tennis court, volleyball court, running track, high jump, long jump, pole vault and shooting range. Apart from these, the building will contain administrative building, academic, canteen, retail store, a separate boys & girls hostel, staff quarters and guest house. It is further planned to accommodate Indoor stadium for various Indoor games.

Pu Speaker, the Supplementary question from a member from Hrangturzo constituency is of un-starred question for which answer has already been issued. I think he will receive it later. So, I may not answer it now for some figures may be mistaken. Regarding East Lungdar Hall, no step is being taken till date. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Pu P.P. Thawla to ask starred Question No. 62.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Power & electricity Department be pleased to state: -

- 1) Whether Tuipang Lui Project is functioning?
- 2) If not, what is the reason?

SPEAKER : Pu Lal Thanhawla, hon'ble Chief Minister to give the answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, a heavy rainfall during September caused a serious landslide which further damages the channel, four bays and quarters and the government could not repair it till date. So, this small project is not functioning at present.

SPEAKER : Pu P.P. Thawla and Pu Laduhoma to ask supplementary question.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary question are: -

- 1) Whether the government has any proposal to repair the project?
- 2) If it is there, will the repairing be started within this year?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, bill form produced by SDO (P&E) of Daido included a column for labour charge amounting to ₹35/- per consumer. What is the meaning? Should consumer be imposed labour charge?

Secondly, it is learned that power is being supplied to Khawmawi, Myanmar from Zokhawthar point. Is such consumption bill entered into Government account?

SPEAKER : Pu Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister to give the answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the government does its best to repair Tuipang Lui Power Project.

Regarding SDO, Daido, I am absolutely unaware of labour charge stated by Pu Lalduhoma.

As of power supply to Khawmawi, Myanmar, I opine it is a good idea for maintaining a good diplomacy. Anyhow, the matter will be enquired and the bill shall be entered into government account?

SPEAKER : Pu K. Lianzuala, to ask starred Question No.63.

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Higher & Technical Education Department be pleased to state: -

Is there any proposal to set up Polytechnic (Training centre) at Chhiahtlang?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalsawta, Minister to give the answer.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, is there a plan for setting up of Serchhip District Polytechnic Training Centre at Chhiahtlang?

SPEAKER : Pu K. Lianzuala, to ask Supplementary question.

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Pu Speaker, when will the work be started?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalsawta, Minister to give answer.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, no date has yet been fixed for it. It is expected to be started as early as possible.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ramhluna, to ask Starred Question No.64.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Will the hon'ble Minister, I & PR department be pleased to state: -

- 1) How many daily newspapers are there in our state?
- 2) What is the amount of fund received by each on classified and display advertisement?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to give the answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) 90 Nos.
- b) ₹101,95,880/- on classified daily newspapers and ₹20,87,400/- for Display Advertisement, totally, ₹122,84,280/-.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ramhluna, to ask Supplementary Question.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, my question is: -

- 1) Will the copy of list of distribution be furnished?
- 2) Whether the department continues to provide Journalists' Welfare Fund of ₹10 lakhs?
- 3) What is the amount being issued for Welfare fund during 2011-2012?
- 4) To whom the fund is issued? If it is difficult to give an oral answer, will the written copy be supplied within this session?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, tomorrow is the last day of this session. Anyway, I will try to give him the copy tomorrow.

Pu speaker, the system of distribution of Journalists welfare Fund is amended so that any journalist or his immediate family member may benefit the fund in case of illness.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred Question No.65.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister, Cooperative department be pleased to state: -

- a) Whether Mizoram Cooperative Development Council has already been set up?
- b) If so, who are the members?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer is: -

- a) No
- b) Nil

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga to ask supplementary question.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : My supplementary question, Pu Speaker is: -
Why the Mizoram Cooperative Development Council has not been set up? Who is authorized to set up the said council?

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : It is not easy to set up Mizoram Cooperative Development Council as it is first necessary to formulate the Rules which has not yet been finalized. The department also is willing to set up the said as it was indicated in the manifesto.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Is there a proposal to withdraw the Assistant Registrar of Cooperation from Saiha?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to give the answer

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : The answer is, 'Yes'.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalduhoma to ask starred Question No.66.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister, Taxation department be pleased to state: - Whether manufacturers of plastic syntex and soaps have submitted tax to the government?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to reply.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as per Industrial Incentive Scheme, manufacturers of plastic syntex and soaps are exempted from payment of tax for 7 years.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalduhoma to ask Supplementary question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, in the entrepreneurship of any industry, the government usually exempted tax on the production of items such as soaps and winery as an incentive. If so, may the producers of raw materials for local industries also be exempted as an incentive?

Secondly, the system of e-way bill introduced at Vairengte check gate often delay number of vehicle while processing which further brings problem to some people particularly medical patients. What step has been taken so far for improvement of the system?

SPEAKER : Pu J.H. Rothuama, hon'ble Minister to give the answer.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, VAT is not exempted on imported soaps but with effect from 21st February, 2011, the same is imposed at the rate of 4% as it is not appropriate to maintain the said exemption yet, the application still valid.

As for manufacturer of grapes wine, imposition of excise tax is essential. But they are exempted from VAT for the first year only and should be imposed from the second years and above. Hence, it is requested to increase the rate of their productions.

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask Starred Question No.67.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, will the Minister, Agriculture department be pleased to state: - When will the Sub-divisional office of Agriculture be set up at Zohmun village?

SPEAKER : Pu H. Liansailova, Minister to give the answer.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is not known.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma to ask Starred Question No.68.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for AH & Veterinary department be pleased to state: -

- a) What is the capacity of milk production of MULCO per day and what is the actual production?
- b) For how long, Commercial Cattle Breeding Programme is in function?
- c) Is it possible to introduce mechanized milking process?

SPEAKER : Pu N.K. Chakma, hon'ble Minister to give the answer.

Pu N.K. CHAKMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answers are as follows: -

- a) Production of milk capacity by MULCO per day and the actual production of milk per day are: -
 - i) Milk : 15,000 litres/day
 - Milk fat : 224.475 mt/year
 - Solid not fat : 459.9 mt/year
- ii) Milk Product :
 - Milk : 7,200 litres/day
 - Fats : 224.475 mt/year
 - Solid not fat : 495.90 mt/year.
- b) AH. & Vety. Department actually has no Commercial Cattle Farm cum Breeding Programme.
- c) Mechanised Milking is not yet practice for inadequacy of power supply.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma to ask supplementary question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to know quantity of the production by MULCO, installation capacity and capacity utilization per day or in year-wise. As far as my knowledge is concern, capacity utilization is only 50% which meets 23% of the

requirement of Aizawl city. Why, capacity utilization is so low? How does the government take step to increase capacity utilization?

It is learned that ₹8 crore is received from NLCPR for commercial cattle Farm Cum Breeding Programme as step has been taken. How does the government take step for this purpose?

Pu Speaker, step has been taken for mechanized Milking Process under NLCPR. What step has been taken so far by the government to provide healthy milk in our state? If no step is taken, is there any proposal to do so?

SPEAKER : Pu N.K. Chakma, Minister to give the answer.

Pu NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, MULCO is under the maintenance of by the AH & Vety Department. The average capacity is 50,000 litres per day and in a mixture of 2024, it is 4075 metric tons per year and in solid mixture, 4059 metric tons per year. I cannot say right now the capacity per day but will try to furnish it during this Session. Pu Speaker, MULCO is now a Society which functioned with the assistance from the department. So, I cannot give the exact figure right now.

To answer the other question, the department does not take initiative in Commercial Cattle Farm but have Aggregations Breeding Programme such as: -

- (1) Up gradation of cross-cattle by proven Holstein Friesian and Bull Jersey Breeding through artificial insemination.
- (2) Indigenous by indigenous Elite Bulls by way of natural services.
- (3) Swab-buffalo by Elite Murrah buffalo by natural services.
- (4) Endangered/threatened Breed Mithun breeding. Mechanizing Milking Machine will be place under the MULCO if the cattlemen needs.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over. We will go to the next business. I accepted Pu Lalduhoma submission of a petition to move Calling Attention Motion under Rule No.59. Let us invite him to proceed.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I thank you for allowing me to have a Calling Attention under the Rules of Procedure & Conduct of Business in Mizoram legislative Assembly, Rules No.59 on matters of urgent public importance.

During last year's monsoon, there was a landslide in Luangmual, which is under my constituency. The PWD, while repairing the road destroyed PHE pipeline. The PHE then repaired the pipeline and reimbursed the expenditure to PWD but it remains unprocessed till date. Hence, the PHE stopped water supply to the affected area such as Ch.Chhunga High School and the surrounding areas. The people in the said areas suffered the consequences of two departments' miscommunication which is much regretted. Therefore, I demand water supply be given to this area from today onwards. This is a matter of importance for this community as it

hurt the sentiment of the people of my constituency and so mine as a representative of of this constituency.

SPEAKER : The official and the department should know that it is loud enough for them to hear what the hon'ble member just said in this august House.

Now, we will have a Presentation of Report and invite Pu John Rotluangliana, Chairman of the House Committee to present the Revision of rent to Legislators Home and also Terms & Condition for allotment of Conference Hall and Basement in Assembly Annexe Building.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Speaker, Sir, I, the Chairman of House Committee, Mizoram Legislative Assembly having being authorized by the committee to present the report on each behalf present the first report of the House Committee. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now that the Chairman present the report, let the copy be distributed. The member will know the changes made when you look into the report. Let us invite Pu K. Lianzuala to present to the House, the 3rd and 4th Report of the Subject Committee IV.

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Pu Speaker, with your permission and consent of this august House, I present the 3rd and 4th Report of the Subject Committee IV regarding Rajiv Gandhi Stadium at Mualpui and Minor Irrigation Projects.

SPEAKER : These Reports are confidential before presentation in the House and are not allowed to publish in the Newspaper. However, after presentation, it is opened to the public and if action is needed the concerned Department should follow.

Now, let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla to lay on the table of the House "The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Appointment of Consultant) Regulation, 2009".

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the consent of this august House, I lay on the table of the House, copy of "The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Appointment of Consultant) Regulations, 2009".

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Now, we will invite Pu R. Lalzirliana to lay on the table of the House, "The Mizoram State Employment Guarantee Fund (Amendment) Rules, 2011".

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the consent of this august House, I lay on the table of the House, "The Mizoram Employment Guarantee Fund (Amendment) Rules, 2011".

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Before we take up another business, I would like to say a few words. Earlier, Pu Lalsawta wanted to distribute paper concerning past incident. We will not allow that kind of distribution in the House. However, he may distribute it during recess period to the members in their respective rooms.

Now, we will take a bill of “The Mizoram (Prevention of Government Land Encroachment) (Amendment) Bill, 2012”. The copy was distributed to Members. So, let us invite the Minister to introduce and move the bill for consideration and passing.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and consent of the House, I introduce and move “The Mizoram (Prevention of Government Land Encroachment) (Amendment) Bill, 2012” for consideration and passing.

SPEAKER : Now, the Minister introduces and moves the bill. We will have a discussion on it and each member will have 5 minutes as our usual practice. If we agree, we will proceed. First, we will invite the Minister to move his bill.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : First, Pu Speaker, I request your permission to distribute copy of the main Act which we have not been done yet.

SPEAKER : Yes, you may proceed.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as Revision of Government Land Encroachment Act, 2001, Act No.7 of 2001 is incomplete, we have to introduce for amendment today. In the previous bill, there is no sub-title for ‘Public land and public Space’. The word ‘Government Land’ covers a small amount of land and cannot include parks and places for resting and playing for the community especially in rural areas. We feel that if we include this in our bill, it will reserve more land and space. Therefore, we are going to change ‘Government Land’ to ‘Public Land’ in the amendment of sub-title and the fiscal Act.

SPEAKER : Now that the concerned Minister explains why this bill needs amendment. We will have 5 minutes each for discussion. Who will be the first? Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, while the minister’s explanation is acceptable, it would be more appropriate if the main Act is distributed along with the bill so that we can study more thoroughly.

During the previous Ministry, we faced a problem of land dispute where the concerned minister, in his power gives public land to private. However, we have to be specific in this regard as to whether public land and government land. As many public lands include government land, there are some spaces which belong to neither of the two. In this situation who will be the owner? If there is encroachment of that land, who will make the complaint? May the minister give us a specific answer?

Besides, Pu Speaker, is it possible to stop the authorities that hold the power to give land? This bill is good but it cannot stop the issuing authority of LSC or any other

kind of Pass to whomever they choose. In such cases, who will take responsibility? Will any offender be penalized on the basis of this bill and will it be strong enough to rely on it?

SPEAKER : Who will be the next? If there is none, we will invite the hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as the hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma has stated, we need this amendment intensely as there are many acts of encroachment of public and government land. As the concerned minister has said, it is difficult to safe any unoccupied land for the public as some greedy individuals immediately possesses such land-holdings. For instance, in the vicinity of Tourist Resort of Hmuifang, all the vacant spaces were being acquired by privates as not a piece of land is left now as so with the land occupied by the Assam Rifles. Hence, no space is left for construction of government office or NGOs. So, it is time for us to enforce roadside land reservation before it is too late. Many of our land and forest are now becoming private property as no space is left for setting up some resting places for travelers.

Pu Speaker, I am worried that this amendment may not be strong enough to carry out its aim and object. It is, therefore also important to enact law for the punishment of any official or authority issuing pass on such lands. We have to determine this matter cautiously in order to prevent acquisition of public land and encroachment of government land by individual and make rules and regulations to legalize the punishment. We, therefore, need this amendment to prevent all these and I give my support for passing.

SPEAKER : We will invite Pu R. Lalrinawma and then Pu H. Liansailova.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, this bill concern mostly of conversion of 'government land' into 'public land' including field and any other free lands unoccupied. This bill will protect encroachment of any free land in the future by individuals. In such cases, the bill further stated that complain may be lodged by the Revenue Officer, the point which I think is raised by Pu Lalduhoma in the earlier discussion. The minister explains that in the Amendment of Section 2 (Clause 2), the definition of Revenue Officer will go down to (j) from (g). Instead of adding another alphabet, I opine it is more appropriate to join the definition to (g) as it is not arrange in an alphabetical order and the Principal Act will remain intact. Then, it will be assembled as (h) Definition of Public Land; (i) Definition of Public Space; (j) Definition of Community Land etc. So, we can remove clause 1 and 2 and pass a good and intact bill in the House. It is imperative that we pass this bill as we experience many problems in the past regarding encroachment of government land and public land. Since this bill concern legal rule which will protect us from such kind of incidents, I give my full support to pass it. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu H. Liansailova.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, many ideas and suggestions have already been made on this bill and I have not much to add in this regard. However, I want to

make a clarification in respect of Mizoram Census as asked by the hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu Speaker, the answer is obviously extracted from the document of Govt. of India Census Record, 2001, table 'A'-11 appendix, district-wise schedule tribe population. Here, we may use the term as Pawi, Lakher instead of Lai and Mara which may touch the sentiment of some members. So, it may be noted that is not intentional as it is extracted from Census of the previous years. I convey my sincere apology and your understandings. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Who will be next? Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, thank you. The bill we have been discussing will replace prevention of encroachment of Govt. Land to Public Land. It also defines public land along with Public Space and Community Land while Govt. Land is defined in the Original Act. Here, we see the wording of 'Public Space and Community Land recognized by the public' which I opine as vague as it does not define the area and boundary. If we have to protect encroachment of land, we need to make a specific marking in order to avoid further problems. Otherwise, we may face problem in its implementation. Can the minister make full explanation in this context? As we discuss about Community Land, I want to point out that YMA have reserve areas in many places and we have to include those as well as roadside reserve that the hon'ble House Leader has pointed out. It would also be appropriate to include ecologically fragile areas into Community Land in order to avoid house building. If not, we may encounter some disasters in future as many houses are built in a fragile area.

In Section IV, we see that 'such an offender or offenders shall also pay penal rent for the period of such encroachment'. This does not simplify the punishment of the offenders as it penalty is only in the rent. What about the damage costs of the land and its produces? Are we not going to penalize to what was destroyed of that land? Can this be added to our bill before we pass? The WCC (World Council of Churches) in its meeting in Seoul, 1992 passed a resolution to restrict obtaining of land for the sole purpose of compensation and business means. Can we practice this also in our State? Our bill will protect us from such incident if we make amendment as proposed. It is good if we added this in our bill.

SPEAKER : Now, we will invite the minister to wind-up and react to whatever he thinks is necessary from our discussion.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I am very thankful that many Members participate in the discussion knowing the importance of this bill. As the hon'ble House Leader said, amendment will be made as the situation arises. It is time to take care of our land for our own interest. For this, we are preparing bill to introduce in the House with the help of our experts. We hope to introduce it as soon as possible as we still use Rule from the British period. There are many things to add and to dismiss in our current rule. For this, we open invitation through Newspaper to come forward and give us suggestions and information.

It is a fact that we can easily point out community land and public land. However, there are encroachments of public and government land in many places. In order to

avoid this, we issued order to make land lease to schools and other government places as well as NGOs and the Churches. The Churches follow up accordingly while the government neglects to do so. We cannot protect those who do not have a land lease as we like. Therefore, in order to protect them, all we are going to make Rules in that regard.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I think it is very important to what Pu Rama and our House Leader have said. I think that the Rules will not be enough for protection as the Revenue Officer will be the only authority to file a complaint. What if the Local Council, Village Court and NGOs land are encroached? Who will make the complaint? The Court will not call it cognizance if the complainant is not the Revenue Officer. What will be the meaning if we use the authority that give the pass and allot land for encroachment to make the complaint? This bill is not concrete enough to protect all of these. We cannot correct them all from its Rules. It would be welcoming if the minister is prepared to make further amendment in the Act.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as I said earlier, if necessary, we would make amendment when the times come. We also have to put more faith in the Revenue Officer. In addition, if the public had any complaint they should report it to the Revenue Officer. The case will be deal by a 1st Class Magistrate only. However, if this bill is incomplete we will not hesitate to make amendment.

It is imperative that this Rules we are going to make will have to cover widely. Our roadside reserve in Mizoram is minimal. We will have to investigate many roadside fencing whether it is legal or not. If the rule is incomplete for basis, we will make amend. Nevertheless, we will try our best to cover as much as possible in the rule. The Department feels that it is important to make this bill to safeguard the future of Mizoram from greedy landholders. I am thankful to the Members for their participation in the discussion that went very well and glad to hear their opinion regarding this bill. Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass “The Mizoram (Prevention of Government Land Encroachment) (Amendment) Bill, 2012”.

SPEAKER : The Minister begs the House to pass the Bill. While our bill concerns the prevention of encroachment, we also went into allotment of land, which is not in the same page. If caution is not applied in allotment of land, action can be taken through this bill we are going to pass. Only the government can do allotment and if not done accordingly, the one responsible will suffer. Besides, we have to know that if necessary we can make amendment anytime.

Now, we will take vote to pass the bill. Those who are in favour to pass “The Mizoram (Prevention of Government Land Encroachment) (Amendment) Bill, 2012” say ‘agree’. As we all agree to pass the bill, I declare the bill is passed unanimously by the House.

Pu J.H.ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : I forgot to announce Members who are absent today, let me make the announcement. Today, the following Members cannot attend our meeting namely: - (1) Brig. T. Sailo (2) Pu T.T. Zothansanga (3) Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte. Also Dr. R. Lalthangliana

asked permission to absent for a short time. Our business for today is over. We will recess and resume our meeting tomorrow, the 28th March, 2012 at 10:30 AM.

Sitting adjourned at 12:45 PM.