

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

SEVENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 28TH 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.

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly (Grant of Loans and Advances to Members) (Third Amendment) Rules, 2011.
3. **Pu ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of Annual Report 2010-2011 (April 2010-March 2011) Right to Information.

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

4. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, to move an Official Resolution in the following form :
“WHEREAS to eliminate the denominating practice of employment of manual scavengers and for protecting and improving the human environment, to make it obligatory to convert dry latrine into water-seal latrines or to construct water-seal latrines in new constructions, the Central Government has got enacted the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of dry Latrine (Prohibition) Act, 1993, in the circumstances mentioned in the preamble to the said Act;

AND WHEREAS under clause (1) of Article 252 of the Constitution, resolutions had been passed by all the Houses of the Legislatures of the States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tripura and West Bengal that the matters aforesaid should be regulated in those States by the Parliament by law, and accordingly, the said Central Act stood automatically applied to those States only at the first instance; **AND WHEREAS** sub-section (2) and (3) of Section 1 of the said Act provide as follows:

“(2) It applies in the first instance to the whole of the State of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tripura and West Bengal and to all the Union territories and it shall also apply to such other State which adopts- this Act by resolution passed in that behalf under clause (1) of article 252 of the Constitution.

(3) It shall come into force in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tripura and West Bengal and in the Union territories on such date as the Central Government may, by notification, appoint and in any other State which adopts this Act under clause (1) of article 252 of the Constitution, on the date of such adoption”;

AND WHEREAS a writ-Petition with no.W.P(C) 583 of 2003 was filed in the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India by Safai Karmachari Andolan and others against Union of India and all States & Union Territories, praying, inter alia, for directing the Respondent State-Governments which did not adopt the said Act, “to explain on affidavit the steps taken by their respective Legislatures to pass appropriate resolution under Article 252 of the Constitution for adopting the Act”;

AND WHEREAS by their order dt.11/12/2007 in the said Writ-Petition, the Hon’ble Supreme Court observed and directed as follows: “It has been brought to the notice that the State of Jammu and Kashmir, Nagaland, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Delhi and U.T. of Chandigarh have not adopted the employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993. The concerned States and U.T. shall file affidavit explaining the reasons for non-adoption of the Act in their respective States”;

AND WHEREAS in the above-premises and for the purpose of adoption of the said Act, it becomes absolutely necessary to move a Resolution in this august Assembly under clause (1) of article 252 read with article 371-G of the Constitution;

Now, therefore, the Sixth Mizoram Legislative Assembly in its Tenth Session do resolve as follows :-

“That the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrine (Prohibition) Act, 1993 stands applied in the whole State of Mizoram”.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and Passing.

5. **Pu ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Municipality (Disclosure of Assets and Furnishing of Other Information) 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 : The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. Sam 24:1

We will go to our business for today and invite Pu K.Liantlinga to ask his starred Question No.81.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Finance Department be pleased to state: –

(a) Amount of income of the Mizoram State Lottery between 2005 and 2011 with year-wise.

(b) Number of State Lottery under Mizoram State with their names.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No.81 are as follows: -

(a) Year wise income of Mizoram State Lottery during 2005 - 2011: –

Sl/Nos	Year	Income
1	2005 - 2006	550.19 lakhs
2	2006 - 2007	331.59 lakhs
3	2007 - 2008	491.88 lakhs
4	2008 - 2009	745.77 lakhs
5	2009 - 2010	1000.03 lakhs
6	2010 - 2011	217.21 lakhs

(b) There are three State Lotteries under the Mizoram State namely: - Online Lottery, Paper Lottery and Bumper Lottery. From 26.3.2010 they are stopped.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Through media we learned that our Ex. Chief Minister give a low bidder in the State Lottery which cost us 60 crore. However, from this statement it appears that we may be wrong. Is this some kind of a politic game? In addition, from 2009 Pensioners draw the lottery by dividing themselves into three shifts a day earning Rs 2000 per draw. Before Lottery is stop how much do they earn? Who are the drawer and how many times do they draw? What is their total pay with their expenditure?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, if I am not wrong, in 2002, the minister said that N.V. Marketing is given the contract. What I heard is that the lower bidder Daksin Media Limited is the one given the contract. The government lost more than 5000 lakh because N.V. Marketing goes to court. Can the Minister clarify this as it is going to be on record?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, I do not know if I am catching the answer. What I want to know is who landed selling agent on 2000-2009 along with their bid rate.

Pu Pu H. LIANSAILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I do not know whether it was a misinterpretation or misheard. From the record, M.V. Marketing is the highest bidder while Daksin Media Limited bid is the highest but does not have an up-to-date IT clearance. Because of this, M.V. Marketing was declared the highest bidder. The Council of Ministers in its sitting on 24.2.2003 make a decision that as M/S N.V. International offer has a condition, their bid is declare as in concrete. While this is the case, Daksin Media Pvt. Ltd offer of 550 crores for 7 years becomes the highest. They are given the contract knowing that they run a successful on-line Lottery in other States like Maharashtra, Karnataka and Sikkim. However, some bidders who lost went to the court, this made it hard for M/S Daksin Media to start the work; they were withdrawn and online Lottery cannot function for a long time.

I regret to say that I am not prepared to answer Pu Lalthansanga's question. However, from the information we receive, the Mizoram Government sign agreement with tripartite where 85% will go to them and 15% will go to Mizoram Government. However, after three month, the Central Government issues a new rule that resulted in the discontinuation of the work.

SPEAKER : Now, we will go to question No.82.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, from the Finance Minister's speech, we will know that the 'Scam' they said occur in the last Ministry if there is one in reality. We need to run the Lottery in order to have revenue resource. Right now, we have little resource mobilization and it is very frustrating and shameful. Regarding Commonwealth Games Lottery, it was started as requested by the Games Organizing Committee having agreement with the Indian Government. We give okay signal as other States are also in it, but due to various reasons, it was stop after only three months.

Pu Speaker, I am thankful that the hon'ble member Pu K. Liantlinga asks this question as it gives us the opportunity to voice out the truth. I also want to tell this House that the incident involving SSA is not whether the fund lapse or not, it is the document itself. The real question is whether the document was fabricated or not, that is what we intend to find out, the truth.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, if we are going to turn the table in that way, there are many things we like to say also.

SPEAKER : We will know the truth, and the truth will set us free. It may also banish us from the House.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, can the Minister give me the statement of the agreement with the Common Wealth Games Organization Committee? How much do we receive from our 15% share? How much do they pay?

SPEAKER : Can the Minister fulfill the member request?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, We can give the member later as I do not have the document with me.

SPEAKER : Now, we will invite hon'ble member Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask his starred Question No.82.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Department be pleased to state: – After passing the bill in Mizoram Legislative Assembly, can there still be trouble for the concern department in the making of Rules?

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

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, aside from three departments, there is no trouble in making Rules after passing the Bill in Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, during Session we discuss about this matter in GPC. I am particular about Housing Loan, Pensioners and other matter which we discuss and pass in this House where the concern department raised query in making the Rules. I think it is an insult to this House and pray that it is not repeated. I would like to know if the government can take measure to avoid this kind of behavior in future.

SPEAKER : We will take Pu K.Liantlinga's supplementary question for the last.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My supplementary question is - We know what occurs while making Rules. While some departments take more than a year to make Rules and implement it, Transport Department is very prompt as it concerns collection of money from the people. On the other hand, Co-operation bill that concerns paying of money to the people takes a year and a half for its implementation and in making Rules as well as Road Fund Act which is not yet finish after four years. Therefore, I want to know if Parliamentary Affairs Department can issue order that Rules should be made within three months from its passing.

SPEAKER : Can Pu Lalduhoma restrict himself? Okay, we will invite him.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. After the House passed a Bill concerning the interest of the people it is the obligation of the concern departments to make Rules and ensure its implementation. It is also the conduct of democracy. I want to know the three departments who fail to do so? Besides, if there is any department, which neglect and fail to implement it, I think we should take it into Privilege, as it is contempt of the House. That is how we should go.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, when we make rule, sometimes we see wording like 'It shall extend to the whole of Mizoram' and about District Councils after their exemption, we see wording like 'It shall come into force with immediate effect'. Besides, we can see wording like 'The government shall, by a notification in the official gazette, appoint effective date' to set an effective date. Here, some Rules do not have effective date due to the inconvenience of the department. In general, we have to know that bill passed by the House that is notify in the gazette come into effect automatically. However, we face a problem in the making of Rules, as it needs a correct and precise wording. Besides, the government is efficient in passing bills, which is many and the department cannot keep up in its implementation. We lack expert in this field and have to re-employment many expert officers. We face many problems in this regard as Parliamentary Affairs Department take up the charge alone. In order to meet the demand, we make demand to the concern department to deliver a soft copy and a blank CD so that we can restore correction made in the blank CD from the soft copy. In addition, we have to know that some bills are very thick and long like 'Motor Vehicles Act, 1988' and 'The Mizoram Motor Vehicles Rules, 1995'. These requires times and energy and the cooperation of the concern department, and our request is not yet met by the concern departments till date.

About what the hon'ble Member Pu Lalduhoma said, it can be called as contempt of the House in many ways. However, we have to know that that is not the intention of the concern department. As I said, we lack expert as well as materials to be prompt and proper. In our current situation, I am sorry to say that we cannot meet their expectation. We make a suggestion to have a Legislation Wing as in the Lok Sabha, where expert in law sit in and scrutinize all our Bills and Rules. That way, we hope to speed up the work and urge the entire department to give their best from now on. I also want to reassure the House that PAD will do their best. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us invite hon'ble Member Pu P.P. Thawla to ask his Starred Question No.83.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Public Health Engineering Department be pleased to state –

- (a) What steps are taken by the government to stop hardship in water supply faced by Tongkolong?
- (b) Is it true that the Government and Supreme Court intervene in their intention to shift to Phura road to avoid this hardship?
- (c) Can they introduce pump system to relieve their hardship?

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

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answers to Pu P.P. Thawla's question is as follows: -

- (a) We are searching for water to pump for Tongkolong to be put under the NRDWP Scheme.
- (b) PHE Department has no knowledge of the matter.
- (c) We are surveying the surrounding area for water supply.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu P.P. Thawla and then Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is - Is it true that for the time being, a temporary tanky was made in plain sheet for them?

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Within my constituency, water supply is scarce in Leite and Rotlang East. Fulfilling the promise made by the hon'ble Chief Minister, they built a tanky and installed pump. However, they still cannot pump water after 2 years. Can the Minister take initiative to speed up the work?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the Minister to reply.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Tongkolong is a well-known Village in the south. It is a very important village for the west part of Saiha District. The village situated at the top of a hill and water very scarce in the surrounding area. Rainwater harvesting was done but there is not enough water to make it a success. Therefore, the villagers decide to shift to lower part near Palak Dil (lake). However, we have a second thought to various reasons as Environmentalist and Heritage keeper afraid the lake will be damaged, we are negotiating right now. We are hoping to pump water from Sala River in 2012/2013 and we will give special attention as advice by our Chief Minister. As such, temporary water tanky made from plain sheet is not yet introduce.

Regarding Leite and Runtlang, we are trying our best to give them abundant water supply soon in spite of all the hardship we face in pumping.

Pu Speaker, I want to make clarification concerning Calling Attention moved by the hon'ble Member Pu Lalduhoma. The situation arises as the pipe was destroyed while the PWD JCB clears soil debris caused by landslide. However, we mend this within two weeks and started supplying water in between week. We cannot supply abundant water right now.

SPEAKER : Whenever JCB clear debris, there is always something destroy. The department official should look into this matter and they

should have to be more careful in the future. Now, we will invite Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask his starred Question No.84.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Sports & Youth Services Department be pleased to state – Number of Building/Playground and other infrastructure built by the department during 1st January, 2009 to 29th February, 2012.

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

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to hon'ble Member Pu B. Lalthlengliana's question is as follows: -

The number of Building/Playground and other infrastructure built are: -

- 1) Football Playground (with improvement and extension) - 42
- 2) New Basket Ball Court - 8
- 3) Volleyball Court - 3
- 4) Long-jump pitch - 8
- 5) Tennis Court - 4
- 6) Sports Training Centre - 4
- 7) Cricket Stadium - 1
- 8) Shooting Gallery - 2
- 9) Indoor Stadium (with improvement etc.) - 15
- 10) Mini Sports Complex - 1
- 11) Pavillion - 7
- 12) Ongoing Artificial Turf & Astro Turf - 4

Besides these, works will be started soon at Hnahtial, Muallungthu and Phulpui for Mini-Sports Complex with fund received from NEC. We also received fund from DoNER to built Auditorium for parking in this building. We also received 5 crore for sports infrastructure and fund for building the State Sports Academy at Zobawk, which will be started soon.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are: -

- 1) What kind of new development do they have in rural areas?
- 2) Can they build a standardized playground in rural areas?
- 3) Can the hon'ble Minister give us sport materials which were distributed to us in the past for distribution in our constituency?
- 4) If so, can he give us more and if not, can he give us an honest answer?

SPEAKER : Question hour is over but the Minister will answer the ongoing question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, in the recent three years, I ask the Minister for sport materials and he gave it to me. We need to know that application is needed in order to receive the materials. Regarding Cricket Stadium, Pu F. Rotluanga of Vaivakawn gave us his vast land at Sihhmui, which is a dream come true for Cricket Stadium. Construction was started by the officials of Cricket Association of Mizoram from their own pocket and it will become the largest Cricket Stadium in the North-east. After facing trouble, they apply fund from DoNER which they received. The Government of Mizoram later gives a hand. The work done by Cricket Association of Mizoram is praiseworthy and I want the people of Mizoram and this House to know this.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the concern Minister to reply.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. We are trying our best to extend the existing field in rural areas where at least nine players or eleven players can play. For this, we are distributing a fund of one lakh, which we hope to extend yearly as necessary. Regarding distribution of sport materials, we cannot give 10/20 footballs to each member to distribute in their constituency as our budget does not permit us. However, we are giving as much as we can if they submit application. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, during this Session, there are five questions that cannot be answered. What is the meaning of this? This is not right. Besides, 51 of my starred questions are not answer in this Session. Is there a way to solve this? Can we not have question hour on the day of Budget Presentation? That way, many of our questions will be answered in the floor.

SPEAKER : We will think about that. Our Secretary also thinks it is important but we have to know that we follow the old rule that is the reason. We will think about it according to our business.

Today, three of our Members cannot attend the sitting namely Brig. T. Sailo, due to ill-health, Pu J.H. Rothuama is on medical check-up and Pu Lal Thanzara due to important programme.

Now, we will go to Laying of Papers and invite the hon'ble Minister Pu Lalsawta to lay on the Table of the House, 'The Mizoram Legislative Assembly (Grant of Loans and Advances to Members) (Third Amendment) Rules, 2011'.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and consent of this august House, I lay on the Table of the House, 'The Mizoram Legislative Assembly (Grant of Loans and Advances to Members) (Third Amendment) Rules, 2011'.

SPEAKER : Distribute the copy. Now, let us invite Pu Zodintluanga, hon'ble Minister to lay on the Table of the House, 'Annual Report 2010-2011 (April, 2010 - March, 2011) Right to Information'.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and consent of this august House, I lay on the Table of the House, 'Annual Report 2010-2011 (April, 2010 - March, 2011) Right to Information'.

SPEAKER : Distribute the copy.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, it is thankful that we get the copy of Information Commission Annual Report, 2010-2011. Instead of this, is there a way to distribute the 2011-2012 Annual Report?

SPEAKER : Today, we receive Official Resolution relating to the 1993 Central Rule 46, Section 24. It is a very important rule and our hon'ble Chief Minister would like to say a few word in this regard. If he think the need arise to move, he can do so and if not, we will try to find a new way. So, let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there is not much to say in this Resolution if we look into it. The Resolution is 'Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrine (Prohibition) Act, 1993'. We need to adopt this in order to exercise it in our State. Pu Speaker, with your permission, I beg the House to move the Resolution.

SPEAKER : Does the House agree? If so, let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister to move.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the Act, as well as the Resolution are written in English. Therefore, I will read as it is –

“WHEREAS to eliminate the denomination practice of employment of manual scavengers and for protecting and improving the human latrines or to construct water-seal latrines in new constructions, the Central Government has got enacted the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of dry Latrine (Prohibition) Act, 1993, in the circumstances mentioned in the preamble to the said Act;

AND WHEREAS under clause (1) of Article 252 of the Constitution, resolution had been passed by all the Houses of the Legislatures of the States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tripura and West Bengal that the matters aforesaid should be regulated in those States by the Parliament by law, and accordingly, the nsaid Central Act stood automatically applied to those States only at the first instance;

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AND WHEREAS in the above premises and for the purpose of adoption of the said Act, it becomes absolutely necessary to move a Resolution in this august Assembly under clause (1) of article 252 read with article 371-G of the Constitution;

Now, therefore, the Sixth Mizoram Legislative Assembly in its Tenth Session do resolve as follows:-

“That the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrine (Prohibition) Act, 1993 stands applied in the whole State of Mizoram”.

Pu Speaker, from what I read, we will know that it is the order of the Supreme Court to practice this in our State. We know that abolition of this practice is necessary in order to safeguard the right of humanity and for health reason. The Parliament also thinks it is a necessary to abolish and to protect the lower castes that are use for scavengers. In our State, we replace pit latrine with commode gradually and the PHE Department distribute to the people from the time of the

previous Ministry. We will try to reach out people living in the back of the country as much as possible. We will also try to get as much aid as possible from the Central Government in order to accomplish our goal.

SPEAKER : Now, the hon'ble Chief Minister move Official Resolution concerning Employment of Manual Scavenger and Prohibition of Construction of Dry Latrine within Mizoram. We have to adopt this, which the Parliament passed the original bill in 1993. To follow suit, we only have to adopt instead of making a new rule. We will give 5 minutes each for discussion. Who will be the first? Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, we heard from the Chair that this was practiced in all over India. However, we have to remind ourselves that we are in a different context especially the northeast region. We live in a hilly area and our cities are not plan city where building infrastructure will cause a lot of problem. I want the mover to clarify the following points: - First, if we adopt, this will it be introduce in rural areas including out of the way villages? Secondly, how are we going to take step for its implementation? Thirdly, it would be appreciated if the mover can give us a thorough explanation before we discuss and adopt. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Who will be the next? Let us invite Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, regarding this Act, I have two suggestions to make. First, we can make affidavit by saying, "Mizoram does not have a problem in this regard; therefore, there is no need to adopt this act". It is not mandatory to adopt and whether we adopt or not will make things different. Secondly, they submit this resolution having in mind that "As the Supreme Court demand Affidavit, let us adopt this Act, and save ourselves the trouble". There is not much to say in this matter, it is just a formality.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu H. Liansailova.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I agree that we give our support and pass this Resolution without further discussion. If I am not mistaken, this Act was made in the interest of the Scavengers to promote their social status and social relation. The Karamchi submit a petition in the Supreme Court demanding that this Act be exercise in every State. Any State having a problem in its execution should submit their reason along with an Affidavit. Therefore, to avoid, let us pass this as the House Leader's lay.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the House Leader as it is his Resolution and then beg the House to pass it.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I appreciate the constructive discussion by our two members. Let me clarify what the hon'ble member Pu Thangtea has questioned. In the past year, we distribute water-sealing

latrines to rural people and for public use under PHE Department. If we adopt this, we hope that we can extract fund from the Central in order to distribute water-seal Latrine to the far corner of our State. We also hope that there will be a way to provide this from Total Sanitation Programme under the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation. The Ministry of Rural Development also runs a campaign on Total Sanitation. Therefore, we hope to have fund for distribution of water-seal latrine to replace pit latrine especially in rural villages. If we adopt this, it would mean that we are doing good work and follow a standard style in our civilized world. Pu Speaker, I, therefore, begs the House to adopt my resolution.

SPEAKER : Now, we will take vote to adopt our resolution. Those who are in favour, say 'ayes' and those who are not, say 'no'. As we all agree, this House adopt the Official Resolution "That the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrine (Prohibition) Act, 1993 stands applied in the whole State of Mizoram" unanimously.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we do not have the main Act, only a portion was adopt today. However, this will not give us any trouble. I thank the hon'ble Members for adopting the Resolution.

SPEAKER : As this is a Central Act, we are expected to know them. If not, we can always look into our Library where we kept all Central Act in year-wise. Now, we will go to the Legislative Business and invite Pu Zodintluanga, the hon'ble Minister to introduce "The Mizoram Municipality (Disclosure of Assets and Furnishing of other Information) Bill, 2012".

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and consent of the House, I introduce "The Mizoram Municipality (Disclosure of Assets and Furnishing of other Information) Bill, 2012".

Pu Speaker, in this developed world, we need to have transparency and accountability in governing a country as a result of administrative reforms we witness in this world. In accordance with this, the Indian Government made Right to Information Rules in 2006. Following the Central Government, Public Grievances Mechanism was also set up. This system will help every citizen to file a complaint, as deem necessary. Besides, Urban Local Body Municipalities was formed to watch over the welfare of the urban people. The Local Body will announce their work programme to the people so that the people can prepare themselves, what to expect and how to receive the new development. This will have a profound result in the social economic activities of the people. It is very important that this announcement be made under the public disclosure law. That is why the Central government insists on having this law. Under JNNURM, they demand that the State Government and Municipalities form Reform Agenda Public Disclosure Law. Having this law is necessary for us in order to receive any kind of grants from JNNURM. Besides, it is necessary that the Municipal announce their reform agenda to the people in order to have transparency in governing. Therefore, I beg this House to discuss and consider this bill.

The characteristic of our bill for today is -

- 1) Section-I contain short title, extend and commencement.
- 2) Section-II is the definition covering (1) Assets (2) Municipality (including Urban Local Bodies define by Constitution of India, Article 243(q)).
- 3) Section-III is Obligation of Municipality.
- 4) Section-IV is Information & Publicity (here broadcast be done in: -
 - a) Regional and in English language in a newspaper
 - b) Displaying in Municipal office Notice Board
 - c) Displaying in Municipal Ward Office
 - d) Follow the direction of the State order.
- 5) Section V is the power to make Rules by the State Government.

Pu Speaker, this is a mandatory and a very important bill for the people in order to receive blessing from JNNURM. I move this bill for consideration and passing, thank you.

SPEAKER : We will give each Members 5 minutes as practice and Group Leader will have 8 minutes. Who will be the first?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I will start the discussion. Our current world gives important to transparency. Today, this transparency brought us this bill and resulted in the forming of Right to Information Act. I am also very thankful that today we receive Zoram Information Commission Annual Report, 2010-2011. It set a very good example and I congratulate the Minister.

Although it is a new Bill, there is not much to discuss as it is mandatory. The Central allocate many funds under Bharat Nirman, which we need and will apply for repeatedly. Municipal Act will also be the best place where we can get fund from the Central. It would be welcoming if Rural Local Bodies can have this kind of bill as many funds are allocates in their ways. They need transparency and accountability in executing this fund. Hence, I give my support to this bill as it is for the interest of the people of Mizoram.

SPEAKER : Who will be nest? Dr. R. Lalthangliana and then Pu H. Zothangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, as our bill is mandatory, I think that having a long discussion will not change anything. This bill becomes very important in the future as Right to Education Bill we have in 2005. It will bring awareness to the people as Right to Education does and open the eyes of the people in seeing thing more clearly. Our current bills will open door for us to acquire funds and other necessities for the time to come. Therefore, our bench thinks without further discussion to pass the bill.

SPEAKER : We will invite Pu H. Zothangliana and if there is none to follow, we will invite the Minister to wind-up the discussion.

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am not going to take long in my discussion. The wording on the forwarding letter needs correction. The word 'this bill are limited' should be use instead of 'this bill is limited'

Concerning the bill, in the 1st paragraph, the sentences look incomplete and we should add the word 'year' to make it complete. I do not know this is a typing mistake or not. Besides, I want to support Pu Duhoma on the case of introducing this kind of bill in rural areas. We also have to find a way to introduce it to Autonomous District Councils. Pu Speaker, I give my support to pass this bill.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I think this bill is good and here, we see Annual Budget Allocation to each Ward. If that is the case, it means that each Ward can prepare plan according to allotment of fund. Besides, here we see 'particulars of assets of the municipality'; this will help us in controlling practice of corruption. The main reason I raise my hand is to suggest shifting of Municipal Office in the centre of the city. The existing location is too far back for the people. Other than this, I am thankful to have this kind of bill and give my support. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, let the Minister clarify if there is any, and then beg the House to pass his bill.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am very grateful to the hon'ble Members for participating in the discussion and give their support to pass the bill. Pu Speaker, as there is nothing to clarify, I will go straight and beg this august House to pass "The Mizoram Municipality (Disclosure of Assets and Furnishing of Other Information) Bill, 2012".

SPEAKER : Now, as the Minister request, we will take vote. Those who are in favour of passing "The Mizoram Municipality (Disclosure of Assets and Furnishing of Other Information) Bill, 2012" schedule 3 part (a) and (b) clause 1-25 preamble enacting formula, say 'ayes'. Those who oppose, say 'No'. As we all agree, this House pass the bill unanimously.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, our sitting come to an end, let me read out our Session Report. Businesses transacted during this Session are as follows: -

1. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Starred Questions

a) Questions received	-	226
b) Admitted	-	220
c) Rejected	-	6
d) Listed in List of Business	-	100
e) Oral answers given	-	33

f) Answers not given in the House - 67

Unstarred Questions

a) Questions received - 39
 b) Admitted - 37
 c) Rejected - 2
 d) S/Q into U/Q - 115

2. OBITUARY

Obituary was observed in respect of Pu V.Lalnunzira, who died on 26th December, 2011.

3. LAYING OF PAPERS

- a) The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Mizoram and Manipur (Terms and Conditions for Appointment of Consultants) Regulations, 2009.
- b) The Mizoram State Employment Guarantee Fund (Amendment) Rules, 2011.
- c) The Mizoram Information Commission Annual Report 2010-2011.
- d) The Mizoram Legislative Assembly (Grant of Loans and Advances to Members) (third Amendment) Rules, 2011.
- e) Report of the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts on the Accounts of Local Bodies (Village within MADC, LADC and Lunglei District) for the year ended 31st March, 2011.

4. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

- 1) The hon'ble Speaker present Report on the BAC (Business Advisory Committee) regarding Session Calendar.
- 2) Pu John Rotluangliana, hon'ble Deputy Speaker, present report on the house rent of Legislators' Home and Terms and Condition for hire of Conference Hall.
- 3) Pu K.Lianzuala, Chairman Subject Committee IV present Report of the 3rd and 4th Committee.

5. BILLS

- 1) The Mizoram Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 2012.
- 2) The Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2012.
- 3) The Mizoram Municipality (Disclosure of Assets and Furnishing of other Information) Bill, 2012.
- 4) The Mizoram (Prevention of Government Land Encroachment) (Amendment) Bill, 2012.

6. STATEMENT :

Pu R.Lalzirliana, hon'ble Minister gives statement regarding the kidnapping of ABCI workers at Mauzam.

7. CALLING ATTENTION :

Pu Lalduhoma, hon'ble Member called the attention of the PHE Minister relating to scarcity of water in his constituency.

8. OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

The House adopt "The Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry latrine (Prohibition) Act, 1993 stands applied in the whole State of Mizoram.

9. RESOLUTION

The Resolution of Pu K.Liantlinga that "Our government may render strong effort to ensure the central government has fulfilled compensation claimed by the Mizo Chiefs for the land within their respective chieftainship", is rejected by vote on account.

10. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

The House passed Supplementary Demand for 2011-2012 (Vote on Account for April – July, 2012) and Annual Financial Statement for 2012-2013.

11. INQUIRY COMMITTEE

Inquiry Committee is set up to inquire expenditure of SSA fund.

As the House set up Inquiry Committee, I beg each member to abide the rule and not make this into a political issue or give out information in any forms. In addition, our media should refrain from mention the ongoing investigation news of any kind until the Committee resolves the issue.

By the grace of God, we came to the end of our sitting and I thank the Members for their participation and dedication. I wish you all the best.

We are all weary at the end of Session; therefore, I will not host a dinner party this time. Besides, our Finance Minister gives us a dinner party yesterday along with some entertainment. We will regard that as our dinner party.

Sitting is adjourned *Sine die* (12:45 P.M.)