

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(ELEVENTH SESSION)
LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR THIRD SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 18th JULY, 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 Zodintluanga** to lay on the Table of the House a copy of “The Mizoram Municipalities (Procedure and Conduct of Business) (First Amendment) Rules, 2012”.
3. **Pu K. Lianzuala** to lay on the Table of the House a copy of “Statement of actions taken by the Government against Subject Committee-IV’s further recommendation”.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

4. **Pu K. Lalrinthanga** to present to the House the Fourth Report of Subject Committee-V relating to Tourism Department (Actions taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the First Report of Subject Committee-V)

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

5. **Pu Zodintluanga** to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Societies Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2012”.

ALSO

to introduce the Bill

to move that the Bill be taken into consideration

AND

to move that the Bill be passed.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”
He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely – be content with your pay.”

“Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.
(Luke 3:13 & 14)

We will now start with the question and answer session. Let us invite Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala to ask question No. 21.

Lt. COL. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Speaker, will the hon’ble minister for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department be pleased to state the timeline for the opening of the Slaughter House at Mualpui?

SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma

Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the Slaughter House at Mualpui is expected to be opened before Christmas. Chowkidar quarter, site office, electric power supply and machineries have all been erected at the site.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala.

Lt. COL. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are: -

- a) Will there be any fees for the Slaughter House users?
- b) Will there be a doctor present?
- c) Will there be any problems regarding waste disposal?
- d) What happened to the Slaughter House at Bung-bangla?

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from Pu Lalhimpuia and Pu K. Liantlinga

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA: Pu Speaker, thank you. A plan for a slaughter house at Lunglei has already been passed. I would like to ask when this project will be started.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, do we have the proper plans so that we can have optimum utilization of these slaughter houses?

SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti, Minister.

Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the slaughter house will be under the supervision of a doctor. There will be a treatment plan at the site with liquid waste neutralizer. The slaughter house at Bungbangla is still in use. Currently, a plan for a slaughter house at Lunglei is going on and will be started soon.

SPEAKER : We will now invite Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred question No. 22.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Health & Family Welfare be pleased to state: - Has the sum of 10 crores from Zoram Health Care Society deposited under private names at Bajaj Allianz been withdrawn? If withdrawn, under what names they were deposited and what is the interest amount?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the funds have already been withdrawn. The following are the names and amount of interest accumulated: -

1. Liansangpuii Renthlei	-	₹3,95,848/-
2. Liansangpuii Renthlei, Kolasib	-	₹3,95,858/-
3. Laltharzela	-	loss of ₹69,494/-
4. R. Liansanglura	-	₹2,55,294/-
5. Laldinpuii	-	₹2,06,001/-
6. R. Liansanglura	-	₹79,392/-
7. Liansangkima Renthlei	-	₹2,34,586/-
8. Don Sapremthanga Halliday	-	₹5,90,444/-
9. V. Lalthakimi	-	₹2,23,707/-
10. Lalthansanga	-	₹19,08,509/-
11. Lalsangzuali	-	₹7,91,514/-
12. Sangzuala Pachuau	-	₹19,09,908/-
13. Frankie Lawmsanga, Thiak	-	₹1,94,549/-
14. Liandingpuii Renthlei	-	₹3,64,702/-
15. Lalhmangaihi Ralte	-	₹19,09,908
16. Biakthansangi	-	₹7,42,666/-
17. J.C. Ramthanga	-	₹19,09,908/-

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from Pu K.Liantlinga, Pu John Siamkunga and Pu R. Lalrinawma respectively.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, what is the reason for variation in the interest amount? Is it under ADB Rules to deposit the cash as investment under private names since this is a Corpus Fund? Do we still have balance from the 28 crores deposited at Reliance Company? What is the amount allotted by the government for Medical Reimbursement?

SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, do we still have balance from the 28 crores deposited at Reliance Company? Can you explain the variation regarding the health-care system carried on by MNF and Congress during their respective ministries? Does the public encounter any problems regarding accessibility of the health care system? Will the interest amount varies largely if the capital had been deposited at State Bank of India instead of Bajaj Allianz? Is it under ADB Rules to deposit the cash as investment under private names?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalrinawma

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, my intended question has been posed by other members.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, this subject has been deliberated for a long time now and I do understand as it regards public money and will attempt to clarify as much queries as possible.

The amounts invested are as follows: -

1. Liansangpuii Renthlei	-	₹40 lakhs each since this name has invested twice.
2. Laltharzela	-	₹80 lakhs (loss of ₹69, 494/-)
3. Liansanglura	-	₹20 lakhs
4. Laldinpuia	-	₹80 lakhs
5. Liansanglura	-	₹60 lakhs
6. Liansangkima Renthlei	-	₹90 lakhs
7. Don Sapremthanga	-	₹80 lakhs
8. V. Lalthakimi	-	₹85 lakhs
9. Lalthansanga	-	₹25 lakhs
10. Lalsangzuali	-	₹25 lakhs
11. Lalsangzuali	-	₹80 lakhs
12. Sangzuala Pachuau	-	₹25 lakhs
13. Frankie Lawmsanga, Thiak	-	₹80 lakhs
14. Liandingpuii Renthlei	-	₹85 lakhs
15. Lalmangaihi Ralte	-	₹25 lakhs
16. Biakthansangi	-	₹80 lakhs
17. J.C. Ramthanga	-	₹25 lakhs

The interest amount varies as they are deposited under different policies and also due to fluctuation at the stock exchange. The cash was deposited on 5/12/2008 for a period of 3 years, however, it was decided that the amount deposited at Bajaj Allianz would be withdrawn and a letter was sent to them on 28th January, 2009. This was not possible as we receive a letter from them on 17th February, 2009 stating that they cannot be withdrawn before the 3 years stated has lapsed. However, we received another letter from them on 9th August, 2011 to switch over to other policy due to inflation at the stock market. But this was rejected and the policy was waited out till maturity.

Our contract with Reliance Company has expired with 27 crores left in their hands intended for the Health Care System. We are dealing with them now and have even threatened to sue them; however, this does not seem to take any effect as we are in the wrong. I personally beg and request them to and have withdrawn 17 crores at this point.

As of now, we have deposited the Health Care funds at State Bank of India and are expected to yield an interest of about 3 crores within 3 years. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall now invite Pu P.P. Thawla to ask starred Question No.23

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the minister for Health & Family Welfare Department be pleased to state: -

- a) Are there any plans to renovate Civil Hospital at Saiha?
- b) Do you plan to extend the Primary Health Centre at Tuipang?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to answer the questions.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we are currently at the planning stages for the renovation of Saiha Civil Hospital while we do not have plans to extend Tuipang PHC at the moment.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question Pu P.P. Thawla

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, have they submitted DPR for the renovation of Saiha Civil Hospital and what is the extent of their work? Also, I urge the ministry to look into Tuipang PHC as they are severely in need of renovation.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, what is the expected completion date for the renovation of Sairang Hospital and its surrounding quarters? Currently, there are no staffs at Tuipui sub-centre due to refusal from the intended worker. Will it be more productive to post workers who are willing to work there?

SPEAKER : Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA: Pu Speaker, thank you. ₹1 crore was sanctioned by the previous ministry for the renovation of Lunglei Hospital and nearly 3 lakhs have been spent towards this. When will the remaining fund be released for the continuation of this project?

Second, we were promised a separate transformer solely for the hospital by the Chief Minister at Lunglei High Powered Meeting, when can we take delivery of this transformer?

Lastly, will construction of PHC at Zobawk be started in the near future?

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to request our hon'ble minister to expedite the staffing of Ratu Hospital as construction has already been completed. Also, I believe it is within reason to upgrade Darlawn PHC to CHC and would like to request the hon'ble minister to look into this. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall now invite the hon'ble minister to answer the questions.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : In response to the hon'ble member, Pu PP Thawla's question, we have strongly requested the central to provide the fund for Saiha and the Hindustan Steel Works have prepared a DPR for the value of ₹20 crores. I am hopeful that it will be forwarded very soon.

We do not have official intention to set up a dispensary at Tuipang at the moment but the existing PHC is quite old and at the suggestion of the Art and Culture Department, we have made a proposal to patch it up as a heritage building.

To answer Pu Pianmawia's query regarding the CHC, it is common knowledge that we do not meet the standards required to operate the health center as per the central norms. We are understaffed and we do not even have sufficient specialists to be posted in the 12 centers that we already have. It is for these reasons that we had to appoint doctors who do not have PG degrees.

I would like to assure Pu Duhoma that Sairang is now included under the 13th Finance Commission. In the meantime, the work at Tualpui has to be discontinued for a short time but it will be taken up again as soon as possible.

Concerning Pu Joseph Lalhimpua's query, a proposal amounting to ₹64 lakhs has been submitted and I am fairly certain the transformer will be installed shortly. About the hospital upgrade at Lunglei, this is an ongoing process and until the present confusion is cleared, the fund will not be provided.

Coming back to Pu Piana's question, although we have the fund and the consent from the central to appoint doctors for the posts, we simply do not have sufficient doctors willing to take up the vacant posts. We have now decided to create 'very hard posts' which would have better pays and other facilities to attract doctors. Hence, I believe we will be able to meet the rural demand for doctors very shortly in the future.

We have bought x-ray machines in the past but here also, we do not have enough lab technicians willing to work in the rural areas. With the permission of the Chief Minister and the Finance Minister we have recently cleared the proposal to recruit 82 doctors which will be an immense relief for the rural and remoter areas.

As I am sure you are all aware, the central has increased the number of beneficiaries under the RSVI. We will now be able to include all those with job cards instead of only BPL families in the annual financial assistance. The central has kept a keen eye on our performance and they appear to be quite impressed resulting in our nomination as a recipient of the G.R.D. Tata Memorial Award on the 31st of this month.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to starred Question No. 24 to be asked by Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Transport Department be pleased to state: -

- a) How many buses are in service?
- b) How many JNNURM buses are servicing in villages?
- c) Does the government require permission from the central to let the buses service in the rural areas?
- d) How much revenue has been generated between the years 2010 to 2012?

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister, Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana may provide the necessary information.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : The answers are as follows –

- a) 47 buses are in service at the moment.
- b) They are not in service at the rural areas.
- c) No.
- d) ₹483.51 lakhs.

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from Pu C. Ramhluna, Pu Lalthansanga and Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I would like to know the profit amount from the bus ticket sales and if the car rentals are paying the passenger and goods tax. Do they have fitness certificates for their services?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Can the JNNURM buses be made to service in the 'notified towns'? Are all the Transport Department buses properly insured?

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, can the department construct a new quarter at Hnahthial? Can you provide a MST bus service upto Cherhlun?

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister may answer the questions.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I apologize to the hon'ble member, Pu Ramhluna since I have no record of the profit amount at the moment. There are 127 car rentals in service at the time being. They do not pay the tax and they do not have fitness certificates.

To regulate and control these businesses, the government is using the Rental Cab Scheme, 1989 although they are modified here and there to suit the conditions of the state.

SPEAKER : The question hour has ended but with the consent of the members, you may finish answering the questions already raised.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. When this scheme is in effect by the end of 2012, all the car rentals will be required to pay all the necessary taxes such as road tax, passenger and goods tax, etc. they will need to have a fitness certificate and they will be required to use only black registration plates. Car rental owners must have at least 25 cars and they must follow the rates approved by the State Transport Authority.

Unfortunately, the JNNURM buses are not allowed to service even in the notified towns. All the Transport buses are fully insured. I am sorry to say that the department does not have sufficient funds to construct a new quarter at Hnahthial. We are trying to let our buses service as much as possible in the rural areas.

SPEAKER : Pu B. Lalthengliana could not attend the session today due to sickness. We will now move on to other businesses.

Let us invite the hon'ble Minister Pu Zodintluanga to lay his paper, "The Mizoram Municipalities (Procedure and Conduct of Business) (First Amendment) Rules, 2012" before the House.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the consent of the House, I hereby lay my paper, "The Mizoram Municipalities (Procedure and Conduct of Business) (First Amendment) Rules, 2012" before the House.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble member, Pu K. Lianzuala to lay his paper, "Statement of Actions Taken by the Government against the Subject Committee IV further recommendations."

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the consent of the House, I hereby lay my paper, "Statement of Actions Taken by the Government against the Subject Committee IV further recommendations" before the House.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble member, Pu K. Lalrinthanga to lay his paper, "Fourth Report of Subject Committee-V relating to Tourism Department Actions Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the First Report of Subject Committee-V."

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the consent of the House, I hereby lay my paper, "Fourth Report of Subject Committee-V relating to Tourism Department Actions Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the First Report of Subject Committee-V" before the House.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, the names of the Subject Committee IV members are not included in the paper. Can this be rectified?

SPEAKER : Distribute the papers and the concerned departments shall make the necessary corrections.

We will now move on to Legislative Business, but before that I would like to request the hon'ble members to remind yourselves once again on the profound importance of these sessions. The constitution has placed the Legislative body of administration very highly and hence it falls to us to pass the laws and ordinances and unless we pass the appropriation of funds, the state administrative machinery would be unable to mobilize the budget. Therefore, I

invite you to take part in the session earnestly and to bear with the long days ahead even as I am well aware of your busy schedule.

Let me invite the hon'ble Minister, Pu Zodintluanga to ask the House for permission to introduce, "The Mizoram Societies Registration Amendment Bill, 2012."

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I humbly request permission of the House to introduce, "The Mizoram Societies Registration Amendment Bill, 2012."

SPEAKER : The House has allowed him to introduce the Bill. You may introduce and move the Bill for discussion.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I hereby introduce, "The Mizoram Societies Registration Amendment Bill, 2012" in the House.

Since 1977, the Government of Mizoram started using the Societies Registration Act, 1860 in a modified version based on the Mizoram Act No. 3 of 1977. However, the initial act was found wanting in many ways and it was felt that a better and more versatile version was needed. This culminated in the creation of the Mizoram Registration Act, 2005 which was made effective from October of the very same year.

There were still several anomalies and mistakes which failed to provide for a smooth functionality and hence the government deemed it necessary once again to amend the act to accommodate the needs of the people. The amendments recommended by the government at this time are: -

In the Section 8(a) of the main act, we have included the suspension of registration. We have also introduced two new sections, Section 23(a) - Cancellation of registration and 23(b) - Winding up of Society. We have also added Section 24(a) - Appointment of administrator. In the meantime, we have removed Section 26 - Dissolution by court since this provision is no longer necessary with the new Section 23(a) in effect. Penalties under Section 35 has also been removed which means that instead of going to court, fines and fees will be levied. The 'Explanation' under Section 37 has been considered redundant and hence was removed. In Section 40, we have started the conditions with, "Notwithstanding such repeal any society registered in any place"

Pu Speaker, we have 2829 Nos. registered societies in Mizoram out of which 578 are being dissolved with 193 court cases pending. Finally, there might be typos in the paper which I apologies for beforehand and I request the hon'ble members to participate in earnest in the discussion and to pass the Bill, thank you.

SPEAKER : The members will have 5 minutes each and we will start with Pu Chawngtinthanga.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA: Pu Speaker, I would like to say a few words in support of the amendment bill.

The hon'ble Minister has just highlighted the need for insertion and removal of some sections and I am sure we are quite clear on the need to pass this Bill. In such an administration of a society, partnership or company acts, there often comes a time when amendments are needed and specific rules are required for specific purposes.

In the amendment proposal Section 23(a), you will read that it is stated as 'appeal referred to the secretary'. I am positive that this is a typing mistake and I hope it will be corrected. I would advise revision of Sections 18 and 35 as well since they are both mentions about penalty and their extent of punishment prescribed appear to conflict a little. In conclusion, I request all the members to pass the Bill, thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga and then Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, this is a very important Bill and one which I am deeply interested in. The Minister mentioned that we have around 2800 societies and yet we have had no cancellation or suspension provisions in the past which is very grave and sad at the same time. However, I am pleased that the hon'ble Minister is quick to note the lacking and weakness of the Act and has immediately proposed an amendment for better administration.

I am happy that the new amendment will regulate and control the actions of the societies from now because more often than not, our societies have a tendency to stray and digress from their objectives and aims. This led them into problems in terms of management of funds etc.

We have a very good set of rules and it is imperative that the government maintain these rules fairly and firmly. Pu Chairman, the amendment proposed the deletion of Section 26 and yet in the 'dissolution by the registrar' mentioned in the Section 27(2) is based on the 26th Section. I think this Clause should also be deleted as well. I support the Bill in general and I hope it will be passed in the House, thank you.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Chairman, I commend the hon'ble Minister for the neat and precise preparation of the document for perusal.

Regarding the 'suspension of registration' mentioned in the Section 8(a) the maximum period of suspension is 3 months and it can be revoked only after the expiry of 45 days. I am concerned that the amendment might be made to seem like the 3 months suspension is mandatory. Reasons for suspension may differ and could even be something which may be corrected easily. If that is the case the purpose of suspension would no longer stand and they could be penalized for an unfair amount of time. Can they not be given a chance to file for an appeal? I hope the hon'ble Minister will clarify the matter to us later.

The 26th Section has now been proposed for deletion which means the power of the court would be taken up by the registrar. And yet, if we look at Section 24(1) it says that the 'government may direct the registrar to move the court of dissolution of the society.' this could

be a conflict between the provisions. I would like to ask the Minister if he could explain the apparent contradiction. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Pu R. Lalrinawma.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, I too would like to commend the hon'ble Minister for a very neat presentation which included an elaborate Principal Act as we have requested in the past.

The hon'ble members before me have already pointed out the mistakes in the document and I will not add more in that aspect. In fact, I would like to request the members to accept those small mistakes as patent errors and allow its passage in the House without too much of a hassle.

There are some anomalies which contradict each other and some provisions that are deleted because they no longer serve a purpose. We all understand the main objective of the proposal for amendment and it is not going to have any effect financially. Thus, I invite all of you to extend your support, thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Pu Lalsawta, Minister.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Chairman, I would like to express my thankfulness to the hon'ble Minister for making the amendment proposal because any governmental work begins with a governing law.

The government utilizes these societies through the departments to work on projects more extensively and yet by the mode we are going with, it appears that none of these societies follow the guidelines and rules that bind them. They are required to have periodical returns and if they fail to submit it, their registration is liable for cancellation. As a matter of fact, there are societies which are formed purely for personal financial gains and without any regard for the laws, they operate for the assistance they would receive from the government or other financial institutions, losing sight of the real objectives and reasons. We are even unable to confirm if they are still functional or not.

Therefore, it is pleasing to see that the hon'ble Minister has realized the grave need for a law that would steer the functions of the society. This is an indication that this government is trying to step forward and engender progress. It is also good to see how the hon'ble members are not taking things lying down and how vigilant they are. Law making is no mean feat and it is a very serious and arduous task therefore, I am deeply impressed by the interest they have taken. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Nirupam Chakma.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, there are some rules that, I feel, should be incorporated in the Mizoram Society Registration Act, 2005.

Among the subjects that could be registered as a society, there is no mention of registration for Religious Society although the parent Society Registration Act, 1860 makes full allowance. I have sought advice from the law experts and law secretary but it is simply deleted in the Mizoram Society Registration Act, 2005. There will come a time when religious societies would want to make a registration and if the parent act allows it, there should be no reason for it to be disallowed in the new act.

Furthermore, I am confident that the amendment will be passed here today. But there will certainly be societies that do not fully follow the rules at this time. Therefore, I feel that they should be given time to adjust and rectify their system of functionality to comply with the amended law.

Pu Speaker, in cases of submission of proposals for Bill amendments, apart from having discussions in the session the hon'ble Ministers should give the members notices beforehand so that they will be able to suggest provisions to be added or deleted before passing it in the House..(SPEAKER: You are all given the documents 4 days before the session but most of you neglect to study it. If you have suggestions, you would address it through the Secretary). Anyway, I hope the members will be able to study them in the future, thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, this is a very big amendment and the seriousness of it is fully acceptable yet I feel that it is still hardly satisfactory. The 26th Section will now be omitted but there is still a reference to it in Section 27(2). The penalty mentioned in 18 is reiterated in 35 with a difference in the extent.

On page 6, I do not see the point of cancelling a registration if the society was already dissolved. The main Act has been passed in 2005 and was in effect with the issuance of Gazette Notification and yet on the Section 2(3) it states that the amendment will be effective from October 20th, 2005. 7 years have already passed and hence I think we should omit Section 3.

Some of the members have extended their support but I am concerned that we might pass an incomplete Bill. Therefore, I request the hon'ble Minister to withdraw his proposal for now and introduce it again after a more careful study. If we pass it as it is right now, it would be a mistake. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now invite the hon'ble Minister to express his opinion on the observations of the members. If he so chooses, he will request for passage if not, he may ask the House for a reintroduction.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as a layman elected to this office there are many people who thinks that we are ignorant and uninterested in the technical affairs of the government. However, I am profoundly impressed and grateful to the members for their astute and intelligent observations here today.

I request your permission sir, to accept the mistakes made in the document as patent errors and to correct it afterwards. The Bill is sorely needed today as it affects many cases. Therefore, without further ado, I humbly request the approval of the House to pass "The Mizoram Societies Registration (Amendment) Act, 2005." Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister has asked for the passing of the Bill. (Pu Nirupam Chakma: Religious Society...) Religious Societies are not considered wholly as societies in the sense that they are not institutions of economic development by the Government of India although they are in some ways.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, I understand the concept but there is no provision for Religious Society registration in Mizoram. Where should they register themselves?

SPEAKER : You should refer it under cooperative rules.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the main Act No.7 listed the subjects that can be registered while it also did not say that Religious Society cannot be registered.

SPEAKER : It does not say that it cannot be registered.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, if the purpose of the society to be registered is considered as development oriented, it is automatically eligible for registration.

SPEAKER : Exactly, the purpose must be considered development oriented.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, the Buddhist Association was registered under the 1860 Act but it cannot be registered under the amended Act.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister has asked us to permit the mistakes in the document as patent errors to be rectified afterwards. Can we allow it? (Yes).

All those in favour of passing "The Mizoram Societies Registration (Amendment) Act, 2005", say 'yes'.

The House has unanimously passed the "The Mizoram Societies Registration (Amendment) Act, 2005."

We have concluded our business for the day. The session will be resumed the day after tomorrow, on 20.7.2012 at 10:30 A.M.

Sitting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.