

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SIXTEENTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 4th APRIL, 2013
(TIME 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

1. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce 'Mahatma Gandhi University Bill, 2013'

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 : But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me.

Psalms 40:17

The members absent today are, Pu Nirupam Chakma and Pu John Siamkunga. We will take up Legislative Business straightaway, let us invite Pu Lalsawta, Minister to request permission to introduce 'The Mahatma Gandhi University Bill, 2013' in the House.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : With your permission sir, and the consent of the House, I request your approval to introduce, 'The Mahatma Gandhi University Bill, 2013'

SPEAKER : We shall allow him to introduce the Bill.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : I, hereby introduce 'The Mahatma Gandhi University Bill, 2013' in the House.

SPEAKER : You may now move the Bill for discussion.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, this is going to be a self financing private university and the state will have to spend no fund in its set up since it will have a sponsor in Vivekananda Institute of Computer Education Society.

Pu Speaker, the traditional mode of education is no longer dependable for most students in this day and age and this university will open new avenues in the subjects of life sciences, medical, information technology, engineering and finances and accounting. In any case, even if we pass this Bill today, the sponsor will have to make another request to the state government for establishment. What we have to do right now is to see if it falls within the parameters and guidelines advised by AICTE and UGC. Finally, there are some spelling mistakes and errors in the Bill which we will hopefully be able to clarify after the discussion.

SPEAKER : You have also given no page numbers.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : I apologise profusely for these simple mistakes but I assure you that when it will be given to the press for publication, all these mistakes will be corrected and hence I request the members to accept them as patent

errors. I request the House to pass my Bill, 'The Mahatma Gandhi University Bill, 2013.' Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister has provided the necessary explanations, the members will be given 5 minutes each to express their opinions. Let us start with Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I think we should be very cautious in considering this Bill. Apart from certification and approval by the UGC, there are essential criteria which it has to fulfill. I have no idea where their headquarters is and I would like to have a better insight into the sponsor – 'Lever Canada Institute of Computer Education Society' if the hon'ble Minister would care to enlighten me.

I recently visited our infrastructure at Tanhril and I am amazed to see such improvement. There are several courses such as mass communication, engineering, architecture etc which are newly introduced at MZU. However, their main problem is the lack of students applying for these courses. There are hardly any students admitted for this course even though it is a free course provided by the government. So we have to consider that this will also be an issue at ICFAI. Also, there could be a problem in providing quality education due to lack of candidates applying for the post of professor. Most of the teachers at ICFAI are recruited on contract basis.

Also, when leasing the land for the building of these institutions, it should be leased on a probationary period.

We should also make a condition where 80% of the hired staff should be locals providing they are qualified for the job.

Lastly I would like our hon'ble Minister to give us a more detailed description on our sponsor Vivekananda Institute of Computer Education Society. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalrinawma followed by Mahima

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, while I do support having a new university I would like to highlight one point where I feel that we should tread more

carefully. In chapter-2 clause-7 sub-clause (h) it reads ‘to receive donations and gifts of any kind and to acquire, hold, manage, maintain, lease, mortgage and dispose of any moveable or immovable property’. Since there is no definition of immovable property given, this can be taken in any context and as such we should add ‘Accordance with relevant laws of the State’ so that the State can have the final say in the matter in the meanwhile preserving our land. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Joseph Lalhimpua

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. While I do support this Bill I have a couple of concerns which I’d like to highlight. Since this intended university is also under AICTE, will it clash with our own university since they will be offering similar courses such as skill development course which we have under our Polytechnic institutions.

Secondly, I believe we require more information on our sponsor Vivekananda Institute of Computer Education Society. We should make sure they are UGC approved and recognized so that there are no issues for students later on. So I would like to request our hon’ble Minister to provide more information about Vivekananda Institute of Computer Education Society. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga, followed by Pu T.T. Zothansanga and Pu H. Zothangliana

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. While Mahatma Gandhi University Bill is an important bill, we should consider the fact that will they be able to find students to enroll at their university. Also does this university have the approval and recognition from UGC?

Regarding the sponsor, Vivekananda Institute of Computer Education Society, we have to ask the question who are they and where are they from. We have to consider their reason for wanting to open a university, their reasons, purpose and agendas.

As for the subjects offered, out of the 16 offered 10 of them are already offered by MZU. I believe the subject offered should be more in line with the requirement of our students.

Section 46 clause-1 states that “If the sponsor proposes dissolution of the University in accordance with the law governing its constitution or incorporation, it shall give at least three months notice in writing to the State government”. I believe the notice period is too short for students to make plans. On 4 it reads “In consultation with the AICTU, UGC and other regulatory bodies”, what other regulatory bodies are they talking about. Does this mean that they might not follow UGC norms? I believe we have to look into these matters before passing this Bill.

Lastly I would like to request our hon’ble Minister to give us more detailed information on the sponsors and I suggest a Select Committee should be created to look into the above concerns that I have voiced. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, the university states that it shall establish an endowment fund of at least ₹50 lakhs where 75% will be allotted for development works and 25% will be reinvested into the endowment fund which I believe is not enough compared to ICFAI who had a starting capital of ₹30 crores. They are planning to function on general fund, contribution and fees. I am concerned that the students will suffer the consequence by way of higher fees and other contributions.

Also, the Board of Management will consist of 10 members with 1 member representing Mizoram. Since the Board members will have absolute power over the administration, it will be in our best interest to have more representatives from Mizoram.

Moving on to page 9, Section 7(e), University powers includes ‘to determine demand and receive fees, bills invoices and collect charges to fulfill the object of the University’. I have some reservations regarding this as they can exploit the students by charging exorbitant fees and other expenses.

I do not see any clear objectives of the University and cannot help the feeling that they might see Mizoram as a place to invest rather than provide and promote education. I do question their motives and reliability after careful study.

This is not to say that I do not support the Bill. Instead I would like a thorough study of the sponsors and their intentions while keeping a strict vigilance. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu H. Zothangliana

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. This University Bill is without doubt very impressive in theory. I share the concerns voiced by the other members. However, there is a sentence in the Bill which states that a five year financial plan, programme of studies and a proposal for the university will be submitted to the State government. This can be viewed as leverage for us.

After reading the Bill, I do feel that it lacks class and quality for a University Bill as it is littered with patent errors and other mistakes. This raise suspicions from my part. For example, Page-8, Section -7 reads 'suitable for meeting the objective at clause seven of the University' even though clause-7 does not exist.

Under page-II, Section-14, 'approved by the Board of Governors' was included. However, the word 'Governor' does not exist anywhere else or the definition.

As I have mentioned, judging from the amount of errors and mistakes, I believe it does not meet our expectations for a University Bill even though the principle and objectives are impressive. It raises the suspicion that they are using this University as a front with the intention of using Mizoram as a stepping stone for other ventures.

However, as mentioned by our Law Minister, the mere passing of this Bill does not guarantee that it will be an Act unless the government gives notification. In the meantime, I suggest a more detailed and careful study and research on the sponsors is a necessity. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ramhluna followed by Pu Lalduhoma

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I would like to highlight just one point regarding the fees. It is written under UGC Guideline, 2003 that 'the admission procedure and fixation of fees shall be in accordance with the norms and guidelines prepared by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies'. It seems the UGC guidelines and the sponsor's version in respect to fees contradicts each other so it feels like the university has its own guidelines for collecting fees. I believe that this violates the UGC guidelines.

Regarding development of the main Campus of the University, some conditions are provided. Of which, I think that it is more appropriate to use the words “in accordance with the guidelines issued by the UGC” instead of “anywhere in India or abroad”. The reason is that if the guideline is not followed, UGC may not grant approval. So, it is good to be careful to that point. Besides, I would like to know if employment opportunity for the local people may be made if university has to be set up in our state. Since we have number of unemployed educated persons in our state, it will be much appreciative if there is a provision to reserve at least some percent to the local people.

Pu Speaker, the bill further defines the counseling centre as ‘a centre established and maintained for the purpose of advising’. In this regard, it may be wise to appoint a psychologist to prevent suicide among the students which frequented university campuses of other states and this happened to be one of the main concerns of the University Grant Commission. If a psychologist is appointed, psychological counseling will then be organized to concerned students on regular basis. So, Pu Speaker, I would like to know if this matter could be incorporated with that of the establishment. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I opine setting up a private university is not an urgent need of our state as we already have MZU, IGNOU, ICFAI, NIT, Polytechnic and DOEACC where as setting up of Horticulture College, Agriculture College, Medical College and Engineering College seems to be the next in line. Thus, it is important first to verify the benefit of ICFAI or else as to whether placement is provided to each successful student from such institutions. If a private university is being set up as suggested, I am afraid that this will only increase number of educated unemployment in our state.

In any case, Pu Speaker, this Bill does not concern provision for reservation of seat to sons of the soil. It is to be noted that this concerns a substantial business which may be established in our state by outsiders. Thus, it is necessary for us to determine reservation of seat for sons of the soils so that it is benefitted as much as possible. We must thoroughly examine the terms and conditions of the sponsorship before taking any further step.

Pu Speaker, Soon after the Congress party assumes this Ministry, Lord

Krishna Academy dauntlessly entered our state to set up coaching centre despite numbers of notable academies in the country. But now, the aforesaid has left Mizoram for failing to proceed any further. It is regretted to learn that some businessmen from outside frequented our state with full of confident to extent their businesses which threatens our economic stability. As pointed by Pu Lalrinawma, provisions for the said establishment should also concern for land acquisition and the Mizoram State Land Revenue Act should be followed accordingly as to when the University is dissolved, the land-holdings should be surrendered to the State Government after the purposed of land is utilized. This should also be provided in the Bill.

Here, Pu Speaker, Section 12 of the Bill mentions regarding the Visitor. Usually in the University, the President of India is the Visitor. If so, who will be the Visitor of a Private University? Again, in Clause 13 relating to Chancellor, we should have examined the terms and conditions of Chancellor of any University before we proceed to pass the Bill. Any case, I opine the wording of this Bill, 'the sponsor shall appoint a person suitable to be appointed as the Chancellor of the University which gets approved by the Visitor' is not appropriate and patent errors seen in many places should also be reviewed. Likewise, I opine broken English words used in the definition such as 'statute how made' and 'rules how made' should be altered. Again, Clause 19 (2) underlines that any of the three representatives nominated by the sponsor in the management Board will act as the Vice-chancellor. Since the nominated is an ordinary member, I opine it is not appropriate for him to act as Vice-chancellor when Vice-chancellor is absent.

To conclude my speech, Pu Speaker, I strongly criticize this Bill as it is not an urgent task. If we have to pass it, priority may be given to the aforesaid points raised by the members. So, it is good to refer the case to a Select Committee for further examination. Thank you.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I have meticulously examined this Bill as it concerns setting up of Mahatma Gandhi University in our state. The bill is presented by the department of Higher & Technical Education. I believe this bill deserved to be treated as the most incomplete one among 5 bills which have been laid in the House this session. The estimate amount of this Bill is ₹50 lakh only and I am afraid that it is of a Commercial Institution. If it is passed, closed attention may be given by concerned authority otherwise it may ruin the future of the up-coming youths in our state. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, Pu Lalsawta, Minister to wind up the resolution. We will hear his decision as to whether the bill is withdrawn or to be referred to a Select Committee or beg the House to pass it.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I am thankful to listen to informative suggestions made by the members. It is true that numbers of errors are there as it is also known by the department as well. As pointed out earlier, drafting a bill is not an easy task and it needs some experts. I also have pointed out when I moved this Bill that it is incomplete to pass it due to errors frequently found in the context. I am regretted to mention that unforeseen reason might have come in the process.

Regarding ICFAI, Pu Speaker, various shortages is highlighted in the National Newspapers. We have even summoned to appear before the state authority and the allegations proved to be true as the whole setup had been messed up. Shri Vargheesa is the Vice-Chancellor and Esther Lalruatkimi is one of the Governors and we have even instructed them to continue with it since numbers of students remains under the institution. Despite the instruction, they moved to Lunglei and setup the same after obtaining permission of the government. However, UGC objected to do so since it concerns academic. Pu Speaker, if the bill is passed, it will be necessary to fix the effected date. Thus, it may be fixed after five years. Although I did not consult the Leader of the House or other ministers, I opine it is better to refer the case to the Select Committee. I, therefore, request the House to do so as mentioned for further examination. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister begged the House to refer the case to the Select Committee.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, please allow me to request Leader of the House to say what he want to say in this regard as it is inappropriate for me to finalize the case.

SPEAKER : If so, the Leader of the House may take his time.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. There are many things to say since it concerns the welfare of our youths. As we have experienced with ICFAI, this matter needs careful consideration. The experts recommended establishment of ICFAI University since they are said to have good

infrastructure. But unfortunately, the owner of the Institution passed away and his son is not interest to continue with it which consequently brought problems to the system. Regarding this Bill, concerned minister asked to refer it to the select committee as I have the same opinion with it. I think it is good for the members too to agree with it. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : If so, the bill shall be referred to the Select Committee. But as per Rule No.242 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of the Business in the Mizoram Legislative Assembly, the Minister in-charge shall be an ex-officio Member to the Select Committee. With reference to the Select Committee, the Minister shall move to the House as a Motion. Now, we will take a short break and our business will be resumed at 12:45 p.m.

12:45 P.M.

SPEAKER : As per Rule No.242 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mizoram Legislative Assembly, the hon'ble Minister wants to refer the bill to the Select Committee as I have received an application in this regard. So, let us call upon him to move the reason why he wants to refer the Bill to the Select Committee and also to move members whom he wants to propose to be the member of the select Committee.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as I have submitted an application to refer the Bill to the Select Committee as per Rule No.242 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mizoram Legislative Assembly, I propose the following members for the selection Committee: -

- Pu R. Lalrinawma, Chairman
- Pu Lalsawta, ex-officio Member
- Pu C. Ramhluna, Member
- Pu S. Laldingliana, Member
- Pu K, Liantlinga, Member
- Pu H. Zothangliana, Member
- Dr. Ngurdingliana, Member

Pu Speaker, I ask each group Leaders who have given much interest in the discussion, their understanding for they were not being appointed as member of the Select committee. But I proposed one member to represent each political party. Pu

Speaker, I also request the Select Committee to present the report on or before the next session of this Assembly. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister proposed the following to be the members of the Select Committee such as: -

Pu R. Lalrinawma, Chairman
 Pu Lalsawta, Minister an ex-officio member
 Pu C. Ramhluna, member
 Pu S. Laldingliana, member
 Pu K. Liantlinga, member
 H. Zothangliana, member
 Dr. Ngurdingliana, member

Do we agree? (MEMBERS: Yes.) The House accepted the proposal of members for the Select Committee. As stated by the hon'ble Minister, any other members of the House may be invited to the Select Committee.

Now, we have completed our business for the last day of our session. I would like to give a report to the House, the summary of business transacted during this Thirteen Session.

This Session is the Thirteen Session of the Sixth Mizoram Legislative Assembly. It is a Budget Session. The session is held for fifteen days as directed by BAC. Due to Government Bill, it is extended one more day. So, it is for sixteen days. Discussion of our Budget for the ear 2013-2014 is concluded as this is the last day of our Session. The businesses transacted during this session are as follow: -

I. QUESTIONS

Starred Questions-

b) Number of starred Questions	-	647
c) Questions admitted	-	589
d) Questions rejected	-	58
e) Appears in the list of business	-	260
f) No. of answer given in the House	-	95
g) No. of answer not given in the House	-	165

Unstarred Questions

a) No. of Questions	-	59
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b) Questions admitted	-	45
c) Questions rejected	-	14
d) Question converted from Starred question	-	279

All Questions are being answered. The House thanks to all departments for answering to the Questions.

II. GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

This session, being a Budget Session, His Excellency the Governor of Mizoram addressed the House. Motion of Thanks to the Governor's Address is moved by Dr. Ngurdingliana. Pu K. Lianzuala seconds the Motion of Thank. Eighteen Members took part in the discussion.

Pu Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister clarified the discussion. After that, Dr. Ngurdingliana winds up the discussion and the House Passed the Motion of Thanks to the Governor's Address.

III. PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

The under-mentioned members are being appointed for the Panel of Chairmen:

1. Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala
2. Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte
3. Pu P.P. Thawla
4. Pu Lalthansanga

IV. STATEMENT BY A MINISTER

Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister presented a statement to the House on five persons being kidnapped by NLTF at Chikha village, Mamit District in which number of Arms and Ammunitions seized at Sangchia Hotel, Zarkawt and also near Lengpui village.

V. CALLING ATTENTION MOTION

Pu Lalduhoma taken up a Calling Attention Motion on the problem caused to public by construction of Aizawl to Mizoram University road and public strike observed by Dental Surgeons of NRHM.

VI. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET

Pu H. Liansailova, Minister of Finance Department presented to the House the following Demands: -

- a) Supplementary Demands for the year 2012-2013.
- b) Supplementary Demands for regularization of excess expenditure during 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.
- c) Annual Budget for the year 2013-2014 with allied papers.

VII. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

The following Reports are presented to the House: -

1. Pu R. Romawia, hon'ble Speaker - The Thirteenth and Fourteenth Report of Business Advisory Committee.
2. Pu Lalthansanga, Chairman - Fifth Report of the Committee on Government Assurance Committee.
3. Pu K. Lalrinthanga, Chairman of Subject Committee:-
 - a) Fifth Report relating to Public Health Engineering Department (Greater Aizawl water supply Scheme Phase-II)
 - b) Sixth Report relating to Agriculture Department (Watershed Development Project in Shifting cultivation Areas and Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil palm and Maize).
 - c) Seventh Reports relating to Tourism department (Tourist Lodge, Chalfilh).
4. Pu K. Lianzuala, Chairman - First report of committee on Estimates relating to Public Works Department on Pradan Mantri Gramsadak Yojana (PMGSY).
5. Pu Joseph Lalhimpua, Chairman - Second Report of subject Committee-1 relating to Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana Scheme (RGGVY) under Power & Electricity Department.
6. Pu C. Ramhluna, Chairman, PAC: -
 - a) Twentieth Report on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Taxation Department.
 - b) Twenty First Report on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2006-2007 relating to Power & Electricity Department.
 - c) Twenty Second Report on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2004-2005 relating to Food, Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs Department.

- d) Twenty Third Report on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department.
 - e) Twenty Fourth Report on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Horticulture Department.
7. Pu Lalrobiaka, Chairman - First Report of Subject committee-111 on SSA, RMSA and Midday Meal Schemes relating to School Education Department.

VIII. LAYING OF PAPERS

The following are laid on the Table of the House-

- a) The Mizoram Information Commission Annual Report (2011-2012) April 2012- March 2012)
- b) The Mizoram Local Funds (Accounts & Audit) Rules, 2012.
- c) The Correction of Schedule of Demands and Appropriation for the year 2013 - 2014 appearing at page (i) & (ii) in the Demands for Grants 2013 - 2014.
- d) The Report of the Examiners of Local Fund Accounts on the accounts of Local Bodies (Village Council within CADDC, Champhai District and Mamit District) for the year ended 31st March, 2012.
- e) Statement of Actions taken by the Government against Committee on Public Undertakings further recommendation contain in the Second Report, 2012 relating to MAMCO Ltd. for the year 1998-1999 and 1999-2000.
- f) The Twenty Seventh Report of Khaidi and Village Industries Board 2011-2012.
- g) The statement on six monthly review of the Finance Minister on the fiscal position of the Government of Mizoram for the first half of 2011-2012 (April, 2011- September, 2011).
- h) The Twenty first Annual Report of the Mizoram Public Service Commission 2011-2012.
- i) The Education Policy of Mizoram, 2013.

In this session, we have a number of bills more than expected. So, BAC decided to extend one more day. This session is held up to 4.4.2013.

IX. BILLS

During this session, Eight Government Bills are received, such as: -

1. The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2013.
2. The Mizoram Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2013.
3. The Mizoram Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2013.
4. The Mizoram Entertainment Bill, 2013.
5. The Mizoram Fire Services Bill, 2013.
6. The Mizoram Animal Slaughter Bill, 2013.
7. The Mizoram Land Revenue Bill, 2013.
8. The Mahatma Gandhi University Bill, 2013.

Among these Bills, 7 are passed by the House but Mahatma Gandhi University Bill, 2013 was being referred to the Select Committee. Governor's assent had been received from Sl. No.1 - 4. Besides, Governor's assent on "The Mizoram Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2012" which had been passed by the House in the Twelfth Session has also been received.

A Private Member's Bill on "The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees (Amendment) Bill, 2013 raised by Pu K. Liantlinga was received and rejected by the House after discussion.

X. RESOLUTIONS

In this Session, 135 Nos. of Private Members' Resolutions were received out of which 63 Nos. were rejected and 73 Nos. being admitted. Among the admitted, three of them were discussed and adopted by the House.

XI. PASSING OF DEMANDS

Various Demands raised by the Ministers were discussed and passed by the House.

We now come to the last day of our session without any break. Your earnest participation in the discussion will hopefully bring a good result for our state as well as for the people.

In this Session, I thank our new member Dr. Ngurdingliana of Chalfilh Assembly Constituency has joined the Assembly Session.

It is also grateful that we are able to observe obituary references. The whole sitting period of this session is 76.6 hrs. I also thank to all departments for their efforts for a smooth functioning of this session especially to the Parliamentary Affairs

Department and Assembly Secretariat. I wish each of them to perform the same in the coming Sessions.

Before this session is adjourned, Pu H. Liansailova, Minister has to say something.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am not sure if it is a common practice that I take advantage of Zero hour.

Dinner will be hosted by the hon'ble House Leader or Speaker or Finance Minister for this session is extended for one day. We, the Horticulture Department invited all members with their spouses to share a dinner with us by the evening, the 3rd April. No invitation card is sent to the members for it is more convenience to give information in the House. All members are requested to bring your spouse to the dinner and also to witness a new building of the Centre of Excellence constructed by the department of Horticulture at Thiak and will be inaugurated by the hon'ble Chief Minister, the hon'ble Speaker and the hon'ble Home Minister. So, all members are requested to witness the programme at 4:00 p.m. this evening. The inaugural programme will then be followed by a dinner at Hmuifang. The Department will be very happy if the invitation is made successful. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We may not forget that staffs of the Assembly Secretariat are the most hard-working staff for this session.....

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the dinner is prepared to accommodate all staffs of the Assembly Secretariat as they are owners of the Assembly. All of them are requested to join the dinner.

SPEAKER : We may come to the dinner by buses. I request the members of the House to return corrected copy of your speech sent to you by the Assembly Secretariat within 15 days. If not, your speeches cannot be typed. After that, the verbatim proceedings are translated into English and sent to Parliament and to all other states of India. Within Mizoram too, the copy is sent to all members and other officials. I, therefore, request you all to give importance to my request for smooth functioning of the Assembly Secretariat.

A hymn enters my mind, I do not know if it is a common practice. But

let me read it out.

“Thou Art, our Lord, our God,
Thy name be glorified in the highest;
As we come and bow before you,
Lend thy ears to our prayers;
As the people gather
To decide our future,
Give us great wisdom,
Be the ruler of our fate”.

Sitting is adjourned *Sine die*. (1:00 p.m)