

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR THIRD SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2013  
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

**QUESTIONS**

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

**CALLING ATTENTION MOTION**

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

**LAYING OF PAPERS**

3. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to lay on the table of the House a copy of "Mizoram Information Commission Annual Report 2011-2012 (April 2011-March 2012)".
4. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of "The Mizoram Local Funds (Accounts and Audit) Rules, 2012".

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

5. **Pu ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Entertainment Tax 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** : Look on me and answer, LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,

Psalms 13:3

Without further ado, we will start immediately with question hour. Let us invite Pu Duhoma to ask starred question No. 21 which he shared with Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Leader of the House be pleased to state: -

- a) What is the estimate for construction of Vaivakawn to Mizoram University road?
- b) What is the estimate for widening, pavement construction and Culvert, side drains, etc?
- c) What is the total estimate? Who is the contractor? Did they follow the protocol? How many tippers and truck do they use as instructed by the agreement?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister may answer the question.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answers are as follows:

- a) The estimate amount is ₹ 1907.64 lakhs.
- b) ₹ 2.99 crores is allocated for widening. ₹ 9.15 for pavement and ₹ 576,22,544 for side drains and culverts.
- c) The total estimate is ₹ 19.07 crores. Widening is undertaken by GP Projects Ltd., Silchar; pavement by Sunshine Overseas Pvt. Ltd., Tuikhuahtlang, Aizawl. The contractors follow the agreements as much as possible and they are using 3 JCBs and 15 Tippers.

**SPEAKER** : We will invite supplementary questions from Pu Lalduhoma and Pu R. Lalrinawma.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, for the purpose of the construction, the nearby villages are very helpful and they have knocked down buildings as necessary. The MUP building was also knocked down although it was completed only recently. I request the government to allow them to work parts of the side drains and culverts to save up for construction of a new MUP building.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrinawma.

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : I would like to know if the government has any intention to black-top the newly constructed Muthi road and Aizawl-Lunglei road.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Hmingdailova. In the meantime, please adhere strictly to the subject in question.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE** : What is the estimate amount of compensation for the construction of Serkhan-Bagha road? Why have they stopped the construction?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lal Thanhawla, hon'ble Chief Minister may provide what answers he can.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : DPR is being prepared for black-topping of Muthi road as we speak. I would like to assure the hon'ble member, Pu Lalduhoma that the department will think of something to compensate for the MUP building. At the same time, we cannot thank the people of the surrounding areas enough for their cooperation and assistance as well as their patience and understanding.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma may ask his starred question No. 22.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for PWD be pleased to state –  
a) What is the estimate for construction of Ramrikawn – Sihmui road?  
b) When will the work be commenced?

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Chief Minister may react to the question.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we are extremely eager to start the construction but the people along the road demanded compensations which were not sanctioned in the original estimate. We have sent field officers to verify their claims and we hope to commence work shortly in the future.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : He did not answer the estimate amount. It is deeply saddening that some people are always trying to take advantage of government projects for their personal gains. I think I echo the collective sentiment of the area in encouraging the government to verify their claims. I would also like to know the estimated amount for the compensation component as well.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Liantlinga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, it is not unusual to hear about people claiming compensation nowadays which is also one of the major hindrances in accomplishment of works on time. In the meantime, when we receive compensations, we are technically selling our lands to the government. Can this be stopped by taking over the lands by renting, instead of selling it out right? We will have sold all our lands very soon if this system is continued.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : We have received a sanction of ₹5309.31 lakhs from the Ministry of Urban Development through the JNNURM program. We will invite only restricted tender to avoid unnecessary problems. I agree with Pu Liantlinga regarding our general idea of compensation. Corruption has been deeply embedded in our society now and it is clear that we are going to face the issue of compensation in this project as well which is profoundly saddening.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call upon Pu K. Lianzuala to ask his starred question No.23.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Pu Speaker, will the Minister for Sports & Youth Services be pleased to state –

How many sports Centre are proposed for construction to promote sports among the youths during this Ministry?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Zodintluanga, the concerned Minister shall answer the question.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, 6 Sports Centres are proposed for construction. They are –

- 1) Regional Sports Training Centre at Saidan.
- 2) Mini Sports Complex at Muallungthu.
- 3) Sports Training Centre at Phulpui.
- 4) Mini Sports Complex at Lengpui.
- 5) Sports Training Centre at Lunglei which has already been completed.
- 6) Boys' Hockey Academy at Kawnpui.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary questions from Pu K. Lianzuala, then Col. Sangzuala.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Pu Speaker, I commend the hon'ble Minister for sports in his dedication and foresight. I would like to know if it would be possible to have a sports field in each constituency. Secondly, the construction of Chhiahtlang football field has been abandoned for some time now. Is the department going to complete the construction?

**SPEAKER** : Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala.

**Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA** : I heard that there is a proposal to construct a modified amphitheater at Tlangnuam. Is this true?

I would also like to know the progress made in the construction of Indoor Stadium at Kawltheihuan, Mission Veng.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister to provide the answers.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we are hoping to construct sports centre at many of the villages apart from the constituencies. I will take a look at the Chhiahtlang field and take necessary actions.

We have prepared a DPR for the modified version of the amphitheater and we are awaiting sanction from the Ministry of Urban Development. Seeing the improvements and progress made by Mizo boys in table tennis, we are going to build a centre for the sport at Kawltheihuan and we already have the necessary funds. The building will be multi-storeyed to accommodate weightlifting and contact sports as well.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Liantlinga may ask the next question No. 24.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Soil & Water Conservation be pleased to state –

- a) How much funds has been deposited in the three accounts during 2010-2011 and 2011-2012?
- b) If they are deposited in 3 accounts, are they all released now?

**SPEAKER** : Let us expect the answers from the hon'ble Minister, Pu J.H. Rothuama.

**Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the three deposits are made in separate accounts and the total amount is ₹445.330 lakhs. All the funds are withdrawn and released from these accounts.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu K. Liantlinga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, part of the funds are said to be used for construction of broom godown all over the state. I would like to know if the funds from the three accounts are used for its intended purpose and how many godowns have been constructed.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister to give the answer.

**Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the funds from the three accounts are used for the following –

- i) Vairengte Departmental Nursery.
- ii) Hortoki PPP mode; private Pu Lalramzauva s/o Lalrema, Hortoki.
- iii) Borai Departmental Nursery.
- iv) Borai, PPP mode; Private Pu H.T. Lalnuntluanga s/o Hrangzuala Borai.
- v) Rangte Departmental Nursery.
- vi) Bualte PPP mode.
- vii) Private Pu Hrangzika s/o Lalbuaia (L) Electric Veng Lunglei.

The amount of ₹40 lakhs under the NLUP was utilized for the said purposes, ₹30 lakhs for establishment of rubber plantation, ₹10 lakhs for the establishment of coffee plantation in different districts.

₹194.491 lakhs was spent on RVP and FPR watershed project in the following manners: -

i) Khawiva, Lunglei	-	₹ 48.643
ii) Hmuiva, Lunglei	-	₹ 46.39
iii) Kanhmun	-	₹ 33.32
iv) Kanhmun, Langkaih	-	₹ 25.902
v) Mamit	-	₹ 40.236
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>₹194.491.</b>

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred question No.25.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Sports & Youth Services be pleased to state –

- a) How many qualified sports doctors do we have in Mizoram?
- b) Is there any intention to recruit sports doctors recently?

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER :** The answers is: -

- a) We have only one qualified sports doctor.
- b) We are resolving necessary cases for his immediate recruitment.

**SPEAKER :** Supplementary question from Pu K. Liantlinga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA :** The doctor has finished his training in 2011 but there is no rush to recruit him even on a temporary basis from the government. I would like to know if he could be recruited immediately on a contract basis for the time being and then he can be regularized later.

Also, the meager amount of only ₹125 lakhs is allocated for the promotion and development of sports in the budget. This Ministry has declared in its manifesto that sports would be one of the major focuses of the government. Can you allocate more funds then?

**SPEAKER :** Pu Zodintluanga, hon'ble Minister may answer the question.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** I understand the hon'ble member's concern but we have to follow the rules for recruitment regarding the sports doctor because the central has laid down a separate recruitment rules. In the meantime, we are doing our best to recruit him as a regular.

**SPEAKER :** Is there anything the House Leader would like to add?

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER :** The doctor in question is a good person and is very dedicated to his work even though he receives no salary in the process. I am pleased by the pressure from the opposition to regularize him as we sorely need a sports doctor immediately. Therefore, I will make sure that he is given an appointment as soon as possible after this assembly is over.

**SPEAKER :** Let us now invite Pu K. Lalrinthanga to ask his starred question.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA :** Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Sports & Youth Services be pleased to state – How many astro-turfs field being set up in Mizoram?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Answer to starred question No. 26 is: – The astro-turf has been laid in three sports grounds such as: -

- a) AR Ground, Aizawl.
- b) Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Mualpui, Aizawl.
- c) Thuamluaia Mual Football Ground, Lunglei.

**SPEAKER** : We will expect supplementary questions from Pu K. Lalrinthanga, Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte and Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Speaker, I would like to know the plans and vision of the sports department for the development and promotion of sports.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE** : Pu Speaker, I would like to know if the Minister could alter the estimate amount for fencing since the original estimate was insufficient. I also request the hon'ble Minister to take a look at the road running alongside the playground and take necessary actions to repair it since it is a very busy road.

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

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : What is the progress on the proposal to lay an astro turf at Champhai Chhangphut field? What is the progress on the proposal to construct a race track at Champhai Zotlang? There is a good playground site at Hnahtthial and we have requested the department to take a look. When will you send engineers and experts to upgrade the field?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Zodintluanga, hon'ble Minister may answer what he can.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : The department is planning to lay astro-turfs at Kawnpui Hockey Academy and Thenzawl Hockey ground. I will take a look at the fencing estimate once we know our budget. I have already provided an answer to Pu T.T. Zothansanga's question regarding Chhangphut field. We have submitted the DPR to the central and we are awaiting the sanction.



**SPEAKER** : Pu P.P. Thawla to ask starred question No. 27.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for PWD be pleased to state –

- a) When will the Tongkolong-Lomasu road, under PMGSY be undertaken?
- b) What is the distance in kilometers?
- c) What is the estimate and how many groups has it been divided into?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister to answer the question.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : We cannot determine specifically when the work would be initiated but we are inviting tenders and it will be undertaken shortly. The length of the PMGSY road is 27.50 kilometers.

**SPEAKER** : The question hour has ended with that answer. Please note that the following hon'ble members are unable to attend the session today: – Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, Pu R.L. Pianmawia, Pu Nirupam Chakma, Dr. R. Lalthangliana and Dr. Ngurdingliana.

The hon'ble member, Pu Lalduhoma has submitted a Calling Attention motion referring our Rules No.59. Let us now give him the stand to explain and elaborate why the motion is availed.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, I thank you for the chance to call the House to attention. The Motion is in connection to the Vaivakawn-University road construction which was mentioned earlier. The people residing in the surrounding areas are profoundly grateful that the construction of this road has been taken up by the government. They willingly give their support to the department and are not reluctant even to sacrifice parts of their lands to have a good road. However, as we are all aware, the construction cannot but create numerous problems to the people living nearby and I have called this motion to discuss the alternatives and solutions to mitigate the dilemmas facing the people concerned.

Firstly, the contractors should be notified to utilize the number of machines and engines they have promised to use in the agreement. Unless they employ the required number of machineries, the construction will apparently be delayed by days and days. Therefore, I think that the field officers overseeing the work should be more active in doing spot verifications and checking. If the contractors fail to complete the work by the stipulated time, the people using the roads are definitely going to face hardships during the coming rainy season.

The department proposed to widen several parts of the road and they have planted red flags in the suggested places when the construction was begun. However, when the construction was actually commenced, most of these suggested places of widening were overlooked and the width of the road remained the same. The work was done seemingly without referring to the original plan and most of the promises made beforehand were breached or ignored. At the onset of the undertaking, the department led us to believe that the people whose lands would be affected would be allowed to construct retaining walls in their respective land areas. But due to communication gaps the local residents have no idea on how to approach the department in this regard.

There is an area prone to landslide along the road which was not included in the estimate. Landslide has occurred time and time again in this particular area between Vaivakawn and Chhangurkawn. It has affected 19 families and most of them have abandoned their homes in the process. The landlords have constructed retaining walls under the departmental estimates and although they have undertaken the construction without any thought of profit, it is clear that it would not be enough come monsoon season. I, therefore, would like to request the department to provide them with other contract such as drainage construction to recover their losses because a revision of the estimate will definitely be required anyway since the landslide is an unprecedented mishap.

Furthermore, the dust raised by the construction is unbearable for the residents. I know it was not included in the estimate but I request the department to notify the contractors to spray water from time to time to lessen dust. Another effect of the construction is pipe damage which could not be averted since the PHE did not mark the places where they have buried the pipes. We have suggested to the affected families to submit their maintenance fees to the local council instead of submitting complaints to the PHE which takes too long for repairs.

Finally, there are two roads to the University one of which is proposed for a four lane. In the meantime, the landslide prone area is the main obstacle in the construction and it will also be the major cause of problems in the future. Therefore, I would like to suggest a construction of a huge drain up to Sairang village over which a concrete bridge can be laid. Unless this area is tackled appropriately, it will remain a ceaseless impediment for the road.

**SPEAKER** : The aforementioned problem can probably be solved by constructing a box culvert reaching about 15 metres similar as the one used in Sonapur Bridge.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Even though some of the problems and complaints voiced by our respected member can be explained, I would like to suggest a site tour of the said area after the Session is over to have a better understanding of the problem area. I suggest that all the concerned officials and persons from the Department, Ministry, Local Council, NGO and other be present at this time.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, I believe this is a perfect suggestion

**SPEAKER** : We will now call upon Pu Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister for the laying of papers titled “Mizoram Information Commission Annual Report 2011-2012 (April 2011-March 2012) before the House.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, with your permission and agreement from the House I present the “Mizoram Information Commission Annual Report 2011-2012 (April 2011-March 2012).

**SPEAKER** : Let the copies of the paper be distributed. We will now move on to Legislative Business.

We shall now invite Pu Zodintluanga, hon’ble Minister to beg to introduce “The Mizoram Entertainment Tax Bill, 2013” before the House.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, with your permission and agreement from the House I would like to introduce “The Mizoram Entertainment Tax Bill, 2013”.

**SPEAKER** : Are we in agreement for the introduction of this Bill? We shall now invite hon’ble Minister to introduce and move this Bill.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker with your permission and agreement from the House I introduce “The Mizoram Entertainment Tax Bill, 2013”.

We have been using Assam Amusement & Butting Tax Act, 1939 before the existence of this Bill with a few changes made to better suit the needs of Mizoram. It was suggested and decided that Mizoram is in need of our own Entertainment Tax Bill which leads to the preparation of this Bill. I would like to point out that there might be a few mistakes and other unsatisfactory features in this Bill and would like to apologize in advance for this.

Pu Speaker, this Bill is prepared keeping in mind the changing world and to suit the advancement in technology. The design for this Bill has been restructured and new

provisions are added to better benefit the people of Mizoram and I would like to urge the members to pass this Bill and suggest any changes where necessary. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Minister has explained his reasons for putting up this Bill. We are the only State in North East India without an entertainment Bill. We will now open the floor for discussion with 5 to 7 minutes assigned for each speaker.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, is it necessary to assign a time slot for the speakers as they will probably be a few speakers for this Bill as it is beyond our understanding for several members.

**SPEAKER** : Then there will be no allotted time. Who will start the discussion? Pu K. Liantlinga followed by Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I have mentioned and call for the introduction of this kind of Bill a few years back and I am very grateful that it is finally completed. On another note, there are several areas where the State is currently using the Acts and Bills of other north eastern states and I would like to urge the other departments to look into this so that they can be carried into State Act.

Also, I would like to make one suggestion regarding the amount of tax to be taken from entertainment and believe that it is feasible to reduce it to 5% to 10% so that event organizers will not be tempted to find a loophole in order to be exempted from entertainment tax. Lastly, I would like to pledge my support for this Bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu T.T. Zothansanga followed by Pu C. Ramhluna.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. This Bill is the 75<sup>th</sup> Assembly Bill and quite impressive and I would like to thank the Legislators and department staffs for their hard work.

Turning to page No. 9 regarding Cable TV and DTH service, I quote 'Notwithstanding anything contained in Section 5, the proprietor of a cable television network providing cable service direct to home (DTH) service shall be liable to pay entertainment tax at the rate of twenty rupees', I believe the quote '₹20 should be '20%'. '.

Also, on page No.19 (e), the phrase "that the entertainment is provided by the management if a tea estate for the benefit of labour force for which no charge for admission is

made” should be excluded as it clearly shows that the Bill is taken from the Bill of Assam. This phrase is not practical for our State as we do not have a major tea estate. I would also like to pledge my support for this Bill, Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu C. Ramhluna.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I applaud our hon’ble Minister and the department for coming up with this Bill. However, I do have one query regarding the coverage of this Bill. It states that “It shall extend to the whole of Mizoram”, does this mean that it covers all the District Councils? Or do they need to adapt before applying? Also, there are a few mistakes that I would like to point out, for example, Definition para 2(b) states residential or Non residential or Non residential. I believe the latter should be written off.

Going to page 4 sub-para (i) I believe it will be easier to put it as ‘the commissioner is appointed under Section 3 of this act’. Also, under para 7 (a) I believe the ‘s’ should be taken off from ‘Entertainments Tax’.

Under page 8, the word ‘prescribed’ should be changed to ‘prescribe’ as the sentence is in present tense. Also, under para 9, under ‘penalty for non-payment of tax’, I believe implied should be changed to complied in the sentence ‘Entertainment and the provisions of section 8 are not implied with’. If our hon’ble Minister could explain this sentence for us, it would be appreciated. The word ‘mutadis incorporate’ should be changed to ‘incorporated’.

They have also left out the ‘s’ in the sentence ‘rules framed and orders and notification’. In that same page the ‘s’ from excepts should also be taken out from the sentence ‘the commissioner may, by general or special order’. Under para 19(2) I believe the ‘s’ in offense should be replaced with ‘ce’.

There are a few spelling mistakes in financial memorandum and I suggest that revision should be made. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalthansanga followed by Pu Lalrobiaka.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. All in all I support this Bill and have only one query regarding the percentage of tax levied to the consumers. It would be deeply appreciated if the hon’ble Minister could explain if the tax is Direct or Indirect in reference to cable operators. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrobiaka

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Overall, this Bill is upto satisfaction and I applaud the hon'ble Minister and departments staffs for their hard work. I do have one query about the name of this Bill. As we all know, the name of this Bill is "The Mizoram Entertainment Tax Bill, 2013" but was written as "The Mizoram Entertainment Tax Bill, 2012" under page 27. I believe this is a printing mistake and correction should be made accordingly. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte.

**Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I duly support this Bill and all it entails and would like to congratulate our hon'ble Minister and departments staffs for coming up with this Bill. There are a few printing mistakes which was mentioned earlier, I would also like to urge our hon'ble Minister to revise this Bill so that these mistakes could be corrected. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu R. Lalrinawma.

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am happy to state that we have passed 68 Bills during this term under your guidance which shows tremendous improvement. Other than several patent errors and grammar mistakes, the completion of this Bill is quite an achievement and I applaud our hon'ble Minister and department staffs for their hard work. As mentioned by members before me, I would like to give my support to this Bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We shall now invite our hon'ble Minister to explain this Bill and ask for the House to pass this Bill.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Though we have worked very hard for the completion of this Bill, we are only human and bound to make mistakes. I would like to mention that we accept and welcome any suggestions, complaints and criticisms and I will try my best to address your concerns.

The Entertainment Tax is fixed at 20% as it is the most practical at this time. This Bill is changeable by notification at any given time. The clause for Tea Industry tax was included keeping in mind the growing tea estate within the State. Also, this Bill is State Subject and as such will be used within the whole of Mizoram. As mentioned by the members, there are several

spelling mistakes and errors and with the permission of the House, these mistakes will be corrected after revision.

As mentioned by our respected member Pu Lalthansanga, taxes are collected as Indirect. For example, the organizers are the tax collectors for sports events or the cable operators are the tax collectors.

**Pu LALTHANGSANGA** : Pu Speaker, the reason why I mentioned the tax for cable is that I believe that it would serve the consumers and the government better if tax is collected directly from consumers.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, if the tax is at 20% won't our sports activity suffers as these events are organized using funds from individuals and other charitable organization with limited funds. Is there any provision for exemption from this tax?

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, Entertainment Tax will be collected only from those events where people have to buy tickets to enjoy the said entertainment. Tax will not be collected from events where the event is sponsored by individuals or charitable organizations. These kinds of events are exempted from paying entertainment tax.

Lastly, as this Bill is newly introduced, there might be a few clauses and other mistakes and these mistakes and changes can be made as we go along. On that note, I kindly request the House to pass 'The Mizoram Entertainment Tax Bill, 2013'.

**SPEAKER** : One more query regarding page number 21, section 22(1). This section carries the notes a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h and is followed by sub-section 2 which contains penalties. However, in section 23, the notes are written as 1,2,3,4 for 'penalty'. Do we strike out this or can be carried as patent error? Let us invite Pu Liansailova to explain this.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I have not studied this in depth as I believe it was written on purpose.

**SPEAKER** : That is my opinion also.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the clause is written to explain the penalty for tax evasion and I believe it was written like that so as to explain this.

**SPEAKER** : That was my opinion too but the hon'ble Minister has mentioned this as to be written off.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Evasion of Taxes was mentioned in the penalty so I believe that there will be no problem regarding this even if it is used as it is.

**SPEAKER** : Even though I have already called the Minister due to my confusion, we will open another discussion for this topic. Pu Ramhluna

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, there are two penalties for Tax Evasion which was written as 22(2) and 23(1)(a) and the amount payable is different for these. They contradict each other and with all due respect to our hon'ble Finance Minister, I suggest this section should be submitted for revision.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, if the House could allow the deletion of clause no.22 Sub-no-2, then the problem will be solved.

**Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE** : Pu Speaker, distribution of taxes will not be equal as it is and I suggest an amendment be made for this section otherwise there might be complaints later on.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, 'to mobilized additional resources' is written at the beginning. So, in (6) (1) if the tax amount is ₹ 20, then it will be reduced by ₹20 where the amount is ₹40....

**SPEAKER** : Tax payers will be multiplied in this way.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : If that is the case Pu Speaker, I suggest No.5 (b) No. (3) be revised as it also contradicts the clause.

**SPEAKER** : That will be taken care of by the people dealing with Rules.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, shall we continue this after recess?

**SPEAKER** : I was hoping that it could provide a little bit more clarity.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Then shall we accept this as it is?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Rinawma.



**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, it was previously mentioned by the members and I believe it will be accepted by all if clause 2 is revised.

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Minister has opted for the deletion of clause 2. If we felt the need to change this in the future then we can always amend the rules. We shall now invite the hon'ble Minister to beg the House to pass this Bill.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I request this House to pass 'The Mizoram Entertainment Tax Bill, 2013'.

**SPEAKER** : We shall now take a vote. Any member who agree to the passing of this Bill say 'yes' and those who are against it may say 'No'.

The House has unanimously passed 'The Mizoram Entertainment Tax Bill, 2013'.

The House is adjourned till 10:30 tomorrow 15.3.2013.

Sitting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.