

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**FIFTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 28TH MARCH, 2011
(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 P.P.Thawla** to raise a matter of urgent Public importance under Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly in the matter of recent occurrence regarding electrocution of Bus passengers in his constituency on 25th March, 2011.

LAYING OF PAPERS

3. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following :
 - 1) The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the States of Manipur and Mizoram (Electricity Ombudsmen) Regulations, 2010.
 - 2) The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Compliance Audit) Regulations, 2010
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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

4. **Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA**, Chairman to present the following Reports of Public Accounts Committee :
 - a. 10th Report on the Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 2004-2005 & 2005-2006, relating to Transport Department.
 - b. 11th Report on the Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007 relating to Taxation Department.

- c. 12th Report on the Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2006-2007 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department.
 - d. 13th Report on the Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2006-2007 relating to Public Works Department.
5. **Pu LALROBIAKA**, Chairman to present to the House the First Report of Subject Committee-I on Mizoram House relating to General Administration Department.
 6. **Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA**, Chairman to present to the House the following Reports of Subject Committee-V :
 - a) First Report of Subject Committee-V relating to Tourism Department.
 - b) Second Report of Subject Committee-V relating to National Rural Health Mission under Health & Family Welfare Department.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for Introduction, Consideration and Passing

7. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Third Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

AND

To move that the Bill be passed.

8. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Board of School Education (Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

AND

To move that the Bill be passed.

9. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

AND

To move that the Bill be passed.

10. **Pu ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

AND

To move that the Bill be passed.

S P E A K E R : “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

Galatians 6:10.

We will now have a question hour and Pu C. Ramhluna may state his question No.61.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows –

- a) What are the quantity of pulses, onions and potatoes harvested annually in Mizoram?
- b) To what extend does the harvest accommodate our needs?
- c) What method does the government apply to improve the production?

S P E A K E R : The concern minister, Pu H. Liansailova to answer the questions.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Speaker, my answer is -
MINISTER

- a) The amount of potato harvested during the year 2009-2010 is 2234 mega tonne. We do not harvest onions and pulses which are worthy to be recorded yet we are trying our best to improve the production.
- b) Harvest we have made does not meet our needs.
- c) Seeds will be distributed on the basis of availability of funds.

S P E A K E R : Pu C.Ramhluna to ask supplementary questions.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, crops like pulses, onions and potatoes are winter crops which normally take only three or four months for complete maturity and I have to emphasize that the said crops are quite appealing for experimentation in Chamdur project which is located in my constituency. Pu Speaker, considering the demand of such crops which is quite high in Mizoram, is there possibility to take up the said plantation under NLUP, our flagship programme?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, what is the procedure for the selection of WDSPCA under Agriculture scheme? In Lungchizau, which is under my constituency, a close friend of mine who is engaged in cultivation of 3000-4000 seeds was not selected among the beneficiaries. What is the reason?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister Pu H. Liansailova to answer the question.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is - Potatoes are kharif crops which are under Horticulture and winter crops (rabi crops) are under Agriculture. If we concentrate on kharif crops like potatoes, we have to demolish a vast area of our forest. As we assumed the ministry in 2009, there were 15,000 qtls procured by the former ministry and in addition, 5,000 qtls is again bought under this ministry as the total requirement is reported as 20,000 qtls which were all distributed. But considering our seeds supply, the harvest does not even amount to half of our distribution. So, we want to apply new methods and notify all the DAO's to plant potatoes only after harvesting rice from the paddy fields. We will get the results in the month of May. In short, we are trying to find ways to cultivate it but not by cutting down our forest unnecessarily.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, is there a way to cultivate direct seeds of potatoes from nursery stage here in Mizoram? I am positive that even 5 kgs will almost be sufficient for our state.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we have known for quite some time that direct seeds are much better and preferable as we have experimented at Kolasib and have been very successful but experts decided not to make it publicly known. Like I mentioned earlier, we are now trying to cultivate potatoes in paddy fields. Regarding onions as stated before, is a rabi crop and will be under Horticulture department and will also be looked after by Agriculture Crop Husbandry. Power tiller which was distributed will also be much helpful for the success of the new methods. We also believe that pulses will be worth experimenting but we have to motivate our farmers to ensure success.

In regard to the supplementary question raised by the hon'ble member Pu Lalthansanga, watershed project was made within Serchhip District which was approved by the Central Ministry and a committee was established and beneficiaries are selected. The department or the government does not have much involvement but if there arise any complication, the concern DAO may be consulted.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, during the surveillance, this friend of mine was also present and asked if there is a chance for him to receive more funds since he cultivated more than the rest. But it seems that he was dropped from the list for raising the question and I request to re-examine this matter.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, our watershed project is quite transparent and we are proud of it. Our beneficiaries also know beforehand the amount they will receive. But I am unsure of the reason why your friend is not selected. I will look into the matter and will provide you with the answer as soon as possible.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, regarding the watershed project, any kind of work concerning the department is carried out by the department but our minister had said that they do not have much involvement. Will he please give a clear explanation? To what extent are the watershed project successful in Mizoram? Is there a way to upgrade our system of work, our supervision and our monitoring work in the department level?

S P E A K E R : Concerned minister to reply.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : Pu Speaker, we have proper guidelines for the watershed project and accordingly, we have a Project Implementing Agency (PIA) which monitors the members and we have also distributed the guidelines to all the hon'ble members. I request you all to help with the monitoring with reference to the guidelines. As mentioned earlier, we do not have much progress worth mentioning before 2009 but now the department heads convened a meeting with the PIA every now and then and we are quite satisfied with the results. Funds are given out only after works are supervised and I will add that Serchhip District has done a remarkable work and we are very proud of it. If every DAO has made an effort as Serchhip DAO, it will be worth applying their procedure in NLUP.

S P E A K E R : Pu B. Lalthlengliana may ask Starred Question No.62.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, Question No.62. Will the hon'ble minister of Public Works Department be pleased to state – When will the black topping of Zawlsei to Khuangthing and Khuangleng to Lianpui be completed?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister who is the hon'ble Chief Minister may answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble
CHIEF MINISTER member question are –

- a) Khuangleng to Bungzung – April, 2013
- b) Khuangleng to Zawlsei – December, 2012
- c) Khuangleng to Lianpui – November, 2012

S P E A K E R : We have a supplementary question. Pu
B.Lalthlengliana may state his question
first and he will be followed by Pu
Lalduhoma and Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, even 1 km of black topping
has not been completed between
Thinghrangkawn to Bungzung and if the
tempo of their work is like the present, I
must say that it will not be completed within the said period. I request the hon'ble
minister to instruct the contractors to expedite the work. Apart from this, the
connecting roads of Champhai to Farkawn, Dungle, Khawbung, Zawlsei and
Tuipui had been handed over to PWD. The hon'ble Parliamentary Secretary who
visited the spot has already informed PWD regarding the problems and I would also
like to request the minister for PWD to look into the matter.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalduhoma may ask his
supplementary question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, road connecting New
Capital Complex and Government
Complex which is encroaching two
graveyards is likely to cause landslide.
May the government take precaution any measure?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I would like to ask two
questions, such as -

- 1) When will construction of road connecting Lunglei and Buarpui be completed?

- 2) When will construction of road connecting Thenzawl and Buarpui be started? The road connecting Ropuichhip and Kanghmun is in good condition but the connecting road to Lunglei is very poor. I would like to ask whether it is possible to speed up construction of the project.

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister, who is also the hon'ble Chief Minister may answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, order of construction of Khuangleng to Bungzung was issued on 9.1.2009. According to the agreement, the project was to be completed on 19.7.2010 but the contractor was very incompetent in his work. The department had also issued a show-cause notice and liquidated damages had also been imposed from the bill. Construction order of Zawlsei to Khuangleng was issued on 9.1.2009 and according to the agreement; it was to be completed on 19.7.2010. Due to incompetency of the contractor and other reasons, work cannot be completed on the speculated period whereas the same goes for Lianpui road. According to the agreement, the speculated time for completion of the construction was 15.5.2010. The contractor said that the main reason is due to heavy rainfall during monsoon but his excuse cannot be considered due to slow process of his work. The department also tried their best and pressed on the contractor to speed up their respective works. Our contractors have the power to utilize government funds to build the asset but their lack of competence makes it unattainable. At the same time, supervision is not carried out properly.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Hon'ble House Leader, actions taken against such contractors is not severe enough. In the constituency of the hon'ble Dy. Speaker, the contractor constructing the road between Mamit to Bairabi was punished for his ineffectual work as he was banned only for 6 months from answering any other tender of contractual work which I think is pointless. So, is there more severe penalty?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there are some who could only be shaped up after being reprimanded and of course, we will have to reconsider their penalty.

The point of the hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma is very important. It may be hard to complete the project at once but at least the graveyard site should be covered before monsoon.

The question by Dr. R.Lalthangliana regarding Thenzawl to Buarpui road had been left untouched for ten years and the question of completing the work in two years is some what quite flattering. Anyway, we have discussed the matter with our engineers and we are now planning to make the connection road accessible like Aizawl – Thenzawl – Haulawng – Lunglei road. When BRTF handed over Thenzawl – Buarpui road to PWD, we have tried our best but our lack of manpower impeded the progress of work. Pu Speaker, we have a vast area to cover such as the National Highway and subsidiary roads whereas maintenance of such roads too is covered by us. Apart from lack of manpower, we are also in- short of engineers. Since we do not have enough funds, we are unable to create post as required. These are the main points of our impediment yet we will try to overcome.

S P E A K E R : Starred Question No. 63 and Pu Lalthansanga may ask the question.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the hon'ble minister for Geology & Mining deptt. be pleased to state –

- a) Does the government know the quantity of petroleum deposits in Mizoram?
- b) If 'Yes,' how does the government take initiatives to excavate the petroleum deposits?

Pu S. HIATO : Pu Speaker, answer to the questions of the hon'ble member Pu Lalthansanga is –

- a) The government of Mizoram does not know the exact quantity of petroleum deposits in Mizoram and it is hard to know the exact quantity even with a scientific device.
- b) Though confirmations had not been made, we know that we have gas and oil in our soil and exploration is in the process.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Mizoram is divided into four different blocks which is again divided into a sq.km wise. Block-I was visited by hon'ble MP and he was informed that they are about to drill the centre of the oil pool. It will be pleasing to know their progress every now and then in the House. Apart from these, we do not have a Director in Geology & Mining to tap-out our mineral resources and to take steps in this matter. So, I believe it will be wise to alter their R.R. and I want to ask our minister to what extend does he take steps in this regard?

Pu S. HIATO MINISTER : Pu Speaker, 58% of the investigation had been completed. Block-I, AONN 2001/2 is under the supervision of ONGC and Indian Oil Company covers about 5,340 sq.km. Block-II, MZONN 2004/1 is under the supervision of Oil India Ltd., Suntera Resources Ltd., Shivani Oil & Gas Exploration Ltd. and covers 3,213 sq.kms. Block-III is under Nartogas India Ltd., Reliance Energy Ltd.; Reliance Natural Resources Ltd.; Geo Petrol International Corporation covering about 3,690 km and Block-IV covers 255 sq.km. Pu Speaker, since the width of our roads are small, it is difficult to take bulky machines despite determined effort put by PWD staff. Like mentioned earlier, 58% had been completed but the excavation was banned by the Pollution Board of Mizoram since the wastage makes the surrounding well dirty, yet, we are hoping to continue after a short period.

Our experts believe that the quantity of oil deposit increases from below 4 kms of sea level but parts of the layers are under the soil of Tripura, Assam and Burma and we are now drilling only 1km and 840 metres. We are positive that there is oil deposit underneath though we are unsure of the quantity.

An autonomous directorate was established in September last year as proposed by the cabinet and as suggested, it is under the supervision of IAS cadre and we are now taking initiatives to strengthen the staff and the hon'ble Chief Minister had also approved our appeal. It will be discussed by the cabinet again.

S P E A K E R : Pu P.P. Thawla to ask Starred Question No. 64.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. May the hon'ble minister for Higher & Technical Education deptt. be pleased to state –

- a) When will construction of Saiha Government College be completed?

- b) What is the amount allocated for the construction?

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, the answer is –
MINISTER

- a) A plan for construction of Saiha government college building is under process.
b) ₹113.71 is allocated for the construction.

S P E A K E R : Pu P.P. Thawla may state his supplementary question.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, the Principal of the college told me that an amount of ₹250 lakhs is estimated by local experts for the construction whereas number of students enrolled in the college is very high as it is the only college established in the area. Is there a possibility to increase the fund allocation as mentioned by the Principal? Has the work tender for the construction been called for?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, we have about 18 number of college Principals who have not been confirmed to their post. With the on-going Education Department Reforms Commission, the post could be filled up by direct recruitment. Bearing the criteria needed for the post of a Principal, is there possibility to recruit through MPSC for the post?

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, my answer to the question
MINISTER is -

- a) It is now put up for administrative approval and the amount of ₹200 lakhs should be tallied with DPR (Detail Project Report). We must remember that Colleges directly contact UGC or DoNER. But since we have a close acquaintance members from central authority, we are informed about the in and out of the files and we are now trying to make ourselves well informed in this matter.

- b) Regarding the questions by Pu.K. Liantlinga, as per norms of the University Grant Commission, our college Principals have a very high pay and their retiring age will also be extended. Higher & Technical Department have only R.R. but not service rules to that effect. The new pay scale was issued soon after R.R. was approved and new R.R. and service rules had to be made again.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, I opine that UGC norms have to be applied in drafting of Service Rules. Is it possible to exercise such methods?

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Like mentioned earlier, while we are in the process, a sudden change was made and we had to start all over again. Besides, if we are to follow the norms of UGC, there are many who have to be disqualified for the post. So, we are now in the process of drafting the rules.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : I believe that the cabinet had done what it has to do and we are anxious to know about the other teaching faculty like Professors and Associate Professors. UGC had a procedure for the purpose and I opine that if we adopt it, it will make it much easier. In this connection, may I know the current status to that effect?

S P E A K E R : Pu Thawla asked a question about Saiha College and we should not be diverted from the main question.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, to answer to the question of the hon'ble member Dr. R. Lalthangliana, the pay of the teaching faculties are re-fixed as per the UGC norms and their designations too are changed into Associate Professors and Asst. Professors and so on.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalthansanga may ask Starred Question No. 65.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble minister of Power & Electricity Department be pleased to state: –

- a) The reason why Serlui 'B' Hydel Project is still not officially inaugurated?
- b) What is the amount utilized for this project?
- c) What will be the production cost after the inauguration?

And Pu Speaker, this is my supplementary question – Why Maicham phase-I remain without function for such a long period?

S P E A K E R : Pu Lal Thanhawla, the hon'ble Chief Minister who is also the concerned minister may answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer is –

- a) Trial run was performed by the month of October, 2010 and found out that the surge shaft had to be repaired.
- b) The total amount utilized for the project is ₹187.75 crores.
- c) After the inauguration, production cost per unit generation will be ₹4.33. It may be noted that machinery parts for Maicham phase-I has already been purchased and will be fixed soon.

S P E A K E R : I will now call upon Pu P.P.Thawla who submits a Calling Attention Motion.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : First, I want to express my gratitude for accepting the calling attention motion which I have submitted regarding the unpleasant incident in my constituency which took place on the 25th March, 2011 in which 9 passengers have lost their lives.

Pu Speaker, I was informed that Maraland Mini Bus MZ -03 2294 of New Colony Saiha carrying 24 passengers was destined to Phura. On the way between New Sekawr and New Latawh, there is 11 KV Line which hang loosely from its pole. The bus conductor in trying to make way for the bus pushed the wire with bamboo as a strong electric current threw him off from the bus. As the bus stopped, 9 passengers panicked and rushed towards the exit and were also electrocuted. Following are the names of the ill-fated persons of this tragic accident: –

1. Pu V.L Pawtha 51, Pala (Lawngban)
2. Pi Sipaw w/o Pu Pawtha (Lawngban)
3. Pu Laizi 54, Maisa
4. Pi Nono 43 w/o Pu Laizi
5. Pu Zakaw 35, Lawngban (Pala)
6. Junior 6, s/o Pu Zakaw
7. Pi Hneibaw 50, Bymari
8. Beichhitha 5,
9. Pu J.R. Losi 71, Lohry.

Pu Speaker, about 4/5 years back on the same spot, a man died of electric shock and two persons from Tuisih had also lost their lives for the same reason. So Pu Speaker, I would like to emphasize the need for concerned staff and contractors to be careful in their work so as to avoid such accidents in the future.

Secondly, the distance between electric poles in rural areas is too long as the wires usually are bound to hang loosely which makes accident prone. It indicates inefficiency of the contractors and department employees. This should be checked constantly to avoid mishap. In connection, I would like to suggest that our muster rolls employees who are serving for 15 years should be promoted to work-charge employee to encourage them for more efficient work.

Last but not the least, I appeal to the government to compensate the bereaved families as much as possible and also recruit a member of their families on compassionate ground. Pu Speaker, as a representative of this constituency, I have shouted of the needs of the people many times, but our plight is not given much attention may be because we are in such a remote corner. Anyway, Pu Speaker, I would like to express my gratitude for accepting my Calling Attention Motion and I also request the government and our administrators to take heed of our demands. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Next, laying of papers. I will now call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla to lay the following papers on the Table of the House -

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Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, will you kindly permit me to express a few words regarding the Calling Attention Motion of the hon'ble member Pu P.P. Thawla?

S P E A K E R : Yes, you may.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as soon as we know about the incident, Saiha Police, SE and other officials went to the spot for verification. The wire which is said to be hanging loosely was about 3 and half meters. Case was registered and the driver and conductor of the bus were arrested and bailed again. This kind of accident is rare in our state and I am sorry to say that they cannot be compensated since there are no rules for this compensation. Anyway, we are trying our best to recruit their families on compassionate ground. Saiha DC and Mara Autonomous District Council gave the bereaved families ₹10,000/- each and the concern department officials also gave ₹1000/-. Pu Speaker, fixing of electric wire is usually done by the department employees and sometimes contractors are also hired. The said electric posts are erected around the year 1994/95 and it has now become bent which makes the wire hanging loose. We deeply mourn for the death and we hope and pray that God be with the bereaved families. In the meantime, let me inform the House that the government will try it best to compensate the bereaved families.

Mr Speaker Sir, with your permission and of this august House, I beg to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following -

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- 16) The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2010.
- 17) The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) Regulations, 2010.
- 18) The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Procedure, Terms and Conditions for Grant of Distribution License and other Related Matters) Regulations, 2010.

S P E A K E R : The copy may be distributed. We will now move on to Reports and the hon'ble member Pu B.Lalthlengliana, the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee may present the following on the Table of the House -

- a. 10th Report on the Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 2004-2005 & 2005-2006, relating to Transport Department.
- b. 11th Report on the Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007 relating to Taxation Department.
- c. 12th Report on the Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2006-2007 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department.
- d. 13th Report on the Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2006-2007 relating to Public Works Department.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, with your permission, I present the following Reports on the Table of the House -

- a. 10th Report on the Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 2004-2005 & 2005-2006, relating to Transport Department.
- b. 11th Report on the Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the years 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007 relating to Taxation Department.
- c. 12th Report on the Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2006-2007 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department.

- d. 13th Report on the Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2006-2007 relating to Public Works Department.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. Now, Pu Lalrobiaka, the hon'ble Chairman of the Subject Committee-I, to present the 1st Report of Subject Committee-I, relating to General Administration Department on the Table of the House.

Pu LALROBIAKA : With your permission, Pu Speaker, I lay the 1st Report of Subject Committee-I, on Mizoram Houses relating to General Administration Department on the Table of the House.

S P E A K E R : Now, the hon'ble member Pu Joseph Lalhimpua, Chairman may present the 1st Report of Subject Committee-V relating to Tourism Department and 2nd Report of Subject Committee-V relating to National Rural Health Mission under Health & Family Welfare Department on the Table of the House.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA : Pu Speaker, with your permission, I lay the 1st Report of Subject Committee-V relating to Tourism Department and 2nd Report of Subject Committee-V relating to National Rural Health Mission under Health & Family Welfare Department on the Table of the House. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The copy may be distributed. We will move on to the next Business, the hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla to ask permission to introduce, "The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility & Budget Management (3rd Amendment Bill) 2011" in the House.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I big to introduce, “ The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility & Budget Management (3rd Amendment Bill) 2011” in the House.

S P E A K E R : Do we agree? The hon’ble Chief Minister may now introduce the Bill.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission, I introduce, “The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility & Budget Management (3rd Amendment Bill) 2011” in the House.

S P E A K E R : The hon’ble Chief Minister may move the Bill for discussion and also appeal to pass the Bill.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I thank the hon’ble House for permitting the Bill for further discussion. The aim of the bill is to stabilize our financial position and to reduce the outstanding debt of our state from the ratio of our gross domestic product. It is expected that our GSDP will be 87.3 % in 2010 – 11, 85.7% in 2011 – 12, 82.9 % in 2012 -13, 79.2 % in 2013 – 14 and 74.8% in 2014 -15. If we could achieve this aim, it will be recommended for relief measures in the 13th Finance Commission. So, I would like to request all the hon’ble members to agree to pass this amendment proposal. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : I will now call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I would like to request the hon’ble Chief Minister to explain the plan funds since we are always financially short and have always faced

problems during financial year in different departments. This financial year, we are unable to take our monthly salary for such a long time and these needs to be explained. Files might have been delayed for certain reasons but for this year, the period has been too long. Apart from these, the Amendment Bills are mandatory and of course this will have to be passed, but the financial problems we are facing now need to be sorted out quickly. Since this is the concern department of the hon'ble Chief Minister, I request him to clarify this problem.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I support the amendment bill and the answer to my Unstarred Question by the hon'ble House Leader is - The amount of our debt is ₹3171.76. If so, what will be the percentage calculating from the GSDP? Judging from the statement of the hon'ble Chief Minister earlier, we have achieved the goals of the amendment remarkably. It also seems that we have already achieved our target for 2014 and I find this difficult to understand.

S P E A K E R : It may be a bit difficult to calculate but the hon'ble Chief Minister may try to answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we need to amend the Bill because the 13th Finance Commission, in the recommendation puts stabilization and consolidation to reduce our GSDP and labour ratio. Without calculation, I am unable to give the exact percentage but the amount is ₹3171.76 crores upto 15th March.

Regarding the hon'ble member Dr. R.Lalthangliana's question, our salary component is very high and it will keep on increasing and the Planning Commission controls a great deal regarding this. In the 2008 election, 300 schools were upgraded and monthly expenditure is very high. As recommended by the Education Reforms Commission, the experts committee had submitted an estimated amount of ₹700 crores to utilize for up-gradation of the schools. Hopefully, we will be able to have a good start if we could get at least ₹50 or 70 crores. We also have to keep in mind that there is a liability which we inherited from the previous ministry. Anyway, we are trying our best to give the salary in the month of April.

Dr R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I do not think the previous ministry is accountable for all the liabilities as this has been existed ever since we were U.T. What I want to point out is the fact that we have a proper plan but we are unable to follow the procedure. Anyway, let us be satisfied with the answer given by the hon'ble Chief Minister.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is not good to give a false statement in the House. Anyway, we have stated before that we have a surplus employment of teachers and above all, the Central government does not provide us with our demands as they have norms which need to be followed. For this reason, we have not only one, but two or three barrier.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalsawta seems to have some explanation regarding the Bill. So, he may have his time.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the idea of our Bill is to minimize our debt. As the House Leader mentioned, we do not discuss it anymore, but since the question is raised again, I will try to give a detail explanation. In the month of April and September 2008, 48 schools out of 337 were provincialized, 13 were Adhoc aided including 129 High Schools and 64 Middle Schools whereas lump-sum fund is provided to 83 schools. It has also been approved by the cabinet of the former ministry but when the new ministry came into power, it is not possible for us to keep control of the maintenance. For the said maintenance, ₹2000 lakhs had to be utilized annually but since this is carried on without financial memorandum, we have to pull funds from different segments. Thus, we somehow manage to provide salaries of the teachers and the staffs.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the ministry during the period 1998-1999 proclaimed 5 new Districts without any financial back-up. As my party assumed the ministry, we keep up the maintenance without complain. The fact is, the government, keeping in mind the financial needs plans the budget.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the fact is, the teachers and lecturers who were employed under RMSA were continued to be employed and they do not want to be placed as a newly recruit in their positions which makes things complicated for us. And for this reason, our Chief Minister pulls funds from different sections to provide their salaries. If you look at the budget, you will see that provision was made. We cannot compare maintenance of the newly declared districts with this topic of our discussion.

S P E A K E R : We must remember that this is our land and we ought to keep on striving for the betterment of the land and its people.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, we are about to pass 'The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management(Third Amendment) Bill, 2011' and our targets had been set. Finance department has calculated up to 15.3.2011 which amounts to ₹3011 – 3171.6 crores which means that from our GSDP, our debt is 50.37 %. If such is our status, how will it be increased by 87 % in the next 15 days? The question is, how are we supposed to set our target? Is the calculation of our finance officers correct? What is the right answer? If we have to pass this Bill, I expect the concerned minister to provide the exact figure during the session.

S P E A K E R : The objective of the bill is to decrease our debt but we all want development for our state. Hence, it may be hard to reduce our debts and achieve our goal accordingly. At the same time, we must remember that the final conclusion lies in the hands of the central government and concerned minister may appeal to pass the Bill.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the 3rd Amendment as stated, is to help us reducing our debts. Our debts decrease as we utilized ADB loans for payment and I would like to thank all the hon'ble members for their active participation. So, Pu Speaker, I appeal the House to give it consent for passing, "The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (3rd Amendment) Bill, 2011".

S P E A K E R : All in favour to pass the Bill may say, 'Aye' and those who oppose may say 'No'. The 'Ayes' have it. Now, "The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (3rd Amendment) Bill, 2011" is passed by the House. I will now call upon Pu Lalsawta to introduce "The Mizoram Board of School Education (Amendment) Bill, 2011."

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay and introduce "The Mizoram Board of School Education (Amendment) Bill, 2011" on the Table of the House for further discussion.

S P E A K E R : We all have the copies, so, the hon'ble minister may move the bill for discussion.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, since the Bill had been introduced, I will highlight the main points. With the introduction of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, class structure is changed as there are many things which are mandatory and which are not possible to be fulfilled instantly. According to the present decree, "Mizoram Board of School Education Act, 1975 as amended from time to time", clause (n) appeals to include class – IV under primary section whereas clause (o) appeals to include the rest up to class VII in Middle School. But the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act proposed that class – VIII should also be included in Middle School section and the same had also been recommended by the Education Reforms Commission. Under Clause (q), we have High School section and if Class-VIII has to be included in Middle School, there will only be two classes in High School, i.e. class – IX and X. It is proposed that under section -11, it should be added that, 'Provided that there shall be no examination at the end of the Academic session' which indicates Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) system will be introduced. By practicing CCE, it does not mean that our educational system will deteriorate. It is to be noted that the system had been practiced by well developed countries for a long time and it had been proved very successful. Hence, support of the members is needed to amend the decree and for this reason we proposed this amendment. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : We will now start the discussion and members will be allotted 5 to 7 minutes each.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, though the amendment seems flawless, I have few doubts and questions. Is it not necessary first to adopt the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Act, 2009 Central Act No. 35 of 2009 in Mizoram to implement it? Also, if we have to adopt the Act, it will conflict with the Mizoram Education Act 2003.

Apart from this amendment Bill, I want to highlight few points about Hindi teachers. Even after inclusion of class VIII in middle section, Hindi teachers are still posted in High Schools. There is no proper syllabus and this creates complications. If we have to adopt the present bill, will it not cause further hindrance in our educational system as even now we are facing problems of posting of teachers and their salaries?

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu R. Lalrinawma.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, I want to state in support to the Bill that the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act is to be implemented all over India. If the Act conflicts with the Act of the State under the Seventh Scheduled on the concurrent list, entry – 25, it is written that the State and the Central government both have authority regarding the amendment of Acts and if both the government amend a Bill or an Act, the Act or Bill enacted by the Central government should be implemented by state. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will have a short break and our discussion will be resumed in the afternoon session.

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have discussed the Bill by the hon'ble minister of Education and now Pu Lalduhoma may take his time.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, in support to the Act we have discussed, I want to add that there may be rules and regulations which will affect the standing rules we are practicing now. So, I suggest that after we have passed the Bill, the department may go through the points where the newly practiced regulations clashes with the Bill and only from that, amendments should be made. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. The concerned department is equipped with experts and it will not be a problem to identify at which points the Bill contradicts with the present regulations. I think it is essential for them to chalk out these points as soon as possible since education is the key source of our development. We should also bear in mind that if we are to practice CCE, the teachers – student ratio should be given utmost importance since the pattern will be different. In order to implement this successfully, I think we should go through the Amendment section 11 (3) more thoroughly. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr.R.Lalthangliana may take his time.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, this amendment Bill is very important, as it is essential to follow the rules and regulations of the Right to Education Act. But I think there is a possibility that we might take a wrong step. In 2003, we have passed the Education Act and a few rules were drafted and some of these rules are implemented and some are not. So, I think it may be a good idea if we try to adjust the bill with the standing Education Act. Of course there are rules which had to be practiced all over India but some are amendable according to the condition of the state. So, I suggest that we should keep an open mind in this regard and make amendments so that it is not clashed with the Kothari Commission Recommendation, National Policy of Education 1996, Programme of Action 1992 and Education Reform Commission,

2010. At the same time, we have to keep an open mind about the negative and positive consequences it will have on our educational structure. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : In regard to introduction of a particular Bill, I would like to request all the ministers to submit any Bill of their concerned department in due time. The concern minister Pu Lalsawta may now wind – up and appeal to pass the Bill.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I express my gratitude to the hon'ble members for their active participation. Firstly, there will be a great change in our education pattern. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act will be practiced in every state. There are number of states in which class – V is not included in Middle School section and we have to do the same because many teachers are not befitted to teach concerned students effectively. So, we will continue with the pattern which we believe as best suited for us. Hence, Primary section will include up to class – IV, Middle section will include class – V to VIII, High School will include class IX and X and Higher Secondary will include class – XI and XII. Regarding the questions by the hon'ble member Pu B.Lalthlengliana, any decree by Parliament should be applied all over India and we do not need to adopt the decree in the House as the law extends to the whole of India except Jammu and Kashmir. The Mizoram Education Act, 2003 does not prescribe the class structure and we have made verifications to the best of our ability so that it does not clash with the Bill.

Regarding the questions about Hindi Teachers, government of the previous ministry, under Language Scheme recruited 500 no. teachers and later another 687 no. for upper and lower section of schools. As the same cannot be implemented in our state as the said scheme regarded Middle section as Lower section. However, 1305 no. of teachers for Middle will soon be recruited.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, The Mizoram Education Act 2003, states that class – VIII should be put under High School. On the contrary, this Bill proposed to put it under Middle Section. May the Education minister clarify it?

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, The Mizoram
MINISTER Education Act, 2003 clearly stated that
“Middle School means an educational
institution, imparting education in the
course of studies in upper primary education and it may have Primary or Pre-Primary
attached to it.” It does not specify whether class – VIII should be attached to High
School or Middle Sections. Our experts have gone through the definition, section,
Rules and Regulation thoroughly and all of these are overruled by the Central Act,
Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009.

Regarding the elementary education, the Reform Commission
recommended that it should be taken over by SCERT. But after careful observation,
we considered it is best to implement it gradually.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the National Policy
on Education 1986 and Programme of
Action, 1992 accepted 10+2 and further
classified class I to X as V+3+2. If we
have to pass this Bill, will it not collide with the National Policy? May the hon’ble
minister clarify this?

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, The Right of
MINISTER Children to Free and Compulsory
Education Act is made by the central
government to implement it in the whole
country. So, as per the Act, there will be no more examination in the Primary section
whereas Middle section to include up to class – VIII. These will be class structure of
Primary, Middle and High School section. So, I appeal the House to pass ‘The
Mizoram Board of School Education (Amendment) Bill, 2011’. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon’ble minister has moved the
House to pass the Bill. All in favor may
say, ‘Aye’ and all who oppose may say,
‘No.’ The ‘Ayes’ have it. The House has
agreed to pass ‘The Mizoram Board of School Education (Amendment Bill), 2011.’

Pu LALSAWTA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.
MINISTER

- DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will move on to the next Bill. The hon'ble minister Pu Lalsawta may now beg to introduce, 'The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriages (Amendment) Bill, 2011.'
- Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission, I beg to introduce, 'The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriages (Amendment) Bill, 2011.'
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister may now introduce the Bill and move for discussion.
- Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg to move, "The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriages (Amendment) Bill, 2011" in the House.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : The minister has introduced the Bill. We will now discuss the Bill and each member will have 5 minutes. Pu Lalsawta will now move the Bill.
- Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I beg to move, ' The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriages (Amendment) Bill, 2011' for discussion. First, I would like to point few things regarding this Act. In Mizoram, there are many cases when marriage is not approved by the family and is not registered which causes many social problems. So now, every marriage should be registered to prove that the marriage is legalized whereas the Central Government proposed a provision to be added to the Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriages Act, 2007, Section – 3, that 'Provided that no registration of marriages shall be allowed in case the applicant, or any of the contracted parties is found prohibited to enter into such marriage and that the relevant provision of the prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 Central Act No.6 of 2007.'

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The concerned minister has moved the Bill and each member will have 5 minutes each for discussion. Pu Lalduhoma may have his time.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we already have a Child Marriage Act, so, do we need to discuss the Bill further? Anyway, it is a social problem in the Indian context. So, I support the Bill as passing it is a must.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there anyone else? If so, I will now call upon the concern minister to wind – up and appeal to pass the Bill.

Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I appeal the House to pass, ‘The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriages (Amendment) Bill, 2011’.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : All in favour to pass the Bill may say ‘Aye’, the ‘Ayes’ have it. ‘The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriages (Amendment) Bill, 2011’ is now passed by the House.

Now, the hon’ble Minister Pu Zodintluanga may introduce to the House, “The Mizoram Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your permission, I introduce to the House, “The Mizoram Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister has introduced the Bill, let me call upon him to move for discussion.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I beg more, "The Mizoram Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2011" for discussion.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we have two Bills which need to be amended. The Indian Constitution 243(R) states the criteria for the Municipal members and after carefully examining, our experts from Law Department feels that it is not appropriate for us to add the sub-section 1(b) of section 12 in the Municipality Act 2007 Sec 12. So, we proposed to delete this proviso – "Provided that the member refer to in Sub-section 1(b) of Section 12 above shall not have the right to vote in the meeting of the municipality. Secondly, we proposed to add 'other than those mentioned in Clause (b) of Sub-Section 2 of the Act' which is Under Section 49.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The concerned minister now moved the Bill. Each member will have 5 minutes. Pu B.Lalthlengliana may have his time.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, going through the Bill, I assume we may not favor the idea for a long term practice. Section 12(b) underlines that "member of the House of the people and members of the Legislative Assembly of the state representing the constituencies comprising wholly or partly of the municipal area". So, in connection to this, I suggest that we should practice this like other states and that one or two representatives should be selected and they should have a voting right.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Our Bill is for the welfare of our state and not for the benefit of a particular political party. So, if we do not find it necessary, we may amend it again in the future. Who will be the next? Yes, Pu C. Ramhluna may have his time.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, on the Statements of Objects and Reasons in the Municipality Act, 2007 Section 12 (1)(b) of Article 243(R), it does not state as to whether MPs and MLAs should have voting right in the Municipal Council meeting which means the decision lies solely in the hands of the legislators. Whereas the context that “State representing the constituencies comprising partly or wholly” indicates that MLAs should also be the members of AMC. It further states that “Provided further that the councilors who are appointed shall not have the right to vote.” If we examine the provision of Proviso to section 1 of section 12 which underlines that “such members of elected councilors”, it indicates that elected members of Municipal Council too are included. Thus, I believe that we are not very clear about the amendment we are about to make so I suggest that we go through it carefully. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. What the hon’ble member has pointed out was the proviso and not section 1. Since this Bill is drafted in the Indian Constitution, it is our duty to abide by it and for any party holding the ministry, it is wise to support the Bill and make amendments if it concern for betterment of the state. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Indian Constitution 243(R) clearly pointed out that the MPs and MLAs should be included as member of the Municipality whereas on the contrary, the state act excluded MPs and MLAs from having that right. In fact, there is contradiction but we have to keep in mind that only the elected members will have the right to vote on the removal of Chairman, yet, we are permitted to have a vote on other proceedings. But we have to look further in the future and there may arise a time when the MLAs may become bothersome in the administration of the Municipal Council.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Our hon’ble member Pu Lalduhoma pointed out the reason why we have to pass the Bill and how it may clash with the Constitution whereas Pre- Constitutional Law is amendable. For this reason, the hon’ble minister submitted the Bill for amendment. The function of the Municipal body is to work co-operatively with the government for development of our state. So, all we have to do is amend the part where it clashes with the Constitution. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister may now wind-up and appeal to pass the Bill.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Before presenting this Act on the Table of the House, we thoroughly examine the Act with our experts from Law Departments and see the need to amend the Act and I also want to thank my fellow members for their active participation. Pu Speaker, with your permission, I plead the hon'ble House to pass the 'Mizoram Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2011,'

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister had appeal to pass the 'Mizoram Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2011,' all in favour may say 'Aye' and all those who oppose may say 'No,' the 'Ayes' have it. 'The Mizoram Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2011,' is now passed by the House.

We have finished our business for today and we will resume our session tomorrow, Dt 29.3.2011 (Tuesday) at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned at 3: 49 PM