

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**SECOND SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 8TH JULY, 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.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

2. * Resolutions.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary.

S P E A K E R : This is what the LORD Almighty said:
“Administer true justice; show mercy and
compassion to one another.”

Zakaria 7:9

Let us call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask Starred Question No. 6.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Will the hon’ble minister for Labour and
Employment be pleased to state – Has the
government of Mizoram granted autonomy to the
Youth Commission?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, the commission has not been given
MINISTER full autonomy as yet.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary questions from Dr. R.
Lalthangliana and Pu K. Liantlinga.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the nodal departments play an
extremely important factor for the successful
implementation of an endeavour such as this. The
Labour & Employment is a small department and I wonder if there is any intention to attach it
to a department having CSS backing.

I also would like to know what the commission is proposing to solve the
problem of educated unemployment among the youths.

I heard that a coaching academy called Lord Krishna Academy has been
set up in Mizoram. I would like to know how much funds have the government spent on this
academy. There are private and University conducted classes in Mizoram now. Can the
government rely on them without using state funds?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, I was wondering if the commission has
not come up to our expectations at this time, even
after it has been implemented for over two
years. Is there any way to further its efficiency in development and promotion?

I would also like to know the amount of revenue generated by the youths
through the commission so far. In regard to Lord Krishna Academy, what progress has been
made so far? Does it seem promising?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, the commission has been established
MINISTER with around ₹30 lakhs and although we have not
produced central service officers, we already have
some successes. The commission requires a huge amount of money for skill developments
and we have requested the DP & AR minister for the funds which amounted to nothing due to
financial problems.

We have decided not to establish the Krishna Academy since the funds
involved would be too taxing. As a parent department, we have provided the Commission with
₹50 lakhs this year.

We are trying to initiate the modular employment scheme for which the
central has granted ₹27 crores and from which ₹6 crores has been already sanctioned for skill
development.

S P E A K E R : Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask Starred Question No.7.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble minister for Art and Culture
department be pleased to state – Is it possible to
conduct a heritage and cultural study
tour/excursions for high schools and higher
secondary schools?

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, conducting such a tour has not been
MINISTER heard of before until this ministry assumed power.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary questions from Pu T.T.
Zothansanga and Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are:

- 1) How many batches have been sent? How many schools?
- 2) Which schools and how many students?
- 3) How much funds has been spent by the government?
- 4) Is there any intention to continue the tour this year?

If it is intended to conduct it this year, I would like to know if selection
has already been made. May Champhai Govt. school be included?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, will it be possible to set up a vocational employment? Can this tours and excursion be conducted more often?

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, We have sent four batches to the Indian Museum, Kolkata from 37 schools and 35 students have been selected from various schools this year. The state does not spend any funds on these tours. Heritage tours are encouraged by the department and they certainly will be conducted more often.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalrobiaka to ask Starred question No. 8.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Art & Culture be pleased to state – Is there any intention to enlarge and refurbish the Mizoram Public Library to enable creation of posts for Library and Information Science graduates?

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA MINISTER : The department realizes the situation and actions will be taken as per the funds we receive for the purpose.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary questions from Pu Lalrobiaka and Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALROBIAKA : We have several libraries in Mizoram which are very helpful for local residents but the buildings are not located in strategic places for the people to utilize it more. Will it be possible to put them in key areas?

Pu LALDUHOMA : It is very pleasing to hear that the hon'ble minister managed to convince the central to give us grants for construction of libraries in rural areas. Three villages under my constituency have also applied for the grant but they are worried that the library would be constructed by contractors. Will it be possible for the YMA themselves to construct the building? Also, will it be possible to refurbish our Assembly library?

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Since our city is extremely congested, it is impossible to locate it at an easy access area even though it is the desire of the department.
MINISTER

We are trying to construct a library building at every district but even as we have referred the task to PWD, they have not released a tender even today which is very sad. There is nothing we can do as it is no longer the purview of my department.

Although I understand the concerns of Pu Duhoma, the central almost always gives these grants with certain guidelines and we, as a department, cannot simply choose the YMA to construct the building.

I am sure we all agree on refurbishing the Assembly library and I believe we can all contribute something towards that objective. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us invite Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask Starred Question No.9.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble minister for Art & Culture be pleased to state –

- 1) What actions has been taken by the government to refurbish the state and NGOs maintained libraries?
- 2) Does the government have any intention to extend and provide better facilities to the State Public Library?
- 3) From where do we receive the funds for these undertakings?
- 4) How much funds did we receive for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011? How much have we spent so far?

S P E A K E R : Pu K. Liantlinga and Pu Lalthansanga to ask supplementary question before the minister gives his reply.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble minister has highlighted their progress for which I commend their hard work.

The central has suggested that we implement the CCE system of education in our state and if the two departments could work in coordination, they could provide information through proper library in the schools. This way we can offer information to children from the very basic foundation.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, I would like to know if schools are encouraged to visit the State Library. How many schools have visited the library? The transport office is being constructed as we speak; can we spare one floor at least for the State Library since the location is very easy to access? We have a good space for a library in Zarkawt locality and we have requested for funds for the construction. I would like to know what developments have been made in this regard. I also thank the hon'ble minister for granting us library fund in my constituency, N. Vanlaiphai.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, there are 4 villages requesting the library fund in my constituency. I would like to know if these villages are going to receive the fund this time. Also, when construction of the building is completed, is the government going to provide such libraries with bookshelves and other necessary materials?

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the State government and NGO MINISTER co-maintained libraries are given furniture and other necessary materials for their development. Extension and developmental maintenance is done as much as possible under the Mizoram Public Library Act, 1933.

We receive funds from the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata. During 2009-2010, we received ₹180 lakhs with the state contributing another ₹20 lakhs. For 2010-2011, we are granted ₹260 lakhs and ₹99 lakhs has already been released.

There are currently 452 recognized libraries in the state and we have spent ₹25 lakhs to buy books for these libraries during 2010-2011.

I apologize for my lack of information regarding the number of school that has visited the state library. We have pondered on various occasions about the placement of the state library but so far we are unable to find an easily accessible location. We usually select the recipients of the fund from the criteria that the central has directed us to use. If the location is a free land, we normally grant them the fund. The amount will be raised from 6 to 10 lakhs rupees very shortly. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, my question was that the Education department already has lands and buildings. Will it be easier for children to access the libraries instead of handing it over to the YMA?

- Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, our current system is working as well as we expect for now. In the meantime, I will put your suggestion under consideration.
- S P E A K E R : Pu T.T. Zothansanga may ask Starred Question No. 10.
- Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : The question is shared by Pu Robiaka and me. Apparently, he may ask the main question and I will wait for the supplementary question period.
- Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Art & Culture be pleased to state – What actions has been taken by the government with the outburst of cultural revival in the state?
- Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA
MINISTER : There is indeed a cultural revival happening in the state and the department has encouraged the youths to value our traditional practices and dresses. It has also been encouraged more cultural meets and cultural events.
- S P E A K E R : Moving on to Starred Question No. 11, let us invite Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask the question.
- Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Will the hon'ble minister for Land Revenue & Settlement department be pleased to state – What progress has been made in the re-organization of Land Revenue & Settlement?
- Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the department has requested for creation of 104 posts out of which 29 posts has been granted. The proposals for filling up the posts are approved by the cabinet and we are awaiting approval from Finance department.
- S P E A K E R : Supplementary questions to be asked by Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the department is responsible for the whole state and I would like to know why only few posts were granted when more posts is needed. I opine it is time for concerned authority to provide the needs of the people efficiently? It will also be pleasing if the status of Head Surveyor is upgraded so that he may take charge of district offices when necessary?

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we are fully aware of the need for more posts but our problems remain the same which is financing. We have taken steps for decentralization by empowering the district DC and Civil SDO to settle land disputes. In the meantime, we cannot provide them with surveyors and other technical staffs. Therefore, they cannot function as fully as desired. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : We will now take up private resolution from Pu Selthuama that 'Let the government take quick measures to improve Inland Water Transport for the benefit of the people of our state.' Let us invite the hon'ble member to move his resolution.

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, Inland water transport is one of the earliest transports in our state. Although we have immensely developed other modes of transport and communications like railways, roads and airport, we have seen very little development regarding Inland waterway even after 120 years despite its usefulness. I request the government to give priority since it is the cheapest means of transportation. After Transport department assumed responsibility from the PWD, DPR was prepared and submitted to the Inland Water Authority of India as Tlawng River is categorized at special list for immediate spot verification. The IWAI then approved the project with an estimate amount of ₹5,27,93,000. From this financial provision, 3 installments has already been received as we are now waiting for the fourth installment. Apart from Tlawng, DPR had also been submitted for Tut and Tuichawng for which the government of Mizoram permitted hiring of a consultancy firm as well.

However Pu Speaker, it is still not enough as we have huge potentialities. So, I urge the government to make use of our rivers for the sake of the people. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now begin discussion of the resolution and 5 minutes each will be allotted to the members. Let us invite the concerned minister to have his time.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, when Congress party assumed power in 2008, we immediately recognized the prospect of inland water transport system as we have taken immediate actions. As the mover has pointed out, we approached the central authority for financial assistance. DPR to that effect has now been approved and we are very grateful.

Pu Speaker, larger portion of the work has already been completed with 3 installments which has been received. The only problem at present is widening of National Highway 54 between Buichali and Pualhrang which impedes the progress of work. When completed, it is expected to give access to a low craft vessel of 8X24 feet wide of 15 hps. The project covers 81,350 kms as it is a colossal project. Apart from this, DoNER is expected to take steps for development of our inland water system as Rites Limited aka Rail India which concern for Techno-economic Service came to survey the rivers. After surveying our major rivers, it is decided to work on Tuichawng and Tut River as the Government of India too has given its approval to prepare a DPR.

In the meantime, we cannot expedite the work as desired as we have to wait for the summer when water level becomes lower. Apart from this, installments we receive from the central have not been released immediately by the state authority which further causes problem.

The project of Sairang to Bairabi is expected for completion by the month of July as we determined issue of license for inland water transportation as in maxi-cabs and taxis. However, work could not be expedited due certain problems.

Finally, I thank the hon'ble member for moving the resolution. I am sure that this discussion will encourage the officers and staff of the department. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am pleased that 70% of the work has already been completed. I am sure it will be extremely beneficial especially for the villages along the river.

Pu Speaker, this is a trade which is worthy to be included in NLUP as it requires barely 1 lakhs rupees and could easily be started in the area. I am very familiar with Sairang river banks and I have even requested the hon'ble minister to utilize NLUP fund for construction of road for importing sand. It is pleasing to learn that four-lane road is now being constructed which will surely be helpful for our economic growth. So, we need to have a good inland waterway in the area. Besides, four other rivers may also be included such as Chhimtuipui river which is not included as it will be accessible for trading with Myanmar. So, I suggest that we build a harbor in the area in co-ordination with different departments. So, I will conclude by saying that I support the resolution and hope my fellow members will also do the same. Thank you.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I express my gratitude to Pu R. Selthuama for moving this private resolution concerning Inland waterway. Obviously villages situated on the river banks may benefit this project most as most of our rivers flows through forest which will enable concerned people to carry their cargoes by boats here and there. I will conclude by saying that I give my full support. Thank you.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. If we agree to pursue the project of Inland Waterway, no doubt villages at the banks of different constituencies will have great benefits as for the whole state. Water transport, the cheapest means of transport will then give us opportunity to obtain our needs easily where as vegetation on the river banks will also become more profitable. So, I express my gratitude to the hon'ble member Pu Selthuama as I support his resolution. Thank you.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to support the resolution by R. Selthuama regarding Inland Water Transport as I make a request that Chhimtuipui may also be included in the resolution. Since Kolodyne Hydel Project is about to be started, I suggest the project should be extended up-to Darzokai to make the water transport accessible for the areas. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I am grateful of the initiatives taken by the government regarding Inland Water Transport in rivers like Tlawng, Tut and Tuichawng. At the same time, there are developments which can also be obtained from Chhimtuipui, the biggest river in Mizoram. River banks could also be utilized for vegetation in a greater scale and if the government takes initiatives for development of the area, it can become the most resourceful river in Mizoram. At the same time, West Tuipui should also be made easily accessible as these areas will contribute a great deal to our economic development. I will conclude the speech by stating my support to the resolution as I request concerned authority to expedite the work so that the people enjoy the benefits as early as possible. Thank you.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I express my gratitude to the government as i support resolution of the hon'ble member.

Pu Deputy Speaker, Border Trade in Tlabung have a great prospect if we could extend the route up to Tuichawng and Diluite as it will enable us to import commodities from Bangladesh at a cheaper rate. So, we are anxiously waiting for the time for completion. I

express my support and thank the hon'ble member Pu R. Selthuama for his resolution. Thank you.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker for giving me time to express my gratitude and also support resolution of the hon'ble member, Pu R. Selthuama.

We all know the importance of Inland Water Transport. It may be difficult to obtain funds for construction and development of waterways yet, the North East Regions are fortunate that the central Government provides enough funds from CSS. As we are in a hilly region, we often face problems in connection with lack of route for transportation particularly in monsoon season which usually brought landslide etc. So, good Inland waterways will solve a great deal to our transportation problems. I will conclude my speech by stating my support to the resolution and hope that the government would take immediate step for the success. Thank you.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I want to express my support to the resolution of the hon'ble member Pu R. Selthuama. As my fellow member stated earlier, we the North East have a better opportunity to obtain funds for development as we are expecting development funds of ₹500 to ₹600 lakhs which is 100% centrally sponsored scheme.

The development project taken up at Tlawnglui is truly appreciative and at the same time, priority may also be given to Chhimtuipui as mentioned by the hon'ble member Pu P.P. Thawla as it will serve as an important factor for our economic growth.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I have made an appeal to P & E department to construct a mini-hydel project in Sekulh River as it will prove great benefits for trading systems in our state. In view of our transport system which is less adequate for the state, development of waterway transportation is essential for economic growth of our state. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Morning session is over. After a short break, we will resume our discussion at 2:00 PM.

2:00 P.M

S P E A K E R : Ten members have participated in the discussion of this resolution and we all seem to agree with passing it. Anyway, Pu Nirupam Chakma may take his time to speak.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. In support of the resolution, I want to add that Inland Water Transport will be a lifeline in the Western belt as I have experienced the importance as even a small speed boat is very useful for the area.

Another prospect of the project is manufacturing mineral water from our rivers which will then be possible after completion of this project. Thus, Pu Speaker, I strongly believe that this resolution could be a great leap for the economic development of our state and I hope all my fellow members too will see the significance. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Like the hon'ble member mentioned, Tuichawng plays an important role for those residing in the nearby areas. Next, Pu Lalthansanga may have his time.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is obvious that this Inland Water Transport will be of an important factor for our economic development. During the ministry of P.C. party in 1979, we have tried our best to accomplish Hydrel Project. Inter-continental Maritime Consultancy was hired to draft DPR for Mizoram. After completion in 1981 – 1983, it was submitted to the Ministry of Shipping & Transport. A remark was given that if Inland Water Transport is achieved, profit made within 8 years would be enough for construction of Hydrel Project. Hence, I am very grateful that the hon'ble member came up with this resolution. So, I will conclude by stating my support to the resolution and I hope initiatives to that effect may be made immediately. Thank you.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My fellow members pointed out rivers which undoubtedly have great potential. Since all the departments are under jurisdiction of the state government, I think it will not be difficult to include the rivers which are not included in the project as it will enhance tourism. Though it may not be connected to transport, I want to say that we have to give importance to construction of roads in different areas as the news today flashes across the state showing the detrimental condition of our highways. So, I think this should be taken care of as fast as possible. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now call upon the hon'ble minister Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, eleven members have stated their
MINISTER valuable opinions and strategies for the resolution
as we have instructed concerned department to hire
employees who are familiar with the areas. We have even widened different parts of the river. It
now takes only 3 hours from Sairang to Bairabi. Regarding security issues, we have assigned
officers and staffs of concerned department to keep on watching the area.

Regarding the question of handing over the project of Chhimtuipui to
Transport department, it could not be done as yet due to the ongoing work which is in progress.
The sites had also been surveyed by the ministry of DoNER and Co-ordination committee with
other departments will soon be established. We are trying our best for the success since the
project will be sponsored fully by the central Government. Like the hon'ble member Pu
Lalthansanga mentioned, Priority is given for Tlawng river since 1981 till date. Hopefully, the
project will be achieved with contribution made by various concerned people. I request my
fellow members to notify once again at the consultative committee so that we may be able
expedite the works for the success of Inland Water Transport. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : If the hon'ble House Leader wants to raise his
opinion in this regard?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As stated by my fellow
CHIEF MINISTER members, water transport is the cheapest means of
transportation and we all seem to have a common
interest for the success since the ministry of P.C Party. As a result, we are now planning to
establish border-trade with Bangladesh as we have discussed the matter with the Prime Minister
in Delhi. If achieved, it will serve as a prominent gateway of Trade & Commerce for the entire
North East States. As most of the members expressed their interest and even suggested different
strategies for the success of the resolution, I believe the project will certainly be achieved. Thus,
I express my support to the resolution. thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now call upon mover of the resolution to
wind up the discussion and then move the House to
pass the resolution.

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I express my gratitude to
the hon'ble members for their support and I am
positive that the hon'ble minister and concerned
department will give the best effort for the success
of the project.

So, with your permission, Pu Speaker, I move the House to pass my resolution that 'The state government may expedite construction of the project of Inland Water Transport for immediate accomplishment for the progress of our State'. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The mover, Pu R. Selthuama has moved the House to pass his Resolution, "The state government may expedite construction of the project of Inland Water Transport for immediate accomplishment and for the progress of our State". All in favour maysay, 'Yes' and those who oppose may say, 'No.' The 'Ayes' have it. The House now adopted the Resolution of Pu R. Selthuama, "The state government may expedite construction of the project of Inland Water Transport for immediate accomplishment and for the progress of our State".

The next business is private resolution from Pu K. Lianzuala, "The House expressed its gratitude to the Mizoram Police who rescued two employees of ACBI, kidnapped by rebels of Assam." I will now call upon Pu K. Lianzuala to move his resolution.

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Pu Speaker, thank you for the chance to move my private resolution, "The House expressed its gratitude to the Mizoram Police who rescued two employees of ACBI, kidnapped by rebels of Assam."

Pu Speaker, two ACBI employees were held hostage by Assam rebels, named United Democratic Liberation Army. The hon'ble Chief Minister and our Home Minister clearly states that they will not accede to the demands of the rebels. The Mizoram police are praiseworthy for their determination and tenacity in rescuing the hostages. So, with your permission, Pu Speaker, I move my resolution for favor of passing by this august House. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now discuss the resolution. Pu T.T. Zothansanga will start and he will be followed by Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. During the period 1999-2001, 69 persons were abducted for want of ransom. Government of the former ministry was even alleged to co-operate with the rebels and as even agreed to give the ransom. I am not against giving ransom to save lives but the fact that they denied their act as their connection with the rebels was unreasonable. When the same problem persisted under this ministry Pu Speaker, the government always did what needs to be done with the help of experts and police officers which consequently brought a successful operation. So, I will conclude by saying that I support the resolution and I am very proud of courageous effort made by the Mizoram police. Thank you.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am grateful to have the opportunity to discuss the resolution of Pu K. Lianzuala, "The House expressed its gratitude to the Mizoram police who rescued two employees of ACBI kidnapped by the Assam rebels". I think it will be clearer if the context 'without paying any ransom demands' is added. Pu Speaker, the operation carried out by the police is praiseworthy and they truly deserved to be honor. We have often faced abduction in the previous years but saving hostage without acceding ransom is rare. So, the police truly deserve to be honored and reward for their act of bravery. I will conclude by saying that I fully support the resolution and also thank the hon'ble House Leader as well as hon'ble Home Minister for their leadership. Thank you.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am grateful for this thoughtful resolution. The two hostages, the DEPUTY SPEAKER employees of ACBI, though were non-mizos, rescued by the Mizoram police since they were working in Mizoram. I wonder if government of a particular state paid attention to my welfare if I was kidnapped in their state. This indicates that the police showed no discrimination to any one they serve. Our policemen truly deserves to be honored as well as award to reflect in their service record respectively. I also give thanks to the leadership of our hon'ble Chief Minister and the Home Minister as I support passing of the resolution. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, we have encountered much abduction in the past and there were occasions when the people did not trust initiatives of the government when hostages were rescued. But in this incident, the Mizoram police rescued the abducted without complying with the demands of the rebels and like the hon'ble members said, they deserve honor. I hope those rebels would know who to fear and not repeat the same act. I express my support to the resolution as I thank the hon'ble Home Minister and the Chief Minister for their leadership. Thank you.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Yesterday we have discussed the importance of Peace in our official Resolution. Peace in our State was threatened in the former ministry as we encountered many kidnapping cases during the year 1999–2003. Allegedly, ransom was acceded by the government so as to free the hostages. But now, under the strong leadership of the hon'ble Chief Minister and our Home Minister, the Mizoram Policemen are able to carry out their rescue operation successfully and we honor them as I also express my support to the resolution. Thank you.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am grateful that we are
MINISTER discussing the thoughtful resolution of the hon'ble
Member Pu K. Lianzuala. Regarding the abduction,
our hon'ble Chief Minister was of the opinion that the hostages should be rescued and not a
cent should be spent to these rebels. As the operation began, our men were protected by the
almighty God and they were successful in their mission. As suggested by the hon'ble Dy.Speaker
as well as my fellow members, they will be rewarded and also mark in their service record. In
addition, each may also be awarded with an amount of ₹1000/- from the discretionary fund of
Home Minister. Thank you.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is necessary to reiterate the case as
MINISTER it is a fact as stated before. The mover submitted his
resolution with an intention to improve and
maintain our strength and the authority considered the matter already. Now, there is a proposal
to purchase weapons for Indian armies where as the sample has already been received and is now
ready for test. The state police too, will accordingly be provided with sophisticated weapons as
the Indian National armies.

The resolution stated that the United Democratic Liberation army
kidnapped two persons of ABCI. As stated before, we have already experienced kidnapping
more than 10 times during 1996 – 2000, 21 times during 2001-2008 and one time during 2009-
2011. Such cases were resolved by means of compromise. As of this time, it is resolved
immediately as kidnappers were injured in the attack. As the hon'ble Chief Minister was
consulted by DG and concerned authorities of how to deal with the case, he told them that he
wanted to get them back without any compromise. Action was then taken immediately and
hostages were released at the 11th day of kidnapping. Firing occurred at 8: 00 AM and was
started by the kidnappers. The state police then made their counter-attack courageously and with
God on our side, kidnappers were captured.

Pu Dy. Speaker, efforts made by the police for the attack is praiseworthy
and truly deserves rewards as the government is determining to give it as deserved. Thus, the
Home Minister offered from his discretionary fund, ₹1000 to each of the police in the operation
as a reward. Thank you.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, we are now discussing a resolution that
concern courageous police force to rescue the
hostages kidnapped by the UDLA as well as
proposal for rewarding them. Even so, it is regretted to learn that some members emphasizes
only on the weakness of former ministry and take political advantage out of this resolution. It is
good to pass this resolution if it is submitted with a positive attitude as the state police are
efficient enough in carrying out their duty. Their courageous action is no less inferior to other
state's police and therefore deserved praiseworthy. On the other hand, it is the duty of the House
to determine some sorts of reward. So, we, the opposition members too wholeheartedly support
this resolution. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The time now is 4:00 PM. We obviously have a couple of members to make their speech. Now, I call upon Pu K.S. Thanga.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Pu Speaker, we all are aware of the fact that this is a House where truth should be prevailed as Oath is taken by all the members for that purpose. So, we must speak the truth.

SPEAKER : Now, I call upon mover of the resolution to wind up the discussion.

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Thank you, hon'ble Speaker. It is appreciated as we still have members who are willing to participate in the discussion of this resolution as I would like to extend my thanks to all the members for supporting this resolution.

It is truly appreciated as persons kidnapped were rescued without giving any ransom as the effort of the state police truly deserves credits.

So, Pu Speaker, I beg the House to adopt the resolution that "The House is in the opinion that achievement of the Mizoram Police force in rescuing two ABCI staff kidnapped by Assam Militants is praiseworthy and therefore, express its appreciation." Thank you.

(The Resolution is voted and adopted).

I have to inform the House that I have a tour programme to Delhi in connection with Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference to be held at London. So, I will not be able to attend our session on the 11th, 12th and 13th of this month and the hon'ble Deputy Speaker will chair the Session.

Sitting of the House will be resumed at 10:30 AM. on 11.7.2011.

Sitting is adjourned at 4 : 07 PM