

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

**FOURTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 12<sup>TH</sup> 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.
2. **ELECTION TO FINANCIAL COMMITTEES** to elect members of the three Financial Committees.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing

3. **Pu H.LIANSILOVA**, to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) (First Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

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ALSO

to introduce the Bill  
to move that the Bill be taken into consideration  
to move that the Bill be passed.

VANLALNGHENGA  
Additional Secretary

DEPUTY SPEAKER : For the **LORD** loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. They will be protected forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off;  
Psalms 37:28

We will take questions and Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask Starred Question No.23.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Tourism department be pleased to state – Whether construction of Tourist Lodge at Farkawn is completed?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister, Pu S. Hiato to reply.

Pu S. HIATO  
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to Starred Question No.23 is – It is completed and will soon be inaugurated.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my supplementary question is – Can it be innaugurated within this year?

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, another supplementary question – May I know when was the building constructed? May the government verify whether the work is fully completed?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, construction of Tourist Lodge at E. Lungdar and N. Vanlaiphai were completed long time back. When will it be officially inaugurated ? May the concerned authority determines appropriate maintenance of the establishment?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister to reply.

Pu S. HIATO MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, to answer the question of Pu B. Lalthlengliana, we are trying our best but it cannot be inaugurated as yet due to shortage of staff and fund. Furnitures have already been placed and will be inaugurated any time.

Regarding the question of Pu Rina, the construction is done under MNF ministry with poor finishing as we examine how to improve the construction. To answer Pu Lalthansanga's question, Tourist Lodge at E. Lungdar was completed long time back but the construction which is so poor as even before it is occupied, the ceiling collapses and need repairing.

Lastly, many of you may want to know the condition of construction in your constituency respectively. So, to curtail the discussion, Tourists Lodge at the following places are ready for inauguration : -

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| (1) Khawbung          | (2) Zokhawthar        |
| (3) Hnahlan           | (4) Sakawrdai         |
| (5) Darlawn           | (6) Khanpui           |
| (7) Chalfilh          | (8) Saitual           |
| (9) Thingsul          | (10) E.Lungdar        |
| (11) North Vanlaiphai | (12) Saichhoh         |
| (13) Darzo            | (14) South Vanlaiphai |
| (15) Bualpui (Ng)     | (16) Tuipang          |
| (17) Zawlnuam         | (18) Kanhmun          |
| (19) Mamit            | (20) Thingdawl        |
| (21) Kolasib          | (22) Lengpui          |
| (23) Bairabi          | (24) Paithar.         |

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pu John Siamkunga to ask Starred Question No. 24.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Trade & Commerce department be pleased to state-

- (a) What is the progress made by the govt. of Mizoram in regard to trade relation with Bangladesh government?
- (b) Whether there is a plan to open weekly market at Kulhhmuntlang of near Thingsai in which trade relation with Myanmar is set up with the initiative of the previous Congress party ministry?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister, Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to reply.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, answers to Starred Question No. 24 are as follows –

- (a) Construction of Facilitation Centre at Tlabung is completed as of Kawrpuichhuah, there is a plan to set up Integrated Check Post. For this purpose, 65 Bighas of land was handed over to ministry of Home Affairs.
- (b) There is no intention to open weekly market at Thingsai.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary Question and Pu John Siamkunga to ask.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my supplementary questions are as follows: –

- (1) What is the response of the Bangladesh government regarding trade relation with India?
- (2) What progress has been made by the government in Sitwe? What is the reaction of the government of Myanmar?
- (3) May the government allot fund provision for setting up of Weekly Market at Kulhhmuntlang as approach road is already constructed under RD as it is an easy access from Kalymeo and Yangon?

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA : Pu Deputy Speaker, may the hon'ble minister determine extension of the road of Lunglei Regional office to pave better way for border trade at Sitwe, Tlabung and Thingsai as it is now funded by Directorate?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what steps has been taken so far by the government for improvement of Industrial Conclave we had in 2009? In dealing

with the conclave, priority is given to concerned associations and federations. In what ways it is useful for the government? What is the progress made by the government?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to reply.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : First, regarding reaction of Bangladesh government, MINISTER we are happy to receive amiable response as Home Minister and Home Secretary to the gov't. of Bangladesh came to verify the proposed site for Integrated Check Post and Custom Station near Tlabung as they even sent their custom team to see the spot. We further learned that this trade relation business was even flashed in their Newspapers. Regarding Weekly Market, it will be set up as per request of the hon'ble member and with the help of fund received from central government.

To answer the question of Pu Liantlinga, we had a talk with their officials for Trade & Commerce as we are informed about the inconveniency to build trade relationship with them as our products is said to be of less sufficient to meet the demands. Yet, they are trying to open trade centre at Silchar in order to have a trade relation with Nagaland, Assam, Manipur and Mizoram. As this is the case, we need to put more efforts to meet their demands.

Lastly, regarding posting of officer of Trade & Commerce at Lunglei, there is a proposal to create the said post. Pu Deputy Speaker, it is to be noted that matter which deals with Sitwe/Akyab is purview of the central government and therefore, should be referred to the central for which the hon'ble Chief Minister took initiative to achieve the trade route through Sitwe. The problem is that Chief Minister of Manipur and Assam objected this plan as we are instructed to divert the proposed route. However, we are trying our best to achieve the plan. Thank you.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, I would like to add a few words in this CHIEF MINISTER regard. The Land Custom Station is ready for Commission as soon as concerned minister is ready to do so. After that, it will be formalized and will be opened for traders. From Zokhawthar, there is a plan to construct road up to Tidim and Falam for which negotiation is going on between the central and the gov't. of Burma. Besides, we are planning to re-open Weekly Bazar Hut at Thingsai and Chapui as agreement signed in 1997. For this purpose, we will need link road for the nearby villages. Presently, sitwe road is under construction which is planned to link up to their main port. The central gov't further intended to open Air force nodal system in the North-east for which Mizoram is selected as the required land already been allotted.

Regarding setting up trade relation with Bangladesh, the government of Bangladesh is quite interest in it as their High Commissioner even came to Mizoram to have a

talk and the government of India too sent officials from the central to attend this meeting. Thekamuk is the proposed site as it is considered as an easy access for the neighboring country.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu C. Ramhluna to ask Starred Question No. 25.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Agriculture department be pleased to state –

- (a) Whether fund is received for Chamdur Project as assured by the Union Agriculture minister?
- (b) Whether estimate of the Project should be submitted to the Central government?
- (c) What is expected time for starting the work?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister to reply.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA  
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, answers to the hon'ble member's questions are as follows –

- (a) It is not known whether the Union Minister made assurance regarding Chamdur Project.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) It is not known.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, according to official of LADC, the Union Minister promised to give Rs.20 crore out of Rs.53 crore allocated for the project of Land Development and Agriculture as project report for Chamdur covering 5,272 hectares of land has also been prepared. My question is –

- (1) May the government gives priority to this project and take initiative?
- (2) Whether the government intends to rely on the project which has already been prepared by LADC or replace it with a new one?
- (3) May the Agriculture officer, not lower than SDAO be posted there?

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Union Minister pointed

out the need for cultivation of Phura and Sala zawl. In pursuance of the statement, I have even instructed MADC to submit Map and the reports.

Did they submit the report? Whether it is included in the project for development of Agriculture?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, vast area of our cultivation was destroyed during monsoon season of 2009. As a relief, the government assured financial aids. Whether the government intimated the situation to the Union Agriculture minister when he visited Mizoram? Secondly, did the minister take initiative to provide financial aid to cultivators from Zula Zau and Tuipui Zau where the cultivations were damaged by flood?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister, Pu H. Liansailova to reply.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding monsoon damages, we have no reason to receive relief fund from the central as damages which affected the said areas were not of calamity as prescribed by the central. It has to be declared first as natural calamity so as to receive the fund yet, it is not possible to declare instantly. In the case of irrigation, spot verification was made by DAO as we do not have fund from Irrigation. Yet, we are giving our best effort by providing polythene pipes to protect their irrigations.

Regarding Chamdud and Phura Project, the Union Minister, as far as my knowledge is concern, does not make any promises in funding the project. But he produced a copy of the project which was previously submitted to DoNER ministry by them during 2009-2010. From the project, the Union Minister made a remark of development of this area by sending scientists to make scheme/project. The state government also makes plan to develop this area and even determines financial provision. Regarding posting of SDAO ranked officer, it will be done if necessity arises.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the district council alone may not be able to finish the project due to lack of technical knowhow and manpower. Is there a way to follow norms of the state government?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there is no way to follow central norms since Mizoram is a hilly area. Is there a way to follow norms for a hilly area?

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, if we have to ask for central aid, we should follow the guidelines and norms prescribed by the rules. Regarding Pu C. Ramhluna's question, I opine it would be more effective if we make integrated development plan by hiring experts in this field. We are determining to follow Integrated Development Plan for Agriculture to take care of this area alone. Let us hope that provision is made in the budget. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred Question No.26 and Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Agriculture department be pleased to state –

- (a) In which districts oil palm programme were undertaken?
- (b) Whether there is an intention to continue the project for the year 2011-2012?

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, answers to Starred Question No. 26 are as follows –

- (a) Oil Palm Programme is undertaken in the following Districts, such as: -
  - 1. Kolasib
  - 2. Mamit
  - 3. Lawngtlai
  - 4. Lunglei
  - 5. Serchhip
- (b) We will continue the project for the year 2011-2012 as shown below –

Sl. Nos	Name of District	Area Target (in hectare)
1	Kolasib	600
2	Mamit	600
3	Aizawl	50
4	Serchhip	250
5	Lunglei	900
6	LADC	450
7	CADC	150
Total		3,000 hectares

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary questions and Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask.



Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. My supplementary questions are as follows –

- (1) What will be the benefit?
- (2) For what purpose?
- (3) What changes will it bring if plantation covered 3000 hectares of land?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my supplementary Questions are -

- (1) What amount of fund is spent for plantation of oil palm?
- (2) What amount of seeds is distributed?
- (3) What is the total number of beneficiaries?
- (4) According to newspaper, about 50 metric tons of seeds were sold. Is this true?
- (5) If so, at what rate and how it was sold?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Since oil palm is the sole plantation which has been taken up through legislation of the House but we are not able to proceed without fund provisions from the central. Plus, we are very weak in maintenance of the project which has already been started and the same goes with PMGSY as

RRGVY. So, my question is:- May the government gives priority for the success of the said project while we are discussing the budget?

We have to consider as to whether the project of plantation of oil palm is insured or not. It is learned that large amount of plantation of oil palm is destroyed by Mautam disaster. Besides, it is feasible for the concerned farmers to suffer draught or landslide but the government fails to provide any financial assistance. May the government take up a new approach to maintain such kind of problems?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, I call upon the hon'ble minister.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA  
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as far as my knowledge is concern, project of plantation of oil palm was implemented during 2004-2005 under ISOPAM of central project. The approach may also be considered as contract farming system, PPP mode. The project involves joint venture of the government of Mizoram, central, company and selected farmers where as Godrej Oil Palm Ltd., one of the assigned companies concentrated in the district of Kolasib and Mamit, Soya Industry Ltd. in the district of Lunglei and Lawngtlai and FoodFed Oil Palm Pvt. Ltd in Aizawl, Serchhip and Saiha district.

Regarding the project as mentioned by Pu Lalduhoma, it is of centrally sponsored scheme. As of red oil palm project, it is a contract farming in which market arrangement is tied up between the selected farmers and the assigned company. Accordingly, any first product of the project is purchased on gate-rate which is approved by zonal-state committee.

Selection board for a particular cluster area gives priority to farmers who are confident to achieve the project where as zonal committee of a district advised any selected farmer to have predetermination of their respective approach road and input.

Regarding insurance of the project as pointed out by Pu Lalduhoma, the problem is that any concerned farmers seem to hesitate to make contribution for insurance not only because of financial problem but also for the detail of application form which is too complicated to be filled up by ordinary people as it is usually tied-up with central authority. Hence, insurance is hardly impressive to concerned farmers.

Apart from oil palm as the best choice among edible oils, it is widely used as industrial oil. Even after filtering the oil, the residual is further used as animal feeds, fish feeds, bio-mass and powder. Considering the prospect of plantation of oil palm for the economy of Mizoram, number of farmers engaged in this plantation is rather less. So far, we have covered only 127 villages in Mizoram with 5595 Nos. of beneficiaries where as 7158 of seeds has already been distributed. Godrej company has already been approached to set up oil palm processing factory at Bukvannei of Kolasib district.

Regarding expenditure for setting up of the said factory as asked by Pu K. Liantlinga, I cannot give the exact figure and what I can say right now is the area of the project which covers 3000 hectares is taken up under ISO palm of centrally sponsored scheme. Presently, we have ₹481.26 lakhs and ₹14.80 crores under RKVY to cover the said 3000 hectares of the project. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Here is an announcement for all concerned members of Business Advisory Committee that after this sitting, there is a meeting at my office chamber to discuss an important matter.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday), the hon'ble minister of Parliamentary Affairs moved a motion regarding election to financial committee. It is appreciated as arrangement is made without conducting the election as the following are appointed as the official members of Financial Committee: -

**1. Members of Public Accounts Committee: -**

1. Pu B. Lalthlengliana, MNF
2. Pu C. Ramhluna, MNF
3. Pu Lalduhoma, ZNP

4. Pu Lalrinawma, INC
5. Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala, INC
6. Pu K. Lalrintluanga, INC
7. Pu Lalrobiaka, INC

**2. Members of Estimates Committee: -**

1. Pu John Siamkunga, INC
2. Pu K. Lianzuala, INC
3. Pu T.T. Zothansanga, INC
4. Pu R.L. Pianmawia, INC
5. Pu Lalthansanga, MPC
6. Brig. T. Sailo, MPC
7. Pu P.P. Thawla, MDF

**3. Members of Committee of Undertakings: -**

1. Pu K. Liantlinga, ZNP
2. Dr. Lalthangliana, MNF
3. Nirupam Chakma, INC
4. Pu Hmingdailova, INC
5. Pu Joseph Lalhimpuaia, INC
6. Pu R. Selthuama, INC

Chairman in respect of the committees will be appointed under the guidance of the Speaker.

Coming to the next business, Pu H. Liansailova, the hon'ble minister to introduce to the House, "The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) (First Amendment) Bill, 2011.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : With your permission and of the House, Pu MINISTER Speaker, I introduce to the House, "The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) (First Amendment) Bill, 2011.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The minister introduced to the House, "The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) (First Amendment) Bill, 2011. As per agreement of the House, he may now move the House to introduce and for further discussion.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Speaker, the principle Act of this Bill has MINISTER already been passed by the House in 2010 which

indicates that any rule once passed is hardly complete and often need some sorts of amendment.

As such, Section 1 and 2 of the said rules needs amendment as it does not concern regulation of Accredited Loan Providers like Reserve Bank or any other Bank. Thus, this Bill proposed amendment as Act shall apply to the Reserve Bank or any Bank. This Bill further concerns amendment of definition of Loan Provider as 'A personal firm which has contractual arrangement with an accredited institutional for the purpose of lending to the borrowers in his or its name. It includes non-Banking Financial Companies, Micro-finance Companies, registered under the Reserve Bank of India'.

I, therefore, appeal to all the members to consider the proposed amendment and that the Bill is passed unanimously. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Alright. The minister has introduced in the House, "The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) (First Amendment) Bill, 2011. Let the copy be distributed to the members before discussing. 5 minutes each will be allotted to the members. To start with, I call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr R. LALTHANGLIANA : Amendment Bill introduced by our fellow member concern an important matter as it has also been discussed before. With development of the world in technology and introduction of advanced system, we are prone to make mistake unless the matter is examined carefully. The statement of objects and reasons indicates that Reserve Bank of India too is aware of the need to take cautious measure. As this Bill concern financial matter, it is highly important for the members to consider the matter meticulously. Pu Speaker, the House may pass this Bill without much ado, yet what is important for the government is to give awareness to the public concern by organizing a seminar or symposium. Otherwise, moral of the people may not be changed. It will be much appreciated if the House passed this amendment Bill. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Chairman, I, at the outset would like to give a credit to concerned minister as the members are provided with all the related rules and a complete set of concerned act as it is hardly practiced before. Much as well, it is truly appreciated as the members received well-defined statement of objects and reasons with comparative statements to help us easily understand our main subject. I opine the minister sets a good example to other ministers.

Due to lack of proper awareness Pu Speaker, large number people particularly of rural areas have already lost their valuable assets recently. In concern of the problem, I have even brought this matter in zero hour of the session. It is highly appreciated as

the minister moved this amendment bill to the House with an intention to resolve existing problem of the people in distress. The minister should have made his explanation in more detail so that it is clearly understood even by the ordinary people. Pu Speaker, I support this amendment Bill as it concern redemption of the people in distress. Thank you.

Pu LALROBIAKA : As pointed out by various members, this Bill is of much important as it concern security to the people. Much as well, it is extremely important for the people to protect themselves from involving in some sorts of financial scam. As the Bible verse says, “A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, loving favor rather than silver and gold”, it is important for every Christian to keep away ourselves from some sorts of wishful thinking.

Pu Speaker, I must say that the Bill itself is quite appreciative with well-defined statement of objects and reasons, attachment of related rules as well as comparative statement. It is, therefore, wise for the members to vote in favor of passing of this amendment Bill. Thank you.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have studied papers of this amendment Bill last night and I hardly found any point to mention against the context. Yet, I would like to emphasize on the attitude of the mizos who are chasing the dreams of prosperity and riches in one night stand. When I was working at a college, I have even once involved in that kind of stake by the name of my children and found out after two years that all my money at stake is lost as identity of spearheaded person of that business could not be traced out. So, Pu Speaker, I understand from my experience that regulation of concerned rules is highly necessary for our security. I, therefore, support passing this amendment Bill with the hope of providing safety for the mizos. Thank you.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, this amendment Bill is truly appreciative especially for first timers as necessary rules and acts as well as comparative statements are attached herewith. Certainly collecting these documents is not that easy as it would surely take much time. I, first of all, have to express my appreciation to concerned minister.

Considering the outcome of last General Election, I am as delightful as attitude of the people seems to change for better due to the fact that certain candidates who are known for their faithfulness are elected too. On the contrary, it is sad to learn that our attitude of craving for money seems to increase. It is, therefore, wise for concerned authority to give awareness to the public by organizing seminar or by inviting cooperation of various NGOs. Thank you.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : As impression made by other members, Pu Deputy Speaker, I do appreciate “The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation)(First Amendment ) Bill, 2011” moved by the hon’ble minister. It is desirable if this example is followed by other ministers or members when introducing any Bill in future. I, therefore, express my appreciation to officials who are involves in preparing this amendment Bill. This rule is expected to strengthen security for the public concern as it will prevent any Bank or money lender to lend money at an exorbitant rate of interest. I support this Bill as it truly is interest of Mizoram.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to ask concerned minister regarding extension of this rule. It is mentioned here that “to regulate money lending in the state of Mizoram”. The original Bill further underlines that “whereas it is an expedient to make provisions for protecting the interests of borrowers, for regulating transactions of money lending and to secure money transparency in such transactions in the State of Mizoram”. Again, we see here short title of ‘extent and commencement’. Thus, this rule is likely not to be applied in the three Autonomous District Councils such as Lai, Mara and Chakma. If so, is it possible to extent it in the three Autonomous District Councils?

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, this amendment Bill, as pointed out by other members, is very clear with all related rules and comparative statement which is easy to understand particularly for first time members. Effort made by the minister as well as concerned officials is truly praiseworthy. Some of us may question as to why amendment is again necessary. It is to be noted that this amendment is moved not because the previous amendment is wrong but only to include portion which is not covered by the previous amendment. I fully support this amendment Bill as I opine it is necessary.

In the same manner, I support suggestion of giving awareness. Apart from this, I opine it is also important to give priority to enforcement of Laws which may be passed by the House. Thank you.

Pu LALSAWTA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. As positive opinion  
MINISTER we have listened from various members, I hope this amendment Bill is passed by the House. Yet, it may be important for us to consider whether this Bill fully covered existing financial scam which pervades Mizoram as it is difficult to draw the line between borrower and lender. Considering the existing problem, it may be important to regulate appropriate rule to protect money lenders. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : As we discuss “ The Mizoram Money Lenders and

Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) (First Amendment) Bill, 2011” Pu Speaker, I would like to make suggestion to the Business Advisory Committee that time for discussion of any bill may be informed while a copy of that Bill for discussion is delivered to each member.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I have to praise this amendment Bill as other members do as I hope this Bill will set a good example to other Bills which may be introduced in the House in future. Yet, I would like to mention that the need for amendment of this Bill is due to negligence of the officials as draft of the previous Bill forwarded to Law department for vetting is again handed over to concerned minister for final examination. I must say that amendment of this Bill will not be necessary if it was examined carefully. It will be appreciated if concerned officials took careful measures so that the same mistake is not repeated in future. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Alright. It is grateful as reasonable number of members are participated in the discussion of this amendment Bill. Concerned minister may now wind up the discussion and move the House to pass the Bill.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is a great pleasure to receive appreciation from most of the members participated in the discussion of this Bill. I must say that this is mostly because of the effort rendered by my officers on which they deserve more credits.

Firstly, let me react to the suggestion made by Pu C. Ramhluna as to whether to cover the three Autonomous District Councils by this amendment Bill. There was a determination while discussion of the proposal was made. However, there is a provision to make the same rule under the sixth schedule. If it is not existed, it may be adopted from time to time by the legislative power of the district council. It may be noted that the decision of exclusion was made in respect of their status as special category and also because this is not a central act and deemed unnecessary for the three Autonomous District Councils.

Regarding awareness to the public, as suggested by certain members, it may be noted that Finance department, in cooperation with Reserve Bank recently organized a seminar due to the existing problem and related documents collected by RBI was translated in mizo and distributed. Apart from this, effort has been put by the School Education department to supplement syllabus of the students by adding another chapter which concerns this problem.

As this amendment Bill concern for protection of depositors against attractive loan providers and also protections of its Interest, I move the House to pass it unanimously.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Alright. Concerned minister has now moved the House to pass “The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) (First Amendment) Bill, 2011”. Members who agree to pass it may say, ‘AYE’. [The ‘AYE’ has it.] This House unanimously passed “The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) (First Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA  
MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Dy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, I call upon Pu J.H.Rothuama, concerned minister to beg leave of the House to introduce the “The Land Acquisition Mizoram (Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA  
MINISTER : With your permission and of the House, Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg leave of the House to introduce “The Land Acquisition Mizoram (Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The minister may now introduce and then move “The Land Acquisition Mizoram (Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA  
MINISTER : As known to us all, Pu Deputy Speaker, reputation of the government is seriously affected by the absence of appropriate rules for Land Acquisition. With increasing number of compensation case, necessity of this amendment is felt to protect and prepare ourselves for the problem. The government is often compelled to acquire land owned by private or association by means of Land Acquisition Act, 1894. Thus, this Bill is intended to provide legal right for official collectors, Deputy Commissioner or concerned staff of Revenue department in dealing the case of compulsory acquisition. Apart from this, this will prevent exorbitant cost of land which may be acquired by the government. It may be noted that passing of this Bill will not incur the government extra expenditure and so it is not harmful.

Pu Deputy Speaker, portion of Act, 1894 which is felt as needing amendment is Section 5(a) in which this proviso may be added after sub-section as large amount of expenditure is often incurred by the government following Compulsory Land Acquisition by means of section 23(2). Printing mistake is found in this sentence, ‘by filing FIR and **punnish** accordingly’ in which double printed of ‘n’ in the word ‘punish’ may be corrected. Thank you.



DEPUTY SPEAKER : Alright. “ The Land Acquisition Mizoram (Amendment) Bill, 2011” is introduced in the House. As usual, 5 minutes each will be allotted to the members and discussion will be started after recess at 2:00 PM.

**2:00 PM**

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now take up discussion of “The Land Acquisition Mizoram (Amendment) Bill, 2011” introduced by Pu J.H. Rothuama. To start with, I call upon Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. It is truly appreciated that the minister introduced in the House, “The Land Acquisition Mizoram (Amendment) Bill, 2011” in order to resolve the problem of the people. In dealing with this problem, we have a good example from Tuirial Hydel Project in which number of land settlement occupied the area increases from 48 to 2016. Thus, this Bill is introduced with a determination to prevent the practice of purchasing excessive area of land with a purpose to benefit compensation from it. I strongly believe this rule will be of great importance for collectors of Revenue department in resolving the existing problem of land acquisition.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I opine there is nothing much to say regarding this Bill as it concern only modification of Land Acquisition Act, 1894 so that it is in-tune with demand of the state government. This amendment further concerns prevention of the rich from demanding to the government, an exorbitant rate of land for acquisition.

Like the previously discussed Bill, this Bill is quite complete and printing mistake too is hardly found except the one which is corrected earlier and a grammatical error at the bottom line of the first page i.e. ‘shall be proceeded against by filing a **FIR**’ which may be corrected as ‘an FIR’. I support passing of this amendment Bill. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, like the member who stood up before me, I have found no mistake except a couple words which is corrected. However, I would like to criticize proposed amendment of 5(a), Section 1 as in my opinion it is too lengthy in compare to the amendment of the state of Andra Pradesh for the

same which is brief and compact. It may be more appropriate if it is followed. The hon'ble minister may also explain regarding fixing of 30 days after issue of notification to owner of a notified land.

I have learned from my experience as a minister of Land Revenue department during MNF ministry that there is a notification of the District Council, 1972 that no District Council is authorized to issue LSC within Aizawl area. This notification resulted in increase of bogus LSCs dated as before issue of the said notification. In the same manner, number of LSC within the notified area of Multi-modal Transport too is increasing for want of compensation. It is, therefore, important for concerned authority to examine the case meticulously so that only genuine holders of LSC within the notified area are compensated. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am not trying to criticize this Bill even though I could not consider this Amendment Bill as good. I opine proposed amendment No.2 is not necessary as the officials should reject any LSC which may be confirmed as fake or illegal issue. As long as concerned officials considered such LSC, the practice will not be stopped despite amendment of this Bill. Secondly, I cannot support the idea of compulsory acquisition of land even after notification is issued as it is possible that concerned person may not received information in due time.

In short, my conception is that this Amendment Bill is 'anti-people' as it contradicts the context of India today. Thus, I cannot support passing of this Bill. Thank you.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the people practically experienced the problem of Land Acquisition from construction of Indo-Bangladesh border fencing and it is not the members or ministers to suffer the ill effect but our very own people. Land Acquisition of Bangladesh Border Fencing is gazetted by the Gov't of India, Dated the 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 where as objection may be submitted within 30 days following issue of notification, to the Deputy Commissioner/Collector of Lunglei, Mamit and Lawngtlai districts. It is learned that number of holder of LSC failed to submit objection in the given time due to lack of proper communication. Here, the most defective part is the name of the project which is 'Acquisition of Land for Construction of Indo-Bangladesh Border Fencing' where as the length is 318 kms. It does not indicate the distance and starting point of the route as to whether from Zero Point or within 1 or 2 kms. Thus, the notification is technically wrong.

Besides, Pu Speaker, the notification indicated that all persons interested in the said land are warned not to obstruct or interfere with any surveyor or other person employed upon the said land for the purpose of acquisition. And, any contract for the disposal of the land by sale, lease, mortgage, assignment exchange of the status of pass otherwise or any outlet offence or improvement made therein without the sanction of the collector will, under clause 7 of section 24 of the said, be regarded while assessing compensation. It means that person concerned could not interfere in his own land immediately after notification is issued.

Even so, acquisition work is not completed till today as the said border fencing work is allotted to 4 contractors only despite long process of alignment.

Lastly, Pu Deputy Speaker, I opine amendment of Section 2 of this Bill is inappropriate and an alternative may, therefore, be determined. Thank you.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is to be noted that this Rule is implemented in-tune with the context of our country. Since every state has its own problem, the system of rules too is different from state to state. Hence, it is wrong to imply rules implemented in other states to the problem of Mizoram. Regarding 30 days Notification for Land Acquisition, I opine there is no reason to worry as it may be proved from signature or receipt even if notification is not received in due time. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I support passing of this Bill. Thank you.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, this proposed amendment Bill, in my opinion, is generally good as we have experienced large amount of problem due to lack of appropriate rule.

The Act itself is of the central and it is learned from TV and newspapers that there is a plan to amend this rule in-tune with interest of poor farmers as to protect them from compulsory acquisition of their lands. To some extents, this rule may also concern the interest of the general people in our state.

Regarding 30 days allotted for submission of objection, I opine it is not a problem as concerned person could get information of land acquisition very quickly and total unawareness may occur only on rare occasion. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I have to suggest amendment of this portion as “provided that if no objection from any person interested in any part of the notified land is not received by the collector” as the sentences ‘no objection’ and ‘is received’ are a bit confusing and so may be changed. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I would like to concentrate on Section 5(a) (ii) No.1 as we have an example from compensation assessment of land acquisition for construction of Silchar road as some portions of compensation solatium of ignorant beneficiaries were benefitted by concerned Magistrates, DC or other staff who were involved in processing compensation. Apparently, this proposed amendment is again creating a loophole for such officials to practice corruption out of the property of those who are ignorance of claiming compensation solatium. It is, therefore, necessary for concerned authority to see that any person holding land within the notified area is well-informed of the matter in order to prevent corruption in the process. Thank you.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I do support “The Land Acquisition Mizoram (Amendment) Bill, 2011” as other members do as it concern maintenance of our lands. However, at Sub-section 2, Section 5(a) (ii), the word ‘provided” in the sentence ‘provided that the government’ and ‘shall’ is seen after using ‘will’ in the sentence ‘will considering the draft a word for approval’ and may be re-examined. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Alright. I call upon Pu J.H.Rothuama, concerned minister to wind up the discussion and beg leave of the House to pass the Bill.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Thank you, Deputy Speaker. At the outset, I would like to rectify the sentence pointed out by two members of Section 5(a) No.2 that the word ‘shall’ may be considered as typing mistake.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I may not be able to react to each and every point raised by 8 members participated in the discussion of this Bill. The main idea of this Amendment Bill is to protect the right of the collector so that the full amount of compensation solatium is claimed. Regarding genuineness of LSC, it may be proved after checking the documents. Regarding 30 days Notification, let us hope there will be no problem in this connection. What is important for the government is to determine more prospects of resources.

So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I move this august House to pass “The Land Acquisition Mizoram (Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon’ble minister has now moved the House to pass “The Land Acquisition Mizoram (Amendment) Bill, 2011”. Members who agree to pass it may say, ‘aye’. [The ‘aye’ has it.] This House unanimously passed “The Land Acquisition Mizoram (Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We still have another Bill. I call upon Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, hon’ble minister to beg leave of the House to introduce the Bill to the House.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : With your permission and of the House, Pu Deputy  
MINISTER Speaker, I beg leave of the House I introduce the  
“The Mizoram Public Records Bill, 2011”. Thank  
you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon’ble minister, Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana has  
begged leave of the House to Introduce the Bill. Do  
we agree? If so, he may now introduce the Bill and  
move the House for discussion.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. “The Mizoram  
MINISTER Public Record Bill, 2011” is introduced to the  
House with the idea to maintain Public Records of  
India more appropriately. Following “The Public  
Record Act, 1993, No. 69 of 1993” passed by Parliament of India, Ministry of Law, Justice and  
Company Affairs, Legislative Department of the Gov’t of India, by means of Part-II Section-I,  
notified in the Gazette of India on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 1993. Since it is necessary for the Gov’t of  
India to give notification by means of the official gazette, this Public Records Act was  
implemented with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March, 1995 and at the same time, the central government  
notified Rules for implementation of Public Records Act, 1993 in the gazette on 18<sup>th</sup> January,  
1993. Shortly after at May, 1997, Indian Historical Records Commission, in pursuance of its 56<sup>th</sup>  
Meeting held at Jabhalpur and on the basis of Resolution No. 4, submitted a Resolution  
appealing to all the State governments to implement the same in their respective State  
governments. Since it is not appropriate to fully implement it in the State government, it is felt to  
be necessary to amend it in-tune with the context of Mizoram. Hence, the department of Art &  
Culture put forward this Bill to the House.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the following points are the importance of having  
Public Records Bill: -

1. Implementation of Mizoram Public Record Bill, 2011 will enable us to maintain appropriate record.
2. It will play an important role as a source of information of historical fact.
3. Keeping of the record is necessary with implementation of RTI.
4. Record keeping is important for innovation of new venture.
5. It will be helpful for the government, churches and NGOs for setting up meaningful governing body.
6. Establishment of a good government having appropriate record will be much helpful for research scholars in collecting information.

Public Records Act had already been implemented in most of the states in India including Assam and Manipur from the North-East. Thus, it is important for us also to implement the same.

In the meantime, Pu Deputy Speaker, there is one printing mistake at page 2, No. 3(2) which should be given as clause 'h' is printed as clause 'f'. This 'f' may kindly be corrected as 'h'.

As shown in the Financial Memorandum, the only financial involvement for implementation of Public Records Act is expenditure for TA/DA in respect to Board members. I request the members to examine this matter very carefully and give their support to passing of this Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : "The Mizoram Public Records Bill, 2011" is introduced. Let the copy be distributed. As usual, 5 minutes each will be allotted to the members. To start with, let me call upon Pu R. Larinawma to have his speech.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. The minister has clearly explained object and reasons of this Bill. Regarding typing mistake, here is another at page No.2 sub-number (i) which may be corrected as (iii) and at page N0.6, clause 15, the wording "No suite prosecution or other legal proceeding are against any person in respect of anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done" which may also be corrected as "which is done in good faith".

Pu Deputy Speaker, there are number of points to be raised regarding problems due to lack of appropriate rules yet, I opine it is not necessary as the hon'ble minister has clearly explained. So, I give my support to passing of this Bill. Thank you.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : At the outset, Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to express my support of this Bill as we have been facing number of problem due to lack of appropriate maintenance of the records. This Bill, therefore, is truly appreciative.

As pointed out by my fellow member, this Bill is appreciative as it is expected to serve the needs of upcoming scholars in collecting information. In this connection, I have to emphasize on rules at Page No. 7, sub-number (iii) which underlines that "every Rule made under this act shall be laid as soon as may be after it is made, before the Assembly when it is in session for the total period of thirty days". Here, it may be necessary to reconsider allotment of '30 days' as the Assembly session hardly runs for 30 days. Likewise, in regard to Rules, it is stated that 'which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions'. This

may be applicable only for discussion of Parliament Bills but not for us as the Session of Mizoram Legislative Assembly usually takes a couple of week.

Again in Financial Memorandum, Pu Deputy Speaker, it is stated that “this issue with the concurrence of Finance Department” which I opined as unnecessary as para 2 is understood. In this relation, I would like to suggest to any minister to maintain a uniform procedure particularly with statement of object and reason. As a whole, I opine this Bill is good as I give my support for passing.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as my fellow members stated before, this Bill is good. Yet, I would like to request the hon’ble minister to clarify section 8 (ii) which gives priority to maintenance the records of the years before 1892. What is the reason?

With reference to section 4, Pu Deputy Speaker, I opine it is highly important to implement rules for restriction of extradition of any material of historical importance, from Mizoram. It is regretted as 2 cannons displayed at the Assam Rifle Quarter Guard near AR Playground, Aizawl were shifted from Mizoram by the Assam Rifle while the battalion migrated to Nagaland in 2003.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the said cannons were of Sepoy Mutiny, 1857, a period of Independence movement. It was imported to Mizoram by J. Shakespeare, the first Superintendent posted at Mizoram by the British. They were originally of the British which had been thrown to the sea during insurgency of Chitagong and were founded and brought to Mizoram.

Due to the absence of appropriate Public Records, it is regretted as we have already lost such materials having much historical value. It will not be lost if the said materials were kept under the official records. Thus, it is highly necessary for the House to implement Rules that concern Public Records. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any one to stand? If so, I now call upon the minister to wind up the discussion and then beg leave of the House to pass the Bill.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. It is pleasing as 3 members have participated in the discussion of this important Bill. My fellow member criticizes this Bill as copied from Parliamentary Bill. It may be true to a certain extents, but being arranged in-tune with the context of Mizoram. Anyway, suggestions made by the members are appreciated and may be examined as necessary.

As for the question of Pu Lalduhoma, it is to be noted that the government wish to maintain any record which are of 100 years old as section 2 determined the year from 1993. The same priority is given by Parliament too. Year determined by section 2 is important particularly for Mizoram as history of the Mizos could only be traced to the extent of 100 years back.

Point mentioned by Pu C. Ramhluna is indicated in Rule No.16(3) and is shown as indicated in Rule No. 18 of 1993 of Public Record Act, 1993. It is appreciated as most of the members agree with the necessity of this Bill. I strongly hope this will be of a great help for the government as well as upcoming scholars for collecting information. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I appeal to the House and all the members to unanimously pass “The Mizoram Public Records Bill, 2011”. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The minister has begged leave of the House to pass this Bill. Members who agree to pass it may say, ‘aye’ and those who don’t may say, ‘nay’. The ‘aye’ has it. This House unanimously passed “The Mizoram Public Records Bill, 2011”.

Our business for today is done. The House will now adjourn and sitting will be resumed tomorrow at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned at 3:10 PM.