

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**SIXTEENTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 28TH 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.

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a statement correcting the reply given on the 26th July, 2011 to Starred Question No.248, Ballot No.191 asked by Pu K. Liantlinga regarding “Sorkar hnathawk hlawh chungchang”.
3. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House a statement correcting the reply given on the 15th July, 2011 to Unstarred Question No.8, Ballot No.10 asked by Pu Nirupam Chakma regarding “Power lei nan a sum hman chungchang”.
4. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House a statement correcting the reply given on the 18th July, 2011 to Unstarred Question No.5, Ballot No.14 asked by Dr.R.Lalthangliana regarding “PWD (Road Division) chungchang”.
5. **Pu ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of “Mizoram Information Commission Annual Report 2009-2010”.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

6. **Pu J.H.ROTHUAMA**, to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

To move that the Bill be passed.

7. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

To move that the Bill be passed.

8. **Pu LALSAWTA**, to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Member of Legislative Assembly (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

To move that the Bill be passed.

9. **Pu LALSAWTA**, to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

To move that the Bill be passed.

10. **Pu LALSAWTA**, to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Minister (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

To move that the Bill be passed.

11. **Pu LALSAWTA**, to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Government Chief Whip and the Deputy Government Chief Whip (Third Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

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 : Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.
Psalms 37:1

We will now take up questions and Pu Lalduhoma to ask starred question No.229.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, starred question No.299 and answer to be given by concerned minister for Planning & Programme Implementation Department:
What is the life expectancy of the people of Mizoram?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H. Lainsailova, hon'ble minister to give his answer.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, life expectancy of India as determined by Registrar General of India is 61.6 years in respect of male and 63.3 in respect of female whereas the same for the state is not determined in particular.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Supplementary question, Pu Deputy Speaker. I do not think it is possible to determine life expectancy of India accurately unless data of every state is collected first. We may be able to say life expectancy of India but not of Mizoram despite increasing number of premature death and of the youths. Is there a way to determine the same for Mizoram?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H. Liansailova, concerned minister to reply.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have no idea as to how to pursue this case as I have never thought about it. I do apologize for not being able to give the reply also.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It may be taken for granted as it is a question for which the exact answer could hardly be given. Now, starred question No.230 to be asked by Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, starred Question No.230: -

What is the total amount of promotional fund spent in regard to sports personalities (discipline-wise) at the event of International and National Level during the year 2009-2011?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister to reply.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, to answer starred
MINISTER Question No.230, the amount in question is Rs.165,81,055/-. I do not think it is necessary to give the answer in department-wise as it is supposed to be furnished by the evening session.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Supplementary question, Pu Deputy Speaker: -

Mini-Sports complex being constructed at Pitarte Tlang is almost completed. It is regretted as nothing is highlighted in the budget for its completion. When will this be completed and when will it be inaugurated?

Next, with the progress of our youths towards sports, numbers of Boxing Ring are provided to various places. My question is: - Whether hall for installation of such materials have already been constructed in the allotted places?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The minister concerned to reply the question.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding
MINISTER construction of min-sports complex at Pitarte Tlang, the work is now in full swing as we are expected to complete within the month of August. Regarding the question of Boxing Ring, it has already been installed in the hall constructed at Kolasib, Mamit and Champhai as the works are in progress for Serchhip, Lawngtlai and Saiha thanks to the effort of the hon'ble Chief Minister. In this connection, I am proud to announce in the House that our mizo girls who represent our state in the National Women Boxing Championship are all entered semi-final in their respective weight category thanks to installation of the aforementioned materials. Nevertheless, I am proud to mention that Mr.Lalrinsanga too won championship in the Indian Snooker Championship held at Chennai. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : From this august Chair, I am also extending my appreciation to the aforesaid youths for their remarkable achievement. Now, Starred question No.231 to be asked by Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Starred question No.231, the answer to be given by concerned minister for Industry department: -

- a) Up to which month, staffs of various corporations under Industry department have drawn their salary?
- b) Is there a plan to terminate any corporation under Industry department?

Pu S. HIATO MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I first of all would like to say, 'Ei cha ly kaw' to Pu P.P. Thawla in appreciation to his questions. My answer is: -

- a) The following are salary drawn by the staffs of various corporations under Industry department: -
 - MIFCO Ltd. - Up to February, 2011
 - ZIDCO Ltd. - Up to June, 2011
 - ZOHANDCO Ltd. - Up to April, 2011
- b) No, there is not.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to ask whether loan recovery under ZIDCO Ltd. is reasonable. Is not it very bad?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is learned that in the approached road of Geology & Mining office, one powerful person in the previous ministry, allegedly a party's General Secretary of its headquarters successfully claimed a plot of land of Industry department in which Female hostel is now established. In what way step has been taken by the government? Whether there is an intention for having back or else?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister to reply.

Pu S. HIATO MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is sad that loan recovery under ZIDCO Ltd. is very poor whereas some people even lose their security deposit. With the effort made by the government and for fear of losing their security deposit, some continues with their loan recovery but not repaid yet in full. It is to be noted by the members that the department is giving strong effort regarding to this problem.

Regarding point raised by Pu John Siamkunga, yes, the department is aware of the matter and so Revenue department is entrusted to pursue the matter. It is learned that even the minister concerned has visited the spot but no report has yet been received.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, starred Question No.232 to be asked by Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the question is:-

May the concerned minister inform the House, the amount of fund received from the central under BADP during the year 2006-2011(Year-wise)?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the amount of fund received from the central under BADP during the year 2006-2011(Year-wise) are as follows: -

| Sl. No. | Period | Amount |
|--------------|------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | 2006-2007 | Rs.1200 lakhs |
| 2 | 2007-2008 | Rs.2086 lakhs |
| 3 | 2008-2009 | Rs.2535 lakhs |
| 4 | 2009-2010 | Rs.2494.42 lakhs |
| 5 | 2010-2011 | Rs.2506 lakhs |
| 6 | Additional | Rs.424.00 lakhs |
| TOTAL | | Rs.11347.42 lakhs |

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred question No.233 from Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, starred question No.233: -

- a) Under the programme of Social Education, whether there is fund provision sanctioned for construction of Community Hall at PTC Lungverh?
- b) If so, how much and who is the contractor?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to starred question No.233 is: -

- a) Yes.

- b) The amount which has already been approved is Rs.10.00 lakh. During 2010-2011 Rs.5 lakh has also been approved yet the said hall is not constructed as PTC is shifted to Thenzawl. As per order of the government, construction of Community Hall is taken up by the Management Committee.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : As my understanding from the answer, sanction which has already been made and the remaining will be utilized for construction of the said hall at Thenzawl only as no sign of work is seen at Lungverh till today. I request concerned authority to construct at the exact location as previously planned as there are number of family remains in the village.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have no knowledge of whether there are families who remain at Lungverh. But as the Principal of PTC requested shifting of the work to Thenzawl since it is allotted for the community PTC, we determine the case not to do so out of concern for the remaining community. So, we considered allotment of additional fund by earmarking Rs.10 lakh and the work may also be given to local people. The fund sanctioned is now in the hands of concerned BDO which may be issued as soon as concerned families there clearly decided their settlement. According to the situation, the work may also be done by the department.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte to ask starred question No.234.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Starred question No.234 and answer to be given by Minister for PWD: -
How many work order is issued for construction of Polytechnic Thingdawl?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to starred question No.234 is: - 4 Nos. buildings.

- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for setting up of polytechnic training institute at Thingdawl. My Supplementary question is: - Is there any other building to be constructed for the said establishment and when will it be started?
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble Chief Minister to reply.
- Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, fund for construction of building which may be given by central ministry in addition to those under construction will be constructed as per amount of fund provision.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Again, Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte to ask starred question No.235.
- Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Deputy Speaker, starred question No.235 and the answer to be given by Minister for PWD: - Is there any means to repair Hortoki-Kawnpui which has not been done since 2006?
- Pu LALTHANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, depending on availability of fund, the road in question may be repaired as necessary.
- PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE: Pu Deputy Speaker, condition of the road in question was appropriately maintained during the previous ministry of Congress party yet, it has never been repaired since then. But surprisingly, the record of Finance department show that 9 kms of the said road as being repaired during 2006-2007 with an amount of 68 lakh rupees. The truth is that barely 3 kms from Kawnpui Venglai had been repaired during that period. My question is: - May the hon'ble leader of the House who is also concerned minister as well as our Chief Minister determines means for the repair of the road in question?
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Z.S. Zuala.
- Lt. COL. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to state that Hortoki is famous for production of various crops and plantation of teaks is concentrated in the area. Besides, it also lies under the coverage of plan for exploration of oil. I believe only 50% out of 14 kms of the said road needs improvement. So, repair of the road in question is of utmost necessity as it concern economy of Mizoram. It will be much appreciated if priority is given. Thank you.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalduhoma to ask Supplementary question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, some members may think it is ridiculous to ask this question despite its importance for the concerned locality. My question is: - Is it possible for the government to allot maintenance of some portion of roads to NGOs such as YMA or MUP on contract basis knowing that the public give more importance of the works of such NGOs than that of the department?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Third supplementary question from Pu R. Lalthangliana, Group Leader of the Opposition parties.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I opine concerned authority should give priority to improvement of roads which are important most such as road periodically weakened by a landslip in the locality of Hunthar. If my memory serves me well, Rs.86 lakh was sanctioned for the repair but the foundation of the drainage as I believe is too weak and the quality of the blacktopping quite poor. May the hon'ble Chief Minister give attention to this problem? Geology experts who have verified the portion are in the opinion that any repair may not be successful unless a reliable check dam is constructed below the road level. Whether the report is submitted to the State's PWD accordingly?

Secondly, Pu Deputy Speaker, the hon'ble Chief Minister too must have been aware of poor condition of Thenzawl-Buarpui road which is a part of his constituency too. How about the fund we have been expected from Asian Development Bank for this purpose?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Minister for PWD to give the answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA,
CHIEF MINISTER : As known to us all, Pu Deputy Speaker, condition of our roads as a whole is not good as most of them are inherited from ministry to ministry. Even if there is fund provision for improvement, it is not possible to take immediate action as poor condition of road is the common problem of every constituency.

Regarding the point raised by Pu R. Lalthangliana, no report has yet been received relating to check dam. Yet, geologists have once explored the soil of Aizawl city during the previous Congress party's ministry and categorized it into 4 zones according to the condition of soil. But the problem is that number of family continues to live in the area declared as danger zone despite responsibility of the government on the event of disaster. Regarding this particular area, I must say that enough concentration has been given by concerned authority yet the repairing work last only for a short period and the reason is unknown particularly for inexpert like me.

During the previous ministry of my party, we had integrated scheme particularly for Aizawl such as Greater Water Supply Phase-II, Storm Sewerage and Solid Waste Disposal. The total amount of provision for the scheme was 76 crore rupees yet, concentration was given in regard to supply of water since the fund was not sufficient to cover all the three schemes at a time. Unfortunately, the remaining schemes could not be achieved due to transition of the ministry. However, my government is now determining to resume the unfinished scheme such as solid waste disposal system which may be taken up by the department of UD & PA.

As known to us all, Pu Deputy Speaker, condition of our roads as a whole is considerably poor. So, the policy of my government is not to ignore any problem and we will find means for the solution. Our main problem is availability of fund and scarcity of labour. It is ashame that we are not able to achieve even construction of Serchhip-Zawlpuoi road due to scarcity of labor as most of them are absorbed under the programme of NREGS as well as NLUP.

Regarding improvement of Hortoki road as suggested by my fellow member, it is truly an ideal suggestion. Coming to this context, I still cannot understand the reason of the then Adviser to Chief Minister, who was also an eminent church leader of his locality for upsetting the scheme and involvement of concerned MLA by spending large sum of money for supplying refreshment to the workers. But fortunately, government of this ministry now realize from performance of the past ministry, responsibility of the government towards its citizen. So, my government is considering strengthening of the road in question and others according to availability of fund. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, starred question No.236 to be asked by Lt.Col. Zuala

Lt.Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, starred question No.236 and the answer to be given by concerned minister of Sports & Youth Services department: -

- a) When will the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium be completed?
 - b) Who is the contractor?
- Thank you.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to starred question No.236 is as follows: -

- a) Construction of Phase-I of Rajiv Gandhi Stadium will be completed by the month of August, 2011.
- b) The name of its contractor is Lloyd Insulation (India) Ltd.
6, Middleton Street, Kolkata – 700071

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Z.S. Zuala.

Lt.Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, when will it be fully completed? Where is the entrance of the stadium, from the side of MAP camp or from Salem Veng approach road?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask supplementary question.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to know whether friendly Football Match of the members may be organized when it is inaugurated as we will need to practice for the match.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu K. Liantlinga to ask supplementary question.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, concerned minister stated that only 25 crore rupees is spent for fencing of the stadium. In this connection, whether DPR has already been prepared for full completion? If the sanction is expected soon and what is the amount?

Relating to this, I would like to state that drainage system and border filling work of Republic field has not been done appropriately. What is the amount spent for that purpose? What step has been taken so far for the progress of this field?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have already pointed out the detail process for construction of the stadium and effort made by the hon'ble Chief Minister as well as Home Minister for achievement of this project. Regarding entrance of the stadium, there will be two, both from Salem Veng, one for the public and vehicles the other for VIP and officials.

Regarding Republic field, concerned locality donated the site for field to Sports Council out of concern for welfare of the people of their locality. The field is then strengthened by retaining wall and appropriate drainage system but it does not seem to last long may be because of excessive water and muddy soils below the surface. So, experts from PWD verified the condition and we are now determining to improve the construction. As of the question of the amount of fund spent for the construction, I could not give the answer at present since it is not of the main question. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask starred question No.237.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Starred question No.237 and answer to be given by Minister for Sports & Youth Services: - How many infrastructure for sports has been achieved so far since 2009?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister to reply.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to starred question No.237 are as follows: -

- 1) Artificial grass at A.R. ground.
- 2) Chawnpui Sports Centre at Chawnpui Veng.
- 3) Rajiv Gandhi Stadium at Mualpui, Aizawl.
- 4) Indoor Stadium at Pitarte Tlang, Republic Veng.
- 5) Indoor Stadium at Champhai.
- 6) Aizawl Cricket Stadium at Sihhmui.
- 7) Mini-Sports Complex at Lengpui.
- 8) Regional Sports Training Centre at Saidan, Kolasib.
- 9) Astro-Turf at Thenzawl Academy.
- 10) SAI Hostel at Mission Vengthlang.
- 11) Boys Hockey Academy at Kawnpui.
- 12) Shooting Gallery at Kulikawn nd Saikuti Hall, Lunglei.
- 13) Various sports infrastructures such as Basket Ball Court and Boxing Hall at all the District headquarters.

In addition to the above mentioned points Pu Deputy Speaker, financial sanction for artificial grass at Boys Hockey Academy at Kawnpui and Sports Infrastructure at Hnahthial has already been obtained and two major size playgrounds are under construction at Serkawn and Theiriat.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is not convenient to mention each and every project we have achieved due to limit of time on which I request concerned member to understand.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Supplementary question from Pu T.T. Zothansanga and Pu Lalduhoma. First, Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : My supplementary question, Pu Deputy Speaker are as follows: -

- 1) How many locality/village have already handed over their fields to the government?
- 2) How many Hockey field are there in Mizoram?
- 3) Is there a plan to resume construction of Hockey field at Hmunhmeltha?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, concerned minister himself witnesses our application for construction of Basketball and Volleyball court at Chawlhmun and Tanhril but no positive result has yet been received till today. When will our request be fulfilled? Secondly, in the area next to Cricket ground of Sihmui, a convenient plot of land is being donated for Football field. When will this Football ground as of Dinthar Sairang be completed?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister to answer the questions.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : To start with, the only Hockey fields we have at present are of Kawnpui and Thenzawl. Yet, we are expecting another one at Sihmui, thanks to the efforts of the hon'ble minister Pu P.C. Lalthanliana. As of resumption of field at Hmunhmeltha, we have not yet any project for that.

Regarding the question of Pu Lalduhoma, estimate for construction of Basketball and Volleyball court are prepared by concerned officials but nothing can be done as yet since we are affected by Vote on Account being implement for the time being. As of land donated for Football ground, nothing is done as yet since the land was donated just recently. Regarding Dinthar Sairang, the field is readied for playing yet improvement of the approach road is yet to be done. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred question No.238 to be asked by Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Starred question No.238 and answer to be given by concerned minister for PWD: -

- a) What is the total amount of estimate for Multi-Modal Transport project for road construction Lawngtlai to Zochachhuah road?
- b) Who are the contractors and the distance of their road construction respectively?
- c) Is there a plan to alter the original alignment which has already been approved? If so, what is the reason?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister for PWD to reply.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the total estimate for construction of road from Lawngtlai-Zochachhuah under multi-modal project amounting to Rs.575.69 crore. The following are the contractors assigned to the work are: - M/S RDS Project Limited, Bhikajhi Cama Place, N. Delhi - 66.83 kms. and the other is M/S Atlanta ARSS(JV), 141 SBI Colony Passchim Vihar, N. Delhi - 33 kms. The question of alteration of the approved alignment, actually there is no approved

alignment yet, there is an intention to alter the original one as it is found to be incomplete.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is to be noted by the concerned member that the distance of this road is 93.83 kms and is divided into 3 packages. The second package is allotted to M/S RDS Project Limited and the other one to M/S Atlanta ARSS(JV). The amount sanction for this road is Rs.575.69 crore. Even though my fellow member Pu H. Zothangliana proudly stated earlier about the people of his region as not being bother to claim compensation out of this project, it seems that we are beginning to face the problem as Rs.27.89 crore is allotted for compensation. The road is planned for completion within 4 years. PWD made a separate survey despite the same previously done by M/S Atlanta which is proved lengthier by 7 kms. Besides, it is expected that the grade to be higher than that of the previous route as expenditure on compensation will also be reduced as Rs.27.38 crore is estimated.

Pu K. LAINTLINGA : For information of the House, Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to mention that I received my unstarred question without the answer on which it may be important for concerned department to be more careful in the future as it is inappropriate to return the question to the member without the answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Usually, this kind of mistake is not of the CHIEF MINISTER Assembly Secretariat but of concerned departments as there is no time to include the answer unless the answer is received from the department in due time. So, it is important to each department to work overtime during the Assembly, if necessary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As pointed out by leader of the House, it is indeed necessary for any department to furnish any Assembly question to the Assembly very promptly.

Members absents today are: - Pu Lalthansanga, due to the demise of his younger brother and Pu K.S. Thanga, due to important schedule in his constituency.

Now, Laying of Papers. First, from Pu H. Liansailova, Minister to lay on the table of the House, correction of answer to starred question No.248 of Pu K. Liantlinga, Ballot No.191 of July, 2011.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I lay on the table of MINISTER the House, correction of answer to starred question No.248 of Pu K. Liantlinga, Ballot no.191 of July, 2011. Thank you.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have never experienced during my years as a member of this House, error which is as frequent as in this session. The Legislative Assembly Secretariat may be taken for granted due to summon being called unexpectedly. It is obvious that rest of the departments fail to give priority to the Assembly question for which improvement is needed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, The hon'ble Chief Minister may now lay on the table of the House, correction of answer to starred question No.8 of Pu Nirupam Chakma, Ballot No.10 of 15th July, 2011.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I lay on the Table of CHIEF MINISTER the House correction on ballot No.10 of answer to Starred Question No.8 on purchase of power asked by Pu Nirupam Chakma on the 15th July, 2011.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lal Thanhawla, the hon'ble Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House correction of ballot No. 14 of answer to Unstarred Question No.5 asked by Dr. R. Lalthangliana, relating to PWD Road Division.

Pu LAL THANHAWALA : With your kind permission and of the CHIEF MINISTER House Pu Deputy Speaker, I lay on the Table of the House, correction of ballot No.14 of answer to Unstarred Question No.5 relating to PWD road Division asked by Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Pu Deputy Speaker, there are many things that should be improved in the working of Legislative Assembly Secretariat such as transcription of speeches of the members in the House. I want to suggest that efficient staff having a good knowledge of punctuation in Mizo and English may be deployed to do transcription as record of the speeches in the House is meant to be put in its original form. Besides, incorrect language in Mizo or English as well as typing mistake and incorrect numbering is frequently found. So, it is necessary for concerned officers to give instruction. Using of paper pins and tagging of file should also be well-informed to the staff of clerical line. Giving wrong answers both in Starred and Unstarred Questions is often found which is obviously due to negligence of clerical staff. So, cross checking of question & answers should be necessitated. It is degrading for the House to experience such kind of mistakes in every session.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to lay on the Table of the House, "The Annual Report of the Information Commission, 2009-2010."

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : With your kind permission, Pu Deputy Speaker, I lay on the Table of the House, "The Annual Report of the Mizoram Information Commission, 2009-2010."

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The copy is laid on the Table of the House. Now, let us call upon Pu J.H. Rothuama, Minister to beg leave of the House, to introduce, "The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 2011."

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your kind permission, I beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 2011."

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister may now introduce and move the Bill for consideration of the House.

Pu J. H. ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your kind permission, I introduce to the House, "The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 2011 for consideration of the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : He may now move the Bill for consideration.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition Act was amended in 2007 for inclusion of processing of grape and guava for wine. The purpose of this Amendment Bill concerns processing of wine from apple, ginger, passion fruit, peach and pear. Pu Deputy Speaker, as the processing unit of grape remain idle for almost a decade, it is wise to be used for the said processing plants. The spirit of the bill concerns the progress and well-being of hard-working farmers.

In the amendment of 2007, grape and guava were provided under section (11) G and G (a). So, the aforementioned will be provided under Section 13. If the bill is passed, there will be no loss for the government as it is expected to serve as a good source of revenue. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will have discussion and 5 minutes will be allotted to each member. Pu Chawngtinthanga will start.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker, I opine the term 'clause' should be used instead of 'section' in any amendment Bill and the words "further to amend" is more appropriate than "to further to amend". Again, I believe omission of one of the "to" is more appropriate in English and past participle form of "Published" may be substituted by a simple form of "Publish" as shown under clause (11) of sub-clause (111). In short, this amendment bill is proposed out of concern to improve economy of the state. I, therefore, support the bill for passing. Thank you.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Amendment of MLTP Act is existed as a consequence of grapes plantation concentrated in my constituency. As a result of this amendment Bill, there are numbers of problem to deal with.

Pu Deputy Speaker, in viewing the existence of MLTP Act, I opine it is not appropriate to prohibit drinking of grape wine. It is well if concerned farmers benefitted legislation of the House. So, I do support passing of this Amendment Bill. Thank you.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Instead of using the word 'if' in short title and commencement of section 1 and 2, I believe it is more appropriate to use 'as' so that it is read as "as the Principal Act."

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, when the Mizoram Total Prohibition Bill, 1996 was passed, I called it as a discriminatory bill as some cases are exempted while some are prohibited despite its name as Total Prohibition Bill. It is not at all, totally prohibited. So, this amendment bill is essential. On the contrary, it is important for concerned authority to set up processing unit of good quality and to encourage the producers to maintain quality so that the market is extended even outside. So, I do support this Amendment Bill.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, this Amendment Bill is very good, yet, I have a question. So, i request the hon'ble minister to clarify whether the processing unit can also be set up in the southern and western part of the state other than Champhai area as the plan comprises plantation of five items of crops. If the area is extended in difference parts, obviously farmers will give full concentration to get regular income. Thank you.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I support this Amendment Bill as it concern improvement of the status of farmers. Regarding the text, clause (g) of sub-section 1 of section 2 in the Principal Act is followed by (a) and (b) in the former Amendment Bill, 2007. It is supposed to be

followed by (c) (d) (e) etc. What I want to point out is that the Principal Act of Amendment of 2007 is difficult to understand. Section 2 of the Principal Act, 1995 is portion of the definition. Section 2(1) (g) defines 'Government'. Section 2(1) (g) (a) defines 'grapes'. But the last definition numbering is (g). Is this a typing mistake? It is not appropriate to define grape after the definition of government. Yet, arrangement of clauses of sub-section seems to be appropriate. So, I do support the Bill.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I do support absolution of MLTP Act but not the idea of discrimination. Laws allowed reasonable classification. The fundamental right provides equality among equals. So, the provision of MLTP Act, 1995 does not discriminate fundamental rights. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Obviously this Amendment Bill is essential. But the arrangement of sub-section (a) (b) (c) and (d) etc. of sub-section 1 of section 2 is not appropriate. It is also important to determine season of the adopted fruits which are differs from one another and so necessitate continuous use of the processing unit.

I was informed regarding problems faced by grapes growers of Hnahlan as some even borrowed money from self-help group. So, it is important for the government to give more attention to improve harvest of grapes. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would also like to point out regarding winery at Champhai and Hnahlan. Some owners of winery of the said areas avails large amount of loan but the recovery could not be made. Hence, the government should determine the welfare of such owners as it creates employment opportunities.

Regarding total prohibition, the majority seems to be satisfied with the idea yet, it require consensus of all political parties. So, it may not be misused as an advantage for one particular political party. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I now call upon Pu J.H. Rothuama, hon'ble minister to wind up the discussion and move the House to pass it.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Eight members participated in the discussion and they all seem to have the same opinion. Typing mistake as pointed out by Pu Chawngtinthanga may be corrected immediately.

Following winery plant being set up in the area of Champhai and Hnahlan, other enthusiast individuals by forming groups also set up the same

plant which creates conflict among the growers in the area. Pu T.T. Zothansanga pointed out that capacity of the existing processing units is only 20,000 qtls out of the total production of 90,000 qtls. It is true but not because of lack of power supply or weakness of machineries. The main reason is due to shortage of convenient places and material for storage or container of harvested fruits for which only aluminum tin sheet is supported. Hence, the government is giving the best support as the case is determined as necessary.

Regarding rules which may be required for the products as pointed out by Pu Nirupam Chakma, there is no reason to sale the product in the area which may be proclaimed as 'dry area'. If one insisted to obtain the product, it is easier for him to get it from the neighboring Bangladesh where no prohibition is existed. Regarding the question of doctor's prescription, issuing authority may obtain countersignature of the Medical Superintendent of concerned district and the required certificate will then be issued. As suggested by Pu R. Lalthangliana, the adopted area may be extended as only Champhai and Hnahlan is not the destination. Regarding the idea of processing Nimbu fruits for wine, i don't think it is possible yet, the case will be examined.

Regarding alphabetical arrangement of this Bill such as (a) (b) and (c) etc., as pointed out by Pu Lalrinawma, I also have the same opinion. But we may consider it as the department of Law arranged it as best suited. The new items such as apple, ginger, passion fruit, peach and pear may be inserted next to guava under clause (r) of section 2(1) of the principal Act.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is truly appreciated as our discussion on this Bill completed smoothly as the members too participated with genuine interest for the progress of our state. As known to us all, this project is supposed to be taken up by means of NLUP. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg the House to pass "The MLTP (Amendment) Bill, 2011." Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister, after winding up the discussion, moved the House to pass the Bill. Now, the Bill will be voted.

(The Bill is voted and passed).

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now take up another Bill. I call upon Pu H. Liansailova, minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2011."

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : With your kind permission, Pu Deputy
MINISTER Speaker, I beg leave of the House to
introduce “The Mizoram Fiscal
Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2011.”

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If the House allowed, let him introduce
and move the Bill for consideration.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. The
MINISTER reason for ‘The Mizoram Fiscal
Responsibility and Budget Management
(Amendment) Bill, 2011’ is brought into the House is that Finance commission has
proposal and recommendations for our fiscal management. We were informed that
there will be financial consolidation and financial benefit for the state if the
recommendations were implemented. Pu Deputy Speaker, there is one figure of patent
error for correction which is not because of carelessness or typing mistake, but due to
alteration of the rate of annual reduction i.e. 8.5% during 2010-2011 which is to be
corrected as 7.5%.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the name of this Bill
is different from others as it is inserted as
4th Amendment Bill. Is not it better to
insert all the Bills as 4th Amendment Bill to maintain uniformity?

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : The Bill was amended four times as
MINISTER Annual Reduction should be done from
GSDP. During 2010-2011, it is 7.5 as
patent error is corrected as the Finance Commission shown us Fiscal Correction Path
(FCP). The reduction percentage of fiscal deficit correction path in the beginning is
not achieved. So, the act is amended from time to time. The proposal of this
amendment is done following their request. According to the request, we may stand at
3% of GSDP during 2010-2014 as prompt action is taken. So, the percentage of our
fiscal deficit slightly decreases which is quite good for consolidation and debt relief
fund of fiscal management. If we follow the instruction of Finance Commission, we
may be awarded the state Financial Benefit. Thus, it is necessary to make adjustment.
This Bill is, therefore, brought into the House for consideration and passing. I request
this august House to admit and consider for passing. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, the Bill is introduced and moved
for consideration. We will have
discussion. 5 minutes will be allotted to
each member. Pu Lalduhoma will start.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, this Amendment Bill
is not of an initiation of the state
Government but the 13th Finance
Commission instructed the state government to do so for reduction of our fiscal

deficit. So, this should not be opposed but may be passed it as per instruction. The Finance Commission instructed the state government to make 6.4% of fiscal deficit from GSDP whereas the same during the current year is 2.4% of GSDP as shown in the Budget. If the target is achieved, our state will benefit some crores as debt relieve award. I would like to request the hon'ble minister to inform the House the amount which may be received as a reward.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The time now is 1:00 PM. We will take a recess and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, unlike other bills, this amendment bill is named the Fourth Amendment Bill. We may take this for granted if it is done as desired by the ministry of finance. We all seem to know the purpose of the Bill, yet it is necessary to clarify correction which should be made and financial benefit which may come out of achievement of our target as instructed by the central government.

Pu Deputy Speaker, if there is any other bill laid on the table of the House for discussion; I opine it is more appropriate to decide by vote without discussion. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If so, let us call upon Pu H. Liansailova, minister to wind up discussion and beg the House to pass the Bill.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA
MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. What I said as a patent error is 8.5% which is the estimated target for our fiscal deficit. The Finance Department carefully examined and chalked out 7.5% of financial benefit which the state may avail from the 13th Finance Commission.

If the state government achieved the target of 7.5%, we may avail two kinds of loan redemption amounting to ₹75 crores. It is therefore, necessary to reduce our fiscal deficit to 7% from GSDP. So, if the House passed the Bill, we may be able to achieve the recommendations of the 13th Finance Commission as we are expecting 26.5 crores rupees this year.

Regarding the question of Pu Thlenga, I enquired the reason to the Secretary for inserting 4th Amendment. But Law & Judicial Department deleted when vetting the Amendment Bill.

Pu LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to raise points of clarification. I opine enough importance is not given in the eye of the law as number and year is not given for MLTP (Amendment) Act which was passed in the previous year.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, a request has already been made to the House to consider errors which have been made as concerned Secretary too is regretted for the same. So, I beg the House to pass, "The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2011." Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister has moved the Bill House to pass "The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2011. Now, it shall be voted.

(The Bill is voted and passed).

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.
MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will take up another Bill. I call upon Pu Lalsawta, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce, "The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of the Member of Legislative Assembly (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011."

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, with the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and your kind permission, I beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of the Member of Legislative Assembly (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011."
MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If allowed, let us call the minister to introduce "The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Member of Legislative Assembly (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011."

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your kind permission and of the House, I introduce to the House "The Mizoram Salaries, and
MINISTER

Allowances and Pension of Member of the Legislative Assembly (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011”

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister introduced the Bill to the House. As per Rule 87 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Legislative Assembly, Pu C. Ramhluna begged the House to make amendment. Pu C. Ramhluna is allowed to move the amendment as per Rule 88 and 89 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Legislative Assembly. Let us call him to move the amendment.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker. It is very pleasing to discuss this Bill to facilitate the existing as well as ex-members. The Ex-MLA's will support the bill. The reason why the Amendment is brought to the House as Section 18(a) provides medical treatment of pensioner and his spouse who shall be entitled to re-imburement of medical expenses if hospitalized in govt. recognized hospital in and outside the state. However, travelling expenses will not be provided in connection with such medical treatment. If the pensioners are allowed medical treatment outside the state, they also expected the government to meet their travelling allowance. Therefore, the amendment proposal is to be deleted i.e. last sentence of section 18(a). I therefore, propose this amendment to meet travelling expenses of the ex-MLA and his spouse outside the state. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C. Ramhluna moved his amendment proposal. Now, let us call upon the hon'ble Minister to move the Amendment Bill.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the purpose of “The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Member of the Legislative Assembly (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011,” is increment of salaries and allowances of MLA and ex-MLA. The matter is appeared in the Election manifesto of ruling party in December 11, 2008. The salaries and facilities of MLA shall be carried out according to recommendations made by expert committee.

In 1999, Salaries & Allowances of MLA was revised after 12 years hence, the GPC carefully considered the matter as a result of decision made by the Election Manifesto Implementing Committee. It is therefore, brought the matter to GPC. The GPC set up Experts Committee. The Giant three Ex-MLAs of the House are selected for member of the Experts Committee. The members are – Upa Dr. Rokamlova, Upa C. Sangzuala and Prof. Thangchungnunga. A number of sitting was held by them and submitted recommendations to GPC.

Revision of salaries and facilities of member is seemed to be a must because 12 years has gone since the last revision. The value of commodities rise

up double or more and the value of money decreased during that period. So, it is regarded as essential to increase salaries and facilities of member of the House. The GPC set up sub-committee headed by Deputy Speaker and representative from various political parties for further examination of the matter. The recommendation made by sub-committee was re-examined by GPC and it is now considered by the House.

Detail statement of allowances will take times. Salary of the member is determine as ₹40,000; Family Allowance - ₹5,000; Entertainment allowance - ₹5,000; Contingency Allowance - ₹5,000. Totally - ₹60,000. On the other hand, the Chief Minister will have personal assistance whose salary and rent allowance is determined as ₹10,000 and ₹5,000 respectively. Totally - ₹75,000.

The travelling allowance of member is increased from ₹1,00,000/- to ₹2,00,000/- in every financial year. But for furnishing of residence of MLA, it is determined as ₹1,00,000/- in the first year and ₹50,000/- per each completed year.

The time of commencement of this bill is fixed with effect from 1st August, 2010. In short, the bill determined salaries and allowances of MLA and pension as pension of a member as ₹1, 00,000/-. It is also provided that it is proposed to be made family pension for Ex-MLA which is fixed at ₹10,000/-. That is the general provision of the Bill. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Before discussion, I would like to raise proposal of amendment made by Pu C. Ramhluna which may be referred to subject Committee-I without discussion. 5 minutes will be allotted to each member. Pu N.P.Chakma will start.

Pu N.P. CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I do support the bill, "The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of member of Legislative Assembly (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011" moved by the Minister, Political Affairs. Only this august House can do amendment of salaries and allowances of MLA as it was done in parliament. The matter is considered by GPC. The Bill is examined very carefully. The Expert Committee is requested to make recommendation. The recommendations are submitted to GPC. Then, GPC sets up Sub-Committee without satisfying with their decision. The Sub-Committee carefully examined the recommendations and forwarded recommendations to GPC. After that, the GPC reconsidered the matter and then the Bill is brought to the House by the concerned minister. I do support the Bill.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the salaries and facilities to be received by the members and ministries etc. are now, known to us all. Parliament and all states government too increased salaries and facilities of members. It is cleared from its objects and reasons. It is time to increase the salaries and facilities of members as 10

to 11 years have gone from the latest revision. It is time to revise the salaries and facilities although there is no provision for it. There is no harm in supporting the Bill. I think that the people too will agree with passing the Bill.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. We are discussing “The Mizoram salaries, Allowances and Pension of Member of the Legislative Assembly (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011”. The Bill is brought to the House after careful examination by GPC, Sub-Committee and Experts Committee. I thought the House has passed ₹4367.34 lakhs for the budget of the whole people of the state. Comparing with the budget to be passed now, necessary expenditure to be involved for members of the House is only 0.1% of the whole budget. The proposal of expenditure for salaries and facilities of members is sufficient considering escalation of prices of commodities and decreasing value of money. I, therefore, support the Bill for passing. Thank you.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, salaries and facilities of MLAs and ministers will now be increased. I believe all the members will be happy to vote for increase of our own salary and facilities. In India, the value of currency decreased during the last eleven years where as salaries of members of Parliament and members of other states legislative were also increased. It is to be noted that criticism of the people on this matter is not evasive and so may be taken for granted. Many people told me of the need to revise salary of the members as it usually done in every ten years where as ours remain without revision for 11 or more years. There is no harm in passing the Bill. GPC, Sub-Committee and Experts Committee satisfied with the bill. If so, it is reasonable. In this regard, all parties have representative to the Sub-Committee. Thus, no political question should be raised later. During the last 13 years, price of commodities rises with double or twice and so with wages of workers. The Bill is to be made with effect from 1st August, 2010. If so, there may be arrears but no member is expected to claim their arrears without availability of fund. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I support the Bill for passing.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as pointed out by Pu Nirupam Chakma, there is no other Board of Committee to release salaries and facilities of members. So, it requires consideration of the House to pass it. Representative of all political parties made decision to refer the case for recommendations of the Experts Committee. So, it is good to pass it unanimously. Thank you.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. It is an honor for me to participate in the discussion for a new change. I opine it is necessary to pass in order to implement the responsibilities of the legislators. Thus, it is the duty of the legislators to accept the decision of our representatives which is brought by the Law minister. Thank you.

Pu LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, since this Bill is coming from an educated member and parliamentarian, no mistake is found. So, I want to support it. In addition, I want to say that some people felt the need of revision since last year as it is not revised for more than ten years where as Parliament and other states has already revised their salaries. This ministry also provided revision of salaries of members in the election manifesto as per the recommendations of the Expert Committees but the recommendations are not accepted in its original form. So, it is reasonable if it is accepted.

Being a legislator, it is so required to support the Bill. Some people may criticize increase of salaries of members but it is to be noted that facilities like electric, water, telephone are not availed by members and their entitlement of TA/DA is not availed entirely. So, it is reasonable to increase salaries etc. This bill is brought to the House, as a result of the decisions of Experts Committee, GPC and Sub-Committee and the people may take this for granted. So, I support the Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister may now move the House to pass the Bill but without the amendment portion.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to add one more point before passing of the Bill. The decision of GPC and various political parties is usually published in the daily newspapers. It is to be noted that pay of the Chief Secretary, Secretaries and Directors should not be compared with salaries and facilities of members of Legislatives. Responsibilities of the members remain the same whether their salaries are more or less than the salaries of government servants. It is to be noted that the status of the member depends on the amount of salary and entitlement of facilities which should not be confused with condition of the officers. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg this august House to pass “The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Member of Legislative Assembly (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011.” Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, the Bill will be voted.

Pu LALSAWTA : Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker.
MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Bill we are going to take up now resembles the Bill we have discussed previously. Some might have opined these two bills may be clubbed but the rules do not allow it so as all Bills should be passed one by one. But it may not be necessary to discuss this Bill. Now, let us call upon Pu Lalsawta, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce, “The Mizoram,

Salaries and Allowances of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011.”

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, with kind
MINISTER permission I beg leave of the House to
introduce, “The Mizoram, Salaries and
Allowances of Speaker and Deputy Speaker (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If agreed, let him move for discussion.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, your kind
MINISTER permission and of the recommendation
of the Governor of Mizoram, I beg leave
of the House to discuss and pass the Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As the hon’ble minister begged to pass
the Bill, The Bill will be voted.

(The Bill is voted and passed).

Pu LALSAWTA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.
MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will take another bill. Let us
call upon Pu Lalsawta, Minister to beg
leave of the House to introduce to the
House “The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Ministers (Fifth amendment
Bill, 2011.”

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your kind
MINISTER permission and of the recommendation
of the Governor of Mizoram, I beg leave
of the House to introduce to the House “The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the
Ministers (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011.”

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon’ble Minister has introduced the
Bill for consideration of the House. If he
is allowed, let him introduce and beg the
House to pass it.

Pu LALSAWTA : With your kind permission, Pu Deputy
MINISTER Speaker, I introduce to the House, “The
Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the
Ministers (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011.” I also beg the House to pass it.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to add that the allowances of
MLA, Parliamentary Secretaries, Deputy Speaker and Ministers have a few

differences. The Salaries on the other hand, are all same. The sumptuary Allowance, Family Allowance and entertainment Allowance were fixed at ₹10,000/-.

Pu Deputy Speaker, many people thought that the salaries of the minister is ₹60,000 - ₹70,000/. The fact is that, the present salary of the minister is ₹23,500/-. If this Bill is passed, Salaries and Allowances of the minister shall be ₹63,000/-. If the House insists to discuss the Bill, we may do so. If not so, I beg the House to pass the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, anything done in consensus is good. Whether the salary of MLA, government servants or electric bill etc., I opine it should be revised from time to time as Sixth Pay Commission recommendation is implemented in India. So, salaries and pension of Member of Parliament too were being revised and implemented in Parliament and all other states. Now, it is time to revise the Salaries and Allowances of MLA. The amount as per recommendations of the experts Committee is very high, but the GPC and its Sub-Committee deducted the recommendations.

We know that 60% of our budget goes to salaries of government servants out of which 10% to the salaries and facilities of members. In short, I opine it is good to pass it for it is also the desire of various political parties and this should be our stand in and outside the House. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call the hon'ble Minister to move the House for passing of the Bill.

Pu LALSAWTA : Hon'ble Speaker, I beg this august
MINISTER House to pass "The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Ministers (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011." Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, the Bill will be voted by the House.

(The Bill is voted and passed).

Pu LALSAWTA : Thank you, the hon'ble Deputy Speaker.
MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will take another Bill. Pu Lalsawta, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram salaries and Allowances of the Government Chief Whip and the Deputy Government Chief Whip (Third Amendment) Bill, 2011."

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your kind permission and of the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram, I beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Government Chief Whip and Deputy Government Chief Whip (Third Amendment Bill, 2011.”

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If the House allowed, let him introduce the Bill and move the House to pass it.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. This Bill, “The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Government Chief Whip and the Deputy Government Chief Whip (Third Amendment) Bill, 2011” is necessary to be passed separately. The Government Chief Whip is generally Parliamentary Secretary, while the Dy. Government Chief Whip is not the Parliamentary Secretary. His Salaries and Allowances are different from MLA Salaries and Allowances. If the Bill is passed, his Salaries and Allowances shall be ₹58,000/- per month.

Many people concept the salaries of MLA as excessively high because of the attachment of Grade 1V to assist him which is generally included as his salary. It is also pointed out by the members from time to time. My reason in pointing out, Pu Deputy Speaker, is to evade misconception for the members as well as the general people. The salaries of Vice-Chairman, Lunglei High Power Committee, Parliamentary Secretaries, the Ministers of State are the same as it has been passed before.

So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg this august House to pass “The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Government Chief Whip and Deputy Government Chief Whip (Third Amendment) Bill, 2011.” Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon’ble Minister begged the House to pass the Bill. It shall be voted now.

(The Bill is voted and passed).

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon the hon’ble Leader if he has anything to say.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I want to react to the grievance of Pu P.P.Thawla, a member from Tuipang constituency relating to the incident in Tuipang Sub-Town. It is learned that number of Bus passengers were killed by electrocution. Press Conference has also existed and no

financial assistance from the government is received by families of the victims except from concerned Deputy Commissioner.

There was another incident at Seling where two brothers were killed by collapsing of stone quarry. The family of the victims received financial aid from the government. The reason is that there is provision under SRDF Rules, to provide financial aid to the victim of natural calamity. So, the government followed the rules. On the other hand, there is no provision to do the same to the victim of incident as in the sub-town of Tuipang even though the case seems to be more serious than that of Seling. I want to inform Pu P.P. Thawla as well as families of the victims that there is no discrimination in such cases. An unfavorable precedence may exist unless the rule is not followed. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Business of the Sixth Mizoram Legislative Assembly, 8th Session is finished. The Sitting is started with effect from 7th to 28th July, 2011. Here is a highlight of the summary of business transacted during the 8th Session.

**SUMMARY OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED DURING
THE 8TH SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY.**

(w.e.f 7.7.2011-28.7.32011)

Summary of Business transacted during the Eighth Session of the Sixth Mizoram Legislative Assembly w.e.f. 7.7.2011 - 28.7.2011 are as follows: -

1. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Starred Questions: -

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| a) No. of starred Questions | - | 339 |
| b) No. of question admitted | - | 329 |
| c) No. of question rejected | - | 10 |
| d) No. of Listed in the Business | - | 248 |
| e) No. of Answer given | - | 81 |
| f) No. of answer not given | - | 167 |

Unstarred Questions: -

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| a) Number of Un-starred Questions | - | 22 |
| b) Number of question admitted | - | 20 |
| c) Number of question Rejected | - | 2 |
| d) Number of Starred Questions converted to Unstarred Question | - | 27 |

There are some questions being clubbed.

2. OBITUARY:

Obituary reference is observed on the first day of this session such as: -

Pu H. Hrangdawla, Ex-MLA, Pu H. Lalsangzuala, Ex-MLA, Pu H. Vanlalauva, Ex-MLA and Shree Dorjee Khandu, Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh. Obituary of Pu H. Valalauva is observed on the earliest day of this session because he died during this session.

3. PANEL OF CHAIRMAN:

- 1) Pu B. Lalthlengliana
- 2) Pu Nirupam Chakma
- 3) Pu Lalduhoma
- 4) Pu K. Liantlinga

4. LAYING OF PAPERS:

The following papers were laid on the Table of the House during this Session: -

- 1) The Mizoram finance Commission (Salaries and Allowances) Rules, 2010.
- 2) The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) Rules, 2010.
- 3) The Mizoram Public Servants Personal Liability Rules, 2011.
- 4) The Mizoram Urban Sanitation and Solid Waste management Policy, 2011.
- 5) The Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Annual Report of MAMCO.
- 6) The Mizoram Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2011.
- 7) The Report of the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts on the Accounts of Local Bodies for the year ended 31st Mach, 2011.
- 8) Statement of Sixth Monthly Review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal Position of the Government of Mizoram for the Second Half of 2009-2010 (October 2009-March 2010).
- 9) The Mizoram Information Commission Annual Report, 2009-2010.
- 10) Correction to Unstarred Question No. 7, 10, 13, 14 and Starred Questions No. 60 and 191.

5. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS:

These following reports are presented to the House during this Session: -

- 1) 7th & 8th Report of Business Advisory Committee.
- 2) 14th Report of Public accounts committee.
- 3) 1st report on Public Undertaking Committee.

6. BILL:

17 Bills are received during this session, such as: -

- 1) The Mizoram Protection of Interests of Depositors (in Financial Establishment) (Amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 2) The Mizoram (Pension of Members of the Defunct Mizo District and the Defunct Pawi-Lakher Regional Council) (Amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 3) The Mizoram vehicle Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2011.

- 4) The Mizoram Municipality Authorities (Prohibition of defection) (First Amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 5) The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) (First Amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 6) The Mizoram Land Acquisition (Mizoram amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 7) The Mizoram Public Records Bill, 2011.
- 8) The Mizoram ceiling on government Guarantees Bill, 2011.
- 9) The Mizoram (Establishment of Independent Local Body) Ombudsman Bill, 2011.
- 10) The Mizoram Appropriation No. 3 Bill, 2011.
- 11) The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 12) The Mizoram Fiscal responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 13) The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Members of the Legislative (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 14) The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 15) The Mizoram Salaries and allowances of the Minister (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 16) The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the government Chief whip and the Deputy government Chief Whip (Third Amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 17) The Mizoram Street vendors (Protection of the Livelihood and Regulation of Street Voiding) Bill, 2011.

Out of these 17 Bills, “The Mizoram Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and regulation of street Voiding) Bill, 2011” is withdrawn by the concerned Minister and the rest are passed by the House. Assent of the Governor is received to those passed on the other today.

7. STATEMENT BY A MINISTER

In the case of killing of Bilburam s/o Sarakai, Thinglian Village by UDLA, Pu R. Lalzirliana, minister for Home made a statement.

8. OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

Pu Lalsawta, hon’le Minister moved Official Resolution that “The House resolved that it is very grateful that Mizoram attain its 25 years of peace and harmony. The House appealed to everyone to have a pledge to safeguard peace and harmony within and outside Mizoram.” The House voted and passed after discussion.

9. SPECIAL MOTION

In the case of requisition of cannon stood in front of the barrack of the 1st Assam Rifles which has been taken away, Pu Lalduhoma moved a Special Motion. The Special Motion was adopted by the House after discussion on 15.7.2011.

10. PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Pu Lalrinawma made Personal explanation on 27.7.2011 as he has left the House.

11. ELECTION TO FINANCIAL COMMITTEES

The following Members of Financial Committees elected by the House is moved by Pu Lalsawta, Minister and were approved: -

| Sl. No | Committee | Member |
|---------------|---|---|
| 1 | Public Account Committee (PAC) | 1) Pu B. Lalthlengliana 2) Pu Lalduhoma 3) Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala 4) Pu C. Ramhluna 5) Pu K. Lalrinthanga 6) Pu R. Lalrinawma 7) Pu Lalrobiaka |
| 2 | Estimate Committee (EC) | 1) Brig. T. Sailo 2) Pu P.P. Thawla 3) Pu K. Lianzuala 4) Pu R.L. Pianmawia 5) Pu Lalthansanga 6) Pu T.T. Zothansanga 7) Pu John Siamkunga |
| 3 | Committee On Public Undertakings (COPU) | 1) Dr. R. Lalthangliana 2) Pu Nirupam Chakma 3) Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte 4) Pu R. Selthuama 5) Pu K. Liantlinga 6) Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia |

14. PRIVATE MEMBERS RESOLUTION

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| a) | Number of the Resolution | - | 59 |
| b) | Number of admitted | - | 54 |
| c) | Number of Rejected | - | 5 |
| d) | Number of adopted | - | 3 |
| e) | Resolution not passed | - | 1 |

The Resolutions are: -

- 1) Pu R. Selthuama's Resolution: - "Let this able government take prompt action for the progress of inland water transport so that it is benefitted by the state."
- 2) Pu K. Lianzuala's Resolution: - "The House appreciated and resolved that the Mizoram Police saved two workers of ABCI kidnapped recently by an Insurgency Group of Assam."

- 3) Pu R. Lalrinawma's Resolution: - "The House appreciated and resolved that the steps taken by Pu Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister for self-sufficiency in electric power in the state."

15. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET AND VOTING ON DEMAND FOR GRANTS.

Various demands made by the Minister are unanimously passed by the House after discussion.

We, now come to the closing day of this session. Hopefully, devotion of members will bring fort a favorable result. I express my thanks to all departments who served for smooth discussion of the Assembly session. Last but not least, I thank for the good co-operation between the department of Parliamentary Affairs and Secretariat and Mizoram Legislative Assembly. I extend to you all, my best wishes for the coming future.

The House is adjourned *sine die* (3:49 PM)