

MEMBERS OF THE THIRD MIZORAM STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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15.	15-Champhai	Zoramthanga	Chaltlang, Aizawl.	
16.	16-Khawhai	Lal Biakzuala	Chaltlang, Aizawl.	
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36.	36-Aizawl East II	F.Lalremsiama	Chaltlang, Aizawl.	
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38.	38-Aizawl West II	Dr J.V.Hluna	Sikulpuikawn, Aizawl.	
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2. Vigilance Deptt.
3. Sectt. Admn. Deptt.
4. G.A.D.
5. P.W.D.
6. Sports & Youth Services
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| 2. PU J.LALSANGZUALA | 1. Finance Department
2. Planning & Programme
Implementation.
3. Economics & Statistics.
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2. Art & Culture Department. |
| 5. PU HRANGTHANGA COLNEY | 1. Transport Department.
2. Sericulture Department. |
| 6. PU LIANSUAMA | 1. School Education Deptt.
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| 7. PU H.LALRUATA | 1. Health & Family Welfare.
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| 8. PU C.L.RUALA | 1. P & E Deptt.
2. Industries Department. |
| 9- PU SAIKAPTHIANGA | 1. Environment & Forest Deptt.
2. Rural Development Deptt. |
| 10. PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU | 1. Higher & Technical Edn.
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2. Relief & Rehabilitation. |
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| 14. | PU S.T.RUALYAPA | 1. Land Revenue & Settlement.
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| 15. | PU C.VULLUAIA | 1. Law & Judicial Deptt.
2. Trade & Commerce Deptt. |
| 16. | PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA | 1. Social Welfare Deptt.
2. Excise & Taxation Deptt.
3. Prisons. |
| 17. | PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO | 1. Horticulture Department.
2. Labour & Employment Deptt. |

Any Department not specifically allocated to any Minister shall deem to be with the Chief Minister.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred question no. 1 by Pu F. Malsawma.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I ask starred question no. 1. Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Home Department be pleased to state —

- (a) Whether the Government intends to pay Interim Relief to the family of Lalsangzuala who died in the hands of the Silchar non-Mizos
- (b) Whether ex-gration grant could be given to the families of the deceased.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the answer to starred
MINISTER question No. 1 are as below —

- (a) At present the Government has no intention of paying interim relief.
- (b) According to our existing rules, Ex-gratia grant cannot be given to the family of Lalsangzuala.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, how does the Mizoram Government proceed with this case ?

In the previous Session the House was informed that the Assam Government was going to give Ex-gratia grant to the family of Lalsangzuala. In this regard, how far has the Mizoram Government negotiated with the Assam Government ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the speech of the Hon'ble Minister gave me the impression that the Mizoram Government cannot give ex-gratia grant or interim relief to the relatives of the deceased, Lalsangzuala as he was killed outside Mizoram area. In my opinion, as he died an unnatural death, the Government is responsible in providing certain relief measures.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, as State by the members before me, the relatives of Lalsangzuala should be given compensation.

PU F. LALZUALA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the death of Lalsangzuala has brought some advantages in Mizoram as several unwelcome Non-Mizo traders were driven out of this State. Therefore, on his death Lalsangzuala has played a significant role in the history of the Mizos.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon the Minister concerned.

PU LIANSUAMA : MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, Sir, as this matter is not an easy one to handle a Commission was even constituted to enquire into this matter. The report of this Commission is now referred to the Council of Ministers for its consideration.

As for the case of the family of the deceased, the Government will try to find a way to give compensation.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, as expected by the people, I request the Government to give ex-gratia or compensation to the family of Lalsangzuala.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister has given this assurance and that is enough for the present.

PU LALHMINGHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I think our existing rule in regard to sanction of rehabilitation or ex-gratia grant requires amendment.

DR. J.V. HLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, starred question No. 2 will the Hon'ble Minister in charge Local Administration Department be pleased to state —

When will the government set up separate Village Councils for Phunchawng and Tuivamit Village.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Minister in-charge, Pu S.T. Rualyapa.

PU S.T. RUALYAPA : MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the proposal for a separate village council for Phunchawng and Tuivamit are being considered by the Government.

DR. J.V. HLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would further like to ask the Minister if separate Village Council could be given to Phunchawng and Tuivamit before the next Village Council Election.

PU S.T. RUALYAPA : MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the present Village Councils of these two villages refused to give no-objection for separate Village Council. Anyhow, the department has been taking steps regarding the proposal to be submitted to the Cabinet for its approval.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the area between Tuirial Airfield and Tuirial Bridge covers a large area and there are many family living in this area. As this area is under the jurisdiction of Zemabawk Village Council which is 23 Kms away, the people have met certain problems. Therefore, it would be appreciated if the government could set up a seperate village council for this area.

DR. J.V. HLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Commission was set up to enquire into the incident which had taken place on the 27th of September. But, the Hon'ble Home Minister has stated that the Commission had enquired the death of Lalsangzuala as it was set up to enquire only the incident which occurred on the 27th of September.

PU H. THANGKIMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, from the speech of the Hon'ble Home Minister, It seems that the Government will not take responsibility for the death of the Mizos outside Mizoram. I think the government should change this attitude.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, in a case like this a Police case should be registered at the place of occurence and hence it was filed at the place of occurence. Therefore, this case was to be handled by the Assam Government.
MINISTER

PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, a supplementary question please. On what basis does the government set up a new village council ?

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, a seperate Village Council was recently set up at Chite. In the Village Council Rules, the area which has to be given a Village Council should have a definite boundary. But, in the case of Chite, it has no definite boundary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu S.T. Rualyapa.

PU S.T. RUALYAPA : Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding a seperate village Council for Tuirial and Airfield area, the department has been examining the matter after which, it will be handed over to the Cabinet for its consideration.
MINISTER

Regarding the question raised by the Hon'ble member of Ratu, a new Village Council is set up on the basis of population, its boundary and the number of houses.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to suggest that it would be more convenient if these areas which have very high number of electoral votes could be separated into two or more Village Councils.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister concerned may be called to give replies.

**PU S.T. RUALYAPA :
MINISTER** Pu Deputy Speaker, the suggestion raised by Pu Zoramthanga will be considered later.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalsawta to ask starred question No. 3.

PU LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I ask starred question No. 3. Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Trade and Commerce Department be pleased to state —

(a) Whether the Department of Trade and Commerce has any Rules to fix the rates of meat, poultry and fish.

(b) If yes, the name of the Rules and year.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C. Vulluaia.

**PU C. VULLUAIA :
MINISTER** Pu Deputy Speaker, the Department of Trade and Commerce does not have any Rules for the fixation of the rates of meat, poultry and fish.

PU LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Does the Law Minister realise that a new Rule for the fixation of the rates of meat was passed during the last session?

**PU C. VULLUAIA :
MINISTER** Pu Deputy Speaker, as the government finds that the Mizoram Market Regulation Amendment Act of 1995 is not good enough, it has been kept aside for re-consideration.

PU LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, after having deep consideration and discussion the members of this House have decided to pass 'the Mizoram Market Regulation' I would like to ask the Minister why it is necessary to amend the Regulations.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister whether action has been taken against those who sell meat that are unsafe for human consumption.

PU C. VULLUAIA : MINISTER Pu Deputy Speaker, meat that are to be sold at the market are examined by the Veterinary Doctor and if the doctors find it unsafe for consumption it is disposed of.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu F. Lalremsiama to ask starred question No. 4.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I ask starred question No 4. Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Industries Department be pleased to state —

- (a) Whether there are scrap dealers in Mizoram.
- (b) Whether the Government has made specific rules for the disposal of iron scrap especially condemned vehicle.
- (c) Whether the Government realises that large quantity of iron scrap are being transported out of Mizoram.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister in-charge may give reply.

PU C.L. RUALA : MINISTER Pu Deputy Speaker, the answer to starred question No. 4, are as below :

- (a) Under the Registered Industrial Unit, there are no scrap dealers in Mizoram.
- (b) There is no specific rule for the disposal of iron scrap. In the case of condemned vehicle, it was handed over to the Transport Department through the Condemnation Board.
- (c) Regarding the third question, the government has no knowledge of this.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am very surprised to hear that the government does not know that large quantity of scrap are being transported to Silchar. It is also highly necessary to have scrap dealer in the state. Even if there are no private scrap dealers, the Industries Department should have one, so that iron scrap could be re-used.

PU C.L. RUALA : MINISTER Pu Deputy Speaker, this matter will be considered.

DEPUTY SPEAKER Question hour is over. I shall now call upon Pu Liansuama to make a statement.

PU LIANSUAMA :
MINISTER

Pa Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me time. The statement I would like to give today is in regard to the leaking of the question paper of class IX Promotion Examination.

As practised in the previous years, every government high school have used the questions set by MBSE for class IX Promotion Exams. The final exams commenced from the 19.11.1996 to 26.11.1996, It was heard from some students that questions have leaked out. Lalthantluanga S/o Lalenga was immediately taken into custody for questioning. After questioning, Lalthantluanga had stated that he acquired the question papers from Laltanpuia alias Ezra Chhakchhuak S/o Biakenga, Electric Veng. From the residence of these two persons the Police have seized eleven question papers bearing the rubber seal of DEO (E) and the signature seal of the Headmaster of Central High School, Seal of counter signature, Seal of Central High School, Seal of Brother of Silchar Cantonment, two Professional Certificates for Laltanpuia, two fake Provisional Certificates of Central High School belonging to Laltanpuia, one blank copy of HSLC Marksheet, class IX Transfer Certificate of Central High School to Laltanpuia with two blank copies, Passport of Ezra Chhakchhuak and two sets of class IX questions 1996. Laltanpuia has confessed before the Police that the questions have leaked out through Lalnghakliana, who was a teacher in Tlamsam Private High School.

Lalnghakliana had delivered the question from the office of the DEO (E) between 11 and 12 A.M. on 4.11.1996. After that he met Laltanpuia and C. Thanzuala and later sold one set to C. Thanzuala for Rs 1000/-. The next day Lalnghakliana left Aizawl for Tlamsam. Laltanpuia had made the xerox copy of the question papers and returned the original set to C. Thanzuala. He, then sold the xerox copy at Vairengte at the rate of Rs. 100/- and 200/-. On 12.11.1996 he returned to Aizawl and informed Lalthantluanga S/o Lalenga of Bethlehem that he had questions to sell. Through Lalthantluanga, the question was sold to Lalrammawii of Mary Jones School for Rs. 900/- Pi Hrangii of Bethlehem had also bought the questions for Rs. 1000/- Laltanpuia had made another xerox copy and sold to Ngurthansangi of Modern High School. Lalthantluanga had also sold one set to Lawmsangi D/o Lianzuala of Bethlehem Vengchhak. On the 11th of November 1996, Laltanpuia had handed over the questions to his friend, Vanlalchama Ralte of Chaltlang. The Police had seized the copy from Vanlalchama.

The case was filed at the Aizawl Police Station under Mizoram Prevention of Malpractices Examination Act, 1990. The Police are taking investigation on the case. The Govt. has adopted specific policy so as to prevent this kind of malpractice.

This copy may be distributed to the Members,

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The copy of the statement may be distributed to the members.
We shall now call upon Pu Zoramthanga.

PU ZORAMTHANGA Pu Deputy Speaker, I think it will be more convenient if the Minister's statement could be presented after Zero Hour.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As practised before, statement should be given just after question Hour. We shall go on to our next Business.
Pu Liansuama, has to lay Fifth Report of the Mizoram Public Service Commission and the Mizoram Water Supply Tariff Rule, 1993.

**PU LIANSUAMA :
MINISTER** Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, with your permission and as provided under Article 323 of the Constitution of India, I lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Fifth Report of the Mizoram Public Service Commission. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : After the copy is distributed to the Members, Pu Liansuama may continue to lay the Mizoram Water Supply Tariff Rule, 1993.

**PU LIANSUAMA :
MINISTER** Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, with your permission, I lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Mizoram Water Supply Tariff Rule, 1993. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The copy of the paper may be distributed to the members. In pursuance of the Resolution passed in this House, let me make some announcements.

The govt. has taken steps for the establishment of Mizoram State Hospital. The consultative Committee of Health and Family Welfare Department along with some MLAs have on the spot verification on the 20.9.96 at Hualngohmun. The detailed Report is being awaited. For the initial work on this project, Rs. 3 lakhs has been allotted in the Annual Plan of 1996—97. Steps have also been taken to appoint ISHA, Bangalore to make a project report for a 500 bedded Hospital.

Dating the visit of our Prime Minister a memorandum was submitted. It is also expected that special fund would be released from the Central government for this project.

We shall now go on to the Legislative Business.

Let us now call upon Pu S.T. Rualyapa to introduce 'The Mizoram Urban and Regional Development Amendment Bill, 1996.'

PU S.T. RUALYAPA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, with your permission I beg
MINISTER leave of the House to introduce 'The Mizoram Urban and Regional Development Amendment Bill, 1996. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The copy has already been studied by the Members. Pu J. Lalsangzuala may be called to introduce his Bill.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, with your permission I beg
MINISTER leave of the House to introduce 'The Indian Stamp (Mizoram Amendment) Bill, 1996.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : This copy has also been distributed to the Members. Pu J. Lalsangzuala has another Bill to introduce.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, with your permission, I beg
MINISTER leave of the House to introduce the Court Fees (Mizoram Amendment) Bill, 1996. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The copy of the Bill may be distributed to the Members.

I shall now call upon Pu S.T. Rualyapa to introduce 'The Mizoram Urban and Regional Amendment Bill, 1996.'

PU S.T. RUALYAPA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, with your permission, I beg
MINISTER leave of the House to introduce 'The Mizoram Urban and Regional Development Bill, 1996.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will have discussion on the Bill before it is passed.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I think the Minister concerned should explain the contents of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu S.T. Rualyapa.

PU S.T. RUALYAPA : Pu Deputy Speaker, 'The Mizoram Urban and Regional Development Act, 1990 was passed formerly. However, the need for amendment has been raised due to the following reasons.

The Mizoram Urban Development Act, 1990 was framed with the model of Regional Planning and Development Law of 1961. As shown in the statement of object and Region, it was enforced in 14.6 1994. Under this Act, there are several sub-Rules. Under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister a sitting was even conducted. The meeting found that this Act needs amendment.

As shown in the statement of object and Reason, there are some points which have been marked out for amendment.

Lack of proper Town Planning in various Cities and Towns of Mizoram has hampered development in the State. Therefore, it is proposed that Mizoram Urban Planning and Development Board should be set up to give advice to the State Government in its policy and principle.

Secondly, it is also proposed that District Planning and Development Committee should also be set up to assist the State Level Board. A City Planning Committee has also been proposed to be set up.

This Plan has widely welcomed public participation for its successful implementation. Only after taking public approval, the Plan will be implemented.

Lastly, as shown in Para 44, this Act has to be implemented under the restriction of the government. As I have stated before, this Bill has been introduced in order to have proper Planning and Development in the State. Hence, I would like to seek the support of the members for this cause. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall have discussion on the Bill. Each member will be allotted 10-minutes each. Pu Lalsawta.

PU LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, I would, first of all like to state that the government is not fully prepared regarding the amendment of this Bill. To amend an Act, it is very important for the members to study the principal act before having a discussion. However, the principal Act is very rare. It would be appreciated. If the copy of the principal Act could be distributed to the members.

Secondly, we are given only the copy of the Amended Provisions and the members have not had time to study the provisions as it was only distributed this morning.

Regarding the Bill itself, we have heard from the concerned Minister that it was already passed six years before but it was not enforced effectively. At the same time, the same Bill has been introduced into the House today for amendment. Therefore, considering the present situation the government has no ability to make n.w. laws.

In the case of the Bill introduced by the Hon. Finance Minister, the Objects and Reasons are not provided to us. Even the copy of financial memorandum has not been given to us. As such, the members have no idea of the reason why the Bill was introduced. If we are going to pass a Bill, we have the right to know and study the contents of the Bill.

I would also like to mention that it is fully wrong to pass 'Urban and Regional Development Act' rather than setting up Municipalities before taking developmental steps. It is important to create a strong governing body.

Finally, as I have stated before, the members have no time to study the contents of the Amendment Act, therefore, I suggest that the Bill may be handed over to the Select Committee. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu F. Lalremsiama.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I would like to support the Member who stood before me in regard to the Bill to be handed over to the Select Committee. As the member before me had already mentioned, the preparation of the Bill is unsatisfactory and therefore should be given to the Select Committee for its consideration.

Regarding the Urban and Regional Development (Amendment) Bill, 1998 It may be suggested that the base pointed out by the Minister be reviewed by each member. In the meantime, the Bill can be handed over to the Select Committee.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Bills already introduced except the Mizoram Urban and Regional Development (Amendment) Bill will be set aside for future discussion. — Pu Zoramthanga may take the stand now.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker, First of all, I would like to state that the Minister in-charge is not clear with the Bill itself. It seems that the Government is mainly concentrating on the Committees

and its compositions of members. But, it has neglected the basic structure which is of the foremost importance. The Government cannot even create municipality in our cities. Even the infrastructure for our urban development cannot be shown. We gathered here to amend this Bill. However, the original copy of the Bill is nowhere to be seen and hence the member became rather vague in this Bill.

We have seen it with our own eyes the failure of our Town Planning Urban Development Programme. The Minister had stated that the Mizoram Urban Planning and Development Advisory Committee was formed under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister. But, this Committee does not seem to be functioning. The various provisions should also be made by this Advisory Committee. Only after that should the Bill be introduced for amendment if the Committee finds it necessary.

Lastly, as suggested by other members, I too, suggest that the Bill may be handed over to the Select Committee for its examinations and consideration.

Thank you

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C. Vulluaia

PU C. VULLUAIA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. The members who
MINISTER stood before me have all emphasized the importance of Urban Development. The Urban Development Committee after having a meeting concluded that the Mizoram Urban Development Act of 1990 seemed to be inadequate for the present situation of the States. Therefore, the points and objects are written out and laid in this House for amendment. The members have admitted that our State needs Urban Developmental Works. Likewise, the persons who did the real developmental works sought the support of this House for the amendment of this Bill. As already mentioned by the Minister in-charge, the points which are important for urban development are introduced today for our consideration. If any member has important points to contribute, it is welcome. And for the conclusion, it is highly important for the development of our urban areas to pass this Amendment Bill today.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will have a recess till 2 : 00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 1 : 00 P.M.

2 : 00 P.M.

AFTERNOON SITTING

SPEAKER : Let us resume our discussion.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, first of all, I would like to say that, it will be best to have this Bill taken over by the Select Committee.

As we have listened before, without the Principal Act provided to us, we have no time to study and examine the contents of the Bill. If a Bill is introduced to the House, the main objects are usually shown to the House. But today, the members are not given any of those important points. Therefore, the Bill may be referred to the Select Committee.

During the previous Ministry, the then LAD Minister had introduced Municipality Bill, after a discussion, the members decided to refer the Bill to the Select Committee. In those times, I was also one of the members of the Select Committee. After the Committee had examined the Bill for about a week, alterations were made by the Committee after the model of other states which have Municipality Act. However, with the fall of that Ministry, the Bill was also left untouched.

Today, I would like to stress that without starting an institution our minds are diverted to the Bill. It is important to adopt Municipality Act before concentrating on the developmental process.

I came across the comment given by the Chairman of the NEC, Mr. Mata Prashad on the local newspaper. According to him, compared to other N.E. States; NEC fund Mizoram received is very meagre as the Mizoram Government has neglected the preparation of schemes and projects and therefore met difficulties in meeting its due share from the centre. In the case of today's subject, it is important to make proper scheme and projects for our Urban Development. I am not against the Bill itself. But I would like to say that the members from the treasury bench are rather hasty for passing this Bill. As already stated, we, the members have no time to scrutinize the Bill.

Regarding the strength of the Board Member, one MLA or representative from each District is also not enough. Therefore, it will be best if the Bill is referred to the Select Committee so that we may be able to approve it in the next Budget Session.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinchhana

PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Speaker, first of all let me say that I am very glad that the Minister has introduced this Bill in the House. I think he has raised this Bill with the expectation of initiating town developmental works. However, there are some points which are not satisfying. Regarding the Board Members, It seems that it is consisted of various Heads of Department. If we look into this matter seriously, a group of departmental heads will not achieve any development. We all know that we have received large amount of funds from the Central for this project, but no developmental work is to be seen within our States. Instead of appointing experts for the Board Members, public representatives should form bigger members. In the case of the V.C. Members, the Bill does not clearly define whether all the V.C. Members are to be Members of the Board or not. There is no proper preparation in this Amendment Bill. Therefore, as suggested by the members before me, the Bill may be referred to the Select Committee so that the Committee can have time to examine the Bill before the Budget Session.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : I shall now call upon Pu Lal Biakzuala

PU LAL BIAKZUALA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, I do not understand this Bill quite clearly, except that it is very important. It also seems that immediate enforcement of this Act is required. As stated by the Minister the Principal Act is unsatisfactory and therefore needs amendment. The concerned department is also aware of the need for amendment. As this is the case, the Amemndent Bill has been introduced into the House. If we refer the Bill to the Select Committee, it will take time. And at the same time, the condition of our cities and towns demand immediate enforcement of this Act. Therefore, I support this Amendment Bill and request the Members to pass this Bill.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Members failed to state the points and reasons for amendment of this Act. The Bills to be amended are also to be classified.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me time. Most of the Members who stood up had suggested that the Bill be referred to the Select Committee. However, they did not point out the reason for this suggestion. As mentioned before, this Bill is very important that it was earlier introduced in 1994, and was referred to the Review Committee in 1995 and

it was again admitted in this House today. I do not feel it important to mention the importance of this Bill. If we look into the composition of the Members of this Committee, we have seen the Chief Minister as the Chairman, Minister concerned, Chief Secretary, Development Commissioner, Departmental Secretaries, Central YMA President, one MLA each from the three districts and two prominent citizens to be nominated by the State Government. I think the composition of the Board Members is also quite satisfactory.

As this Bill is so important it was even discussed in the previous term and the Review Committee had also scrutinized the Bill. Being aware of the present problems in our cities, it would not be a good idea to delay this Amendment Bill. Therefore, as suggested by the member of Khawhai Constituency I made suggestions that Amendment Bill be passed today. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Zathuama

PU H. ZATHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I am glad to see that the Minister has introduced this Bill today. The previous speech given by the members have given me an idea that this Bill is an urgent matter and should be passed immediately.

I am not very clear with the point mentioned by the member from Ratu Constituency. It would be appreciated if the Minister could clarify it.

On Section 10 (b) of page No. 5 we have seen 'not less than 40 of the total member of such Committee shall be elected members of the Village Council and the Municipality' I am not clear with the above lines and I request the Minister to clarify it on his wind-up speech.

Lastly, I would like to say that I support this Amendment Bill and request the Members to pass it for immediate enforcement. Thank you.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, it is not necessary to request the importance of this Amendment Bill. However, I am afraid that this Bill will be passed without understanding the main Act. We all have the same opinion that this Amendment Bill is an important one. However, in a state like Mizoram we lack organisation or institution to execute this Act as such cannot be fully effective. Before passing this Bill, we should have adopted Municipal Board or Town Committee first. As suggested by the Members from the opposition I too would like to suggest that the Bill be referred to the Select Committee for the interest of the State and as well as for the dignity of this House.

SPEAKER : Before calling the Minister, I have one thing to explain. The Minister in-charge took permission from this House to introduce this Bill. The Bill was then, taken into consideration as permitted by the House. The Minister then explained the nature and importance of the Bill. Pu Lalsawta then suggested that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee. Now, the Bill has reached this stage. I would like to remind the Minister to remember this on his wind up speech.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Pu Speaker, thank you for your explanation. If we look into our Rule No. 79 provision 2. It reads 'as provided further that no such motion shall be made after copies of the Bill have been made available for the use of members that any member may object to any such motion being made, unless copy of the Bill has been so available for four days before the motion is made; and such objection shall prevail unless the Speaker in his discretionary power allows to be made in the motion'. Due to non-availability of the principal Act as well as the copy of the Bill, the members have no time to study the Bill. That is the main reason for the rise of the suggestion that the Bill be referred to the Select Committee.

SPEAKER : The point mentioned by Pu Lalremsiama is an important one. I remind all the members of this House to note that whenever a Bill is to be taken into consideration, we have to be clear with the Bill itself.

PU S.T. RUALYAPA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, I am very glad to note that the Members have contributed fruitful suggestions regarding this Bill.

Some of the members have mentioned about the non-availability of the principal Act and it seems that this is the main reason for their suggestion that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee. However, as mentioned before, this Act was passed way back in 1993. During that time, the main Act was distributed to all the members. Even if you still want the copy of the Principal Act, it can be made available.

Some of the members suggested setting up of Municipal administration. Here, we have to note that Municipal Administration is an autonomous body and functions accordingly while Regional and Urban Development is under the Administration of the Government.

Regarding the composition of the Members, there are criticisms about the inclusion of Non-Governmental Organisation. In this regard, let me point out that the Central Government is in favour of these Voluntary Organisations as they used to assist the Government in Voluntary Works.

One of the importance of this Urban and Regional Development Amendment Bill can also be found on the system of the construction of our buildings within Aizawl town. This Amendment Bill will control the building construction, Plan and the tax to be levied from the same.

Some members have laid emphasis on Municipality. The 73rd and 74th Amendment of our constitution have exempted us from forming Municipality and Panchayat. We have adopted a Village Council system instead. While Municipality concerns with the Administration, tax collection and fee collection, Urban Planning and Development mainly concerns with the proper Planning of Town. It also concerns the development of infrastructure within town area.

In the case of the Member elected Representative, we have followed the provision provided by the 74th Constitutional Amendment 1992.

As I have stated earlier, this Act was passed in 1992. However, it was found that Amendments were to be made in some parts of the Act. Therefore, it was referred to the Review Committee that was established only to review this Act. The Review Committee had carefully examined and conducted critical analysis of the main Act and made certain alternations and omission wherever necessary. The Review Committee then sent the Act to the Law Department which then reached this stage. The members have mentioned the importance of this Amendment Bill and it will be most appreciated if the members agree to pass this Amendment Bill.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Minister in-charge has wind up the discussion. He may now request the House to pass his Bill.

PU S.T. RUALYAPA : Pu Speaker, I request this August House to pass "The Mizoram Urban and Regional Development Amendment Bill, 1996"
MINISTER

Thank you.

SPEAKER : We have two options to make, the Minister in-charge asked the House to pass his Bill.

Pu Lalsawta had also suggested to have it referred to the Select Committee.

First, we shall take into consideration the point raised by the Minister. Those who agree to pass 'The Mizoram Urban and Regional Development (Amendment) Bill, 1996' Section 11 to 46 may say 'Agree'. (The members agreed to the passing of the Bill). Those who agree to refer the Bill to the Select Committee may say 'Agree' well, those who agree to pass the Bill are larger in number. Therefore, 'The Mizoram Urban and Regional Development (Amendment) Bill, 1996 is passed.

There is one announcement to be made 'Michael Zothana has been declared Mr North East in the recently concluded body building championship held at Tezpur on 30.11.'96.'

The meeting will be adjourned for today, It will be resumed tomorrow at 10:30

Meeting adjourned at 3:10.P.M.