SPEAKER :

" Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gets understanding "

(Proverbs 3:13)

Now, we will be taking up question no 61 who will ask? Pu F. Malsawma Dr. J.V. Hluna, Pu Lalrinchhana or Dr. R. Lalthangliana?

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding starred Question No. 61 will the Hon'ble Minster incharge LAD be pleased to state -

- a) Is there any intention to create additional V/C
- b) If so, where? (in which places)
- c) Has there been any conflict between forthcoming V/C and existing V/C.
- d) Under that circumstances CA or BDO who are in-charge of V/C may claim renumeration?
- e) What will be the actual position of V/C Secretary when V/C is dissolved
- f) When will 1997 V/C Election be held
- g) Does the government prepare electoral roll for Village Council Election ?

<u>PU S.T. RUALYAPA</u> : <u>MINISTER</u>

Mr. Speaker Sir, the relevant answer for the Hon'ble Members' question is as follow -

- a) Respective areas is not yet determined
- b) No renumeration is provided
- c) We do not know any conflict thereof

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- d) No renumeration is provided.
- Secretary post remains unchanged, whether V/C is dissolved or not.
- f) V/C election will be held on 6.5.1997
- g) V/C roll is fully prepared.

DR. J.V. HLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question, the case of Hunthar Veng reveals that BDO who

takes the charge of V/C received certain amount of VCs renumeration. Has not the government noticed such conditions?

To add, has the government any intention to create V/C at Phunchawng Village?

- <u>PU</u> LALRINCHHANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question
- a) Has the governmet intention to create separate V/C for Sunhluchhip Village.
- b) It is valid to create V/C for unautonomous district and schedule caste areas.

<u>PU</u> <u>LALHMINGTHANGA</u> : Mr. Speaker Sir, is it possible to create V/C without prior permission issued by the responsible government.

<u>PU</u> LALSAWTA : Mr. Speaker Sir, an important Committee is constituted to look into V/C under the chairmanship of Pu PB Nikhuma, My questions in this regard are :-

1) Whether the Committee is appointed by party or Government.

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2) How many members are there and the names of its members.

3) What is the terms of reference therein.

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<u>SPEAKER</u>: Let the Hon'ble Minister Pu Ruala answer the questions.

<u>PU</u> <u>S.T. RUALYAPA</u> : Mr. Speaker Sir, let me try to answer the <u>MINISTER</u> above questions in brief.

Regarding the question asked by the Hon'ble Member from Aizawl West II, BDO and AO's always take the chearge of V/ C we have not noticed any BDO being provided with V/Cs renumeration. V/C Secretary may be dismissed on the recommendation of its members.

Regarding Luangmual and Rangvamual, we must have to look into the matter therein.

Regarding Ratu Constituency, V/C has always been created at local areas/villages considering its population, no. of houses etc. The Government has no intention to create V/C at Sunhluchhip Village.

Again, V/C has been provided to certain areas where Scheduled caste lives if the parent V/C wished to have it exist but we must have to note that, it cannot be provided without prior approval of the Government. Lastly, regarding Committee under the Chairmanship of Pu P.B. Nikhuma, neither the party nor the Government appoint the Committee, it is formed under the direction of the party and is confirmed by the Cabinet who is solely responsible to the Committee.

<u>PU</u> <u>LALHMINGTHANGA</u> : Mr. Speaker Sir, statement made by the Hon'ble Minister reveals that, unauthorised V/C should be removed or dissolved. This condition and the rules can be applicable to Chakma's who had already migrated from Bangladesh to Mizoram. Up till now, about 129 Villages have been established with attractive population, and settled in the different parts of Mizoram. Many Villages practised authorised V/C large number of Villages create V/C of their own way, no consultation, recognition or any kind thereof is taken from the government nor the government takes notice of their existence.

In this regards, 1 assert that, the government is to enforce the aforesaid rules and regulations, so that the unauthorised Villages / V/ C may be removed or dissolved.

<u>PU</u> <u>LALSAWTA</u> : Mr. Speaker Sir, According to rules and regulation laid down by the government. Village council members may be appointed with due consultation and recommendation of former Village Council Members.

Taking into account of these rules and regulations, Mission Vengthlang conduct V/C appointment without prior recommendation of the former Village Council Members. Is it valid? if not, should the government conduct fresh appointment as rules laid down by the concerned department.

<u>DR. J.V. HLUNA</u> : Mr. Speaker Sir, my supplementary questions are as follows

a) Should our Hon'ble Minister show assurance regarding renumeration received by BDO who is in charge of VCP

b) With losing confidence of the member Is it possible to dismiss the VCP or Chairman by the rest of the VC Member?

c) Has not our Hon'ble Minister noticed discrimination on grounds of party wise which is taking place at upper Republic where reelection of VC is held. a) When was party wise discrimination practised?

b) As the problem concerned mainly to Ramhlun Sport Complex, Tuirial Village and other arreas, at what time will the rules and regulations of VC be applied to these areas?

<u>PU H. THANGKIMA</u>: Mr. Speaker Sir, Chengpui Village of Lunglei District have no VC since 1984. I may say that there is no dispute with their neighbouring Villages regarding boundaries. Is this area covered by the programme which is to be implemented?

SPEAKER : Has any application of any kind been submitted?

- <u>PU</u> <u>H. THANGKIMA</u> : Mr. Speaker Sir the answer is Yes, they submitted application to the concerned department.
- <u>SPEAKER</u>: If that is the way it is, let us call upon our Hon'ble Minister to answer question.

PUS.T. RUALYAPA:Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the question
of our Hon'ble Member North-I Constitu-
ency the answer is, the matter will be
considered.

Secondly, No Village Council can be formed by a body of persons unless and untill cabinet approval is received, if there is unauthorised VC we will conduct an inquiry to deal with the matter therein.

<u>PU</u> <u>R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA</u> : Mr Speaker Sir, I request our Hon'ble Minister to give us assurance on that matter.

<u>PU S.T. RUALYAPA</u> : <u>MINISTER</u> Mr. Speaker Sir, if there is unauthorised VC it should be dissolved. Regarding Mission Vengthlang, no previlege has been

given to any party, on the controrary we will study the matter more closely.

Regarding BDO who is in-charge of VCP and also taking VC's renumeration, we will consider the matter as wishes by our Hon'ble member. Besides these, there is no intention to discriminate other party and no party previlege is seen at upper Republic.

<u>PU</u> <u>LALSAWTA</u> : Mr. Speaker, to repeat my question Sir, as the formation of VC at Mission Vengthlang is unusual, should the Hon'ble Minister conduct enquiry to have the VC formed in anyusual manner.

<u>PU</u> <u>S.T. RUALYAPA</u> : Mr. Speaker Sir, As the Cabinet Minister <u>MINISTER</u> is solely responsible to that metter, future appointment/formation of VC is entirely under the purview of the Cabinet.

Likewise, regarding Upper Republic no Previlege to a particular party or discrimination is taking place here. Again, regarding Hon'ble Member North-II Constituency, Village boundary have been verified and is demarcated in consultation with the presnt VC, no type of conflict has been reported. Furthermore, regarding Chengpui Village, our report reveals that there is only 30 houses, if our Hon'ble Membeer's statement of 50 houses is reliable, we will look into the matter therein.

<u>PU</u> <u>H. THANGKIMA</u> : Mr. Spekaer Sir, most of our existing VC are the place where there are 30-35 houses why cannot Chengpui Village of 50 houses be taken into consideration?

PUS.T. RUALYAPAMr. Speaker Sir, our business mainly
concerned new villages and new VC, but
village of 30-50 houses may be consider-
able if they are in existence since a number of years.

<u>PU</u> <u>H. THANGKIMA</u> : Mr. Speaker Sir, Chengpui is an old Village that have already settled from a very long time back. Mizo tribal chiefs occupy the place like most of Mizoram Villages, that is the reason why the Village should be treated as special category.

PUS.T. RUALYAPAMr. SpeakerSir, according to our rules,
in order to have VC at Village level,
there should be 50 houses but whateverthe case may be, we will consider the matter (Chengpui) thereof.

<u>SPEAKER</u>: Now, we will go into question no 62 put forward by DR. J.V. Hluna, Pu F. Malsawma and Pu Lalsawta

DR. J.V. HLUNA

Mr. Speaker Sir, our strred question No 62 will the Hon'ble Minister i/c LAD be pleased to state -

a) The name of the contractor of over-bridge at Sikulpuikawn and its estimate.

b) Is there any intention to introduce high mast light at Aizawl North area during 1997-1998.

c) Has the LAD sanctioned money to Power & Electricity Department for purchase of 30 nos of vapour light, if any

- 1) When will the amount be given.
- 2) What is the initial rate of one sodium vapour light.
- 3) What amount of money was spent and also was the light utilised and installed in Lunglei Town.

SPEAKER : Pu S.T. Rualyapa

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 S.T. RUALYAPA
 Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer to questions

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 are as follows :
- a) The name of contractor is Pu Thangzuala and the estimate is Rs. 15,50,000/-
- b) there is no scheme to introduce high mast light during 1997-1997.
- c) 1) Dt. 3.7.1996.
 - 2) Rs. 72,70.00/- per unit.
 - 3) Rs. 2,18,100.00/-

4) according to information received by me, LPSV installation is being undertaken and we are expecting to finish within a few days.

<u>PU</u> <u>LALHMINGTHANGA</u> : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question

- a) What type of sodium vapour light is used, whether light pressure or low pressure.
 - b) What is the specific quarantee.
 - c) from where it is bought.

<u>PU F. MALSAWMA</u>: Mr. Speaker Sir, my supplementary question is, has not the government intention to construct high mast light at Aizawl North area.

DR. J.V. HLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, my supplementary gestion is

- a) Has not the government intention to make grill fencing.
- b) Has not the governmet noticed stagnant water and dirty ground.

PUS.T. RUALYAPAMr. Speaker Sir, I am sorry for not
giving relevant answer for the question
asked by Hon'ble Member of Aizawl

North -I constituency. As we have already handed over the question to the department concerned, Electricity Department may answer the question.

<u>PU</u> <u>LALHMINGTHANGA</u> : Mr. Speaker Sir, the concerned Minister is expected to answer. We know lot of money is involved and there may be misuse of money. <u>PU</u> <u>S.T. RUALYAPA</u> : Mr. Speaker Sir, the governmet is <u>MINISTER</u> intending to sanction low pressure light which cost Rs. 272/- to Rs. 8155/- per one pressure.

<u>PU</u> <u>LALHMINGTHANGA</u> : Mr. Speaker Sir, I request the Hon'ble Minister to give us relevant answer in detail, the supplier and the Company rate.

<u>PU</u> <u>S.T. RUALYAPA</u> : Mr. Speaker Sir, we will give detailed list <u>MINISTER</u> on that matter later on.

<u>PU</u> <u>LALHMINGTHANGA</u> : Mr. Speaker Sir, How can the concerned Minister does not know relevant and definite answer, it is unsatisfactory to have such unreliable answer from the Minister.

Why does not the Minister know the matters relating to his department, he must be answerable to all supplementary question in so far as his department is concerned. Mr. Speaker Sir, that is the reason why I urge the Hon'ble Minister to state a reliable answer for reliable question.

SPEAKER : On that point, the Minister may have reliable answer during this Session.

<u>PU</u> <u>S.T. RUALYAPA</u> : Mr. Speaker Sir, we will deal with the matter closer regarding high mast, sodium light as I have already said.

<u>PU</u> <u>F. MALSAWMA</u> : Mr. Speaker, our Minister affirms that it may fail due to inadequacy of financial sources.

PUS.T. RUALYAPAMr. Speaker Sir, it has already beenMINISTERimplemented in 1995-1996 it cannot be
implemented successively.

<u>PU</u> <u>F. MALSAWMA</u> : Mr. Speaker Sir, it was not installed at the right place, it was shifted from needy area to other, because the needy area is opposition constituency.

<u>PU</u> <u>S.T. RUALYAPA</u> : Mr. Speaker Sir, we have to install at <u>MINISTER</u> opposition constituency, in this regard no previlege will be there. Regarding what Hon'ble Member from Aizawl West II said, we are not sure that there is misuse of sanctioned money or any other related kind. Regarding to stagnant water and waste material we will take care of it.

<u>SPEAKER</u>: Now, we will go on to the next question, 63 Pu B. Lalthlengliana and Pu John Rotluangliana to ask.

<u>PU</u> <u>B. LALTHLENGLIANA</u> : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question 63, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Health & Family Welfare Department be pleased to state-

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a) At what rate oxygen and Medicine has been supplied to different PHC

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- b) How many quota has been estimated.
- c) How much quantity has been received.

d) Has toilet been repaired at Zawlnuam Hospital.

PUH. LALRUATAMr. Speaker Sir, relevant answer for starredMINISTERquestion 63 as follws :-

a) i) Two oxygen Cylinder is given to each PHC

ii) Medicine in distributed acording to rate of quarterly quota fixed by the Central Medical Store, but additional supply has been made for certain special condition, especially to those who are in great demand and needy.

b)	Medicene 1	Farget/Quota	Nos/Sanctioned
1)	ORS	300 Pocket	100 Pocket
2)	Anthelmentics	500	500
3)	Anti Diarhorea Dysente	ery 7000	4200
4)	Antacid	5000	2700
5)	Analgesic & Antipyeretie	es 7000	4500
6)	Anticonvulsant	500	500 .
7)	Digestant	500	500
8)	RTI Drugs Anti Asthm	ia 100	100
9)	Anti hyper tension	200	200
10)	Anti angina	100	100
11)	Drug store	200	20
12)	Vitamin	6000	5000
13)	U-Terap	300	300
14)	Anto biotocs	100	100
15)	Eye Ointment	40	40
16)	Penicilin	200	100
17)	Ampicilin	60	30
18)	Trimoxazole	60	30
19)	Antail mentic	100	30
20)	Anty Dysentery	100	40

21)	Anti pasmodic	30	30
22)	Analgesic/pyretic	50	40
23)	Antimatic	50	40
24)	Anti Malaria Syrup	30	30
25)	RTI/Asthma	30	30
26)	Injection proomde	20	20
27)	Adrenaline	20	20
28)	Bethamethasone	50	50
29)	Anti Gogulatant	20	20
30)	Tincture Iodine	6	4
31)	Benzoin	6	4
32)	Terpintine	5	· 4
33)	Phenyle	5	4
34)	Dettol	10	10
35)	Methylaled Spirit	10	4
36)	Rufrid Spirit	10	4
37)	Inbjection Normal Saline	60	50
38) -	Injection Dextrose	60	50
39)	Injection lactate	60	50
40)	Injection metregin	30	30
41)	Oxyloceline (Injection)	20	20
42)	Eye/Ear drop	30	60

c) J.E. has been sent to take spot verification, report also has been submitted and estimate has been prepared. We hope that we may complete repair within a few months.

<u>PU</u> JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, when I visited Zawlnuam Hospital last month, no trace of repair is seen. I therefore request our Hon'ble Minster to take immediate action. <u>PU</u> <u>B. LALTHLENGLIANA</u> : Mr. Speaker Sir, the stated Gas (Oxygen) has not been received. What is the reason for such delay?

<u>PU</u> <u>LALSAWTA</u> : Mr. Speaker Sir, Our Hon'ble Minister's statement reveals satisfactory target estimation. But, that is only a figure in the document. Therefore I ask Hon'ble Minister to tell the House the actual figure of sanction received at different places.

<u>DR. J.V. HLUNA</u> : Mr. Speaker Sir, my supplementary question is normally the charge of private clinic is Rs. 50/- per person, but our report reveals that Rs. 100/- has been charged. Has not the government noticed such irregular charge?

<u>PU. LALRINCHHANA</u>: Mr. Speaker Sir, according to the staffing norms of PHC, 3 posts are created at PHC but instead of posting 3 doctors there is only one doctor in each PHC. Is not the governmet intending to follow the norm?

Besides this, should not the government sanction more vehicle (i.e. Bus) to each PHC.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA :

Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question should the government supply to PHC

- a) Samples medicine.
- b) Vitamins
- c) Materials preventive medicine.

<u>PU H. LALRUATA</u> :

Firstly, regarding question relating to Gas (oxygen). The answer is oxygen had been distributed to PHC where it can be utilised and the place where doctor is posted.

Secondly, regarding question of Aizawl South-II Member, I may say target estimate is reliable, but if there is misuse of that kind we will consider the matter thereof.

Thirdly, I am sorry to say that I may not give an answer for question of Hon'ble Member Aizawl West-II because the question is irrelevant.

Fourthly to answer the question of Member from Ratu Constituency, the Government has taken step to improve further.

Fifthly, regarding the Hon'ble Member North-I Constituency question I am afraid our Hon'ble Member misuderstand.

Our target estimate reveals that antimalaria, vitamins, T.B. Polio vaccination etc. has been adequately distributed.

<u>DEPUTY SPEKAER</u>: Now, we will go into our next business. Let us call Pu Hrangthanga Colney to lay on the table a copy of the Miozram Vehicle (taxation) Rules 1996.

<u>PU</u> <u>HRANGTHANGA</u> <u>COLNEY</u>: Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission I hereby lay on the table a copy of the Mizoram Motor Vehicle (taxation) Rules, 1996.

Thank you.

<u>DEPUTY SPEAKER</u>: If copy is given to our members, let us call upon our Hon'ble Minister Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana to lay on the Table the Mizoram Prevention of Immoral Traffic Rules 1994.

PUPC. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, with
your permission I hereby lay
on the table a copy of theMizoram Prevention of Immoral Traffic Rules, 1994.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed.

<u>PU</u> <u>LALSAWTA</u> : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, according to our rules of conduct No. 227 the Subject Committee scrutinised the rules before placing it in the House, why should not we follow this rule ?

PULIANSUAMA :Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Rules CommitteeMINISTERand Subject Committee may scrutinise the
rules latter on.

<u>PU</u> <u>LALSAWTA</u> : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, if we do not obey our rules it will mean we violate.

<u>DEPUTY SPEAKER</u>: We do not say 'violation of rules' we merely say that this matter can be carried on without prior scrutiny of the Subject Committee. In fact Subject Committee does not yet function properly. So, let us call upon Mr. Lalbiakzuala to present report of 'the Sixth report of Committee on Estimate'.

<u>PU LAL BIAKZUALA</u>: Mr. Deputy Speaker, with your kind MINISTER permission I, the Chairman of Committee on Estimate having been authorised by the Committee to present on its behalf, this Sixth State Act Reports on School Education Department

Thank you.

<u>DEPUTY SPEAKER</u> : If copy is given to each member, we will go into our next business i.e. Legislative Business. As Rules 98(b) allowed. The Mizoram Profession Trades Calling and Employment Taxation, First amendment Bill, 1997 will be reconsidered.

Let us call upom Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana to introduce the bill 'Mizoram Profession Trades Calling and Employment Taxation, (first amendment) Bill 1997 and the Mizoram Sale Tax Bill, 1997.

<u>PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA</u>: Mr. Deputy Speaker, with your permission I hereby introduce the Bills of the Mizoram profession Trades calling Employment Taxation (first amendment) Bill, 1997 before the house.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there a copy to distribute.

<u>PU</u> LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the Minister has not yet begged leave to distribute the copy to the house. <u>DEPUTY SPEAKER</u> : Have we not given to members a copy of sale tax ?

<u>PU</u> <u>P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA</u> : Mr. Dy Speaker, I introduce <u>MINISTER</u> the bill with paper bulletin.

<u>DEPUTY SPEAKER</u> : If we have a copy, let the Minister beg leave to introduce the bill

<u>PU</u> J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, the Minister <u>MINISTER</u> has not yet begged leave of the house to consider the bill.

<u>DEPUTY</u> SPEAKER : Now let the bill be introduced, sale tax copy will be provided.

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 P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA
 Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I am sorry to say that the copy has not been received by me.

<u>DEPUTY SPEAKER</u>: The copy should be provided now, let us call upon Pu J. Laisangzuala to move the court fees (Mizoram amendment) bill, 1996 to be taken into consideration.

PUJ. LALSANGZUALAMr. Deputy Speaker Sir, with yourMINISTERpermission I beg leaveof the house to consider the bill, the court fee (Mizoram amendment)bill 1996.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

<u>PU J. LALSANGZUALA</u> : MINISTER

rules.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this Act of the court fees is to be enacted in the area of Jaintia Hills, Lushai Hills, Garo, Hills

Naga Hills and North Cachar Sub-Division.

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Initially from 11th September, 1950 till date, the Assam court fees has been introduced in the aforesaid areas. We (Mizoram) have no separate court fees act. Therefore we are aware of the need to have separate court fees act not depending on Assam act or any other state act, for this reason I introduce the bill in this house.

Further more, if we look at the Indian Constitution Schedule 7, list 2 nad 3, we are permitted to have a separate act in this regard. We also have an inference that our domestic revenue will be risen up at Rs. 20,000.00/- or above if we implement the act. We feel no hardship of burden will be caused by implementation of this act, I therefore beg leave of the house to consider the bill.

Thank you.

<u>PU</u> <u>LALHMINGTHANGA</u>: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I heartily support statement made by our Hon'ble Member Aizawl North-II constituency. To add, I want to state the policy and principle of the rule in case we may implement the said

In order to have a clear picture about this rule, we have to go back to 1870. At that time implementation of the act lost its obscurity. We, (i.e. Mizoram) merely and blindly follow for a very long period about 100 years, the Assam Court fees act.

Under the Assam Court fees Act, Court fees has been taken according to the percent estimated, if the percent is high, the fees is high and vice versa. As Mizoram is treated as special category, exdemption of certain taxes has been practiced. Therefore, the act cannot be implemented meaningfully, because we have no realiable separation of Judiciary, Executive etc. In short, separation of power has not followed our Civil laws, criminal laws etc are inter-related and inter-dependent with one another. This is one of the striking factors for our in-ability to implement the said act.

Therefore, if we look at policy side, the act will not be meaningful because our judicial services, Civil Court criminal and so on do not gain any from the act.

On the other hand the government may gain surplus revenue from it, but as our country is still in transition stage, division and separation of power, administration of justice are messed up, no benefit there will be seen, it may not function properly.

Thus in order to stimulate the act properly and efficiencely the theory of separation of power should be introduced in straight forward manner. As stated by the Finace Minsiter, revenue may be big but what will be the other result if we do not draw out any other benefit ? or if it is not advantageous, I think only revenue is not a sufficient cause for considering and implementing the aforesaid rules.

I therefore, affirm that in order to have be a rule to become an act it should have reliable and probable matters within and outside.

DEPUTY SPEAKER :

Now let us call upon Pu J. Lalsangzuala to move that the bill be passed.

<u>PU J. LALSANGZUALA</u> : MINISTER

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, in case we may not be clear to the point, I will explain the bill in brief. This Court

fee has alrready been extended to Mizoram with a rate fixed by the Assam Government. Our Hon'ble Member Mr. Zoramthanga has also mentioned in the House that an independent act should be implemented in Mizoram.

So also the government considers the situation there in. As they think it is necessary to have a separate and independent act, that is the reason why 1 introduce the bill today.

The bill provides that the miximum amount of court fees payable under this article by a House tax payee native resident of Mizoram shall be limited to Rs. 5000/- only. I want to say before the House that the bill had been scrutinised during intervening period of the session. So, we think that the bill is good enought for Mizoram. Inspite of the above stated, the government is intending to introduce systematic and definite separation of justice, and is also trying to raise our revenue which is now very low 7 % only by adding planned and non plan budget revenue.

I therefore, beg to move that the Court Fees (Mizoram amendment) bill 1996 be passed.

Thank you.

<u>DEPUTY SPEAKER</u> : Now the Court Fees (Mizoram amendment) Bill 1996 be passed. Members are requested to say 'Yes' or 'No' if we agree say 'Yes' and disagree say 'No'.

As 'Yes' outnumbered 'No' I therefore declare that the Court Fee (amendment) of 1996 is passed unanimously. Our next business (list (7) Mr. P.C. Zoram Sangliana to move that the Mizoram Profession Trade, Calling and Employment Taxation (First amendment) Bill 1997 be taken into consideration. <u>PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA</u> : <u>MINISTER</u>

to move of the Mizoram Profession Trades, Callings and Employment Taxation (First amendment) Bill, 1997.

<u>DEPUTY SPEAKER</u> : Now, let us call upon the concerned Minister.

<u>PU</u> <u>PC.</u> <u>ZORAM SANGLIANA</u> : <u>MINISTER</u>

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Certain sections under the Mizoram Profession Trades, Callings and

Employment Taxation of 1995 Act No. 7 of 1995 are intended to be amended according to the needs of our state.

The principal act of Profession Taxes mainly concerned Traders, Businessmen, Dealers, etc. Scheduled entry no 6 is to be amended as its gross turnover and gross income is irrelevant. After having amended, the rate percent of Profession Tax should be 0.5% only. Section 5 of the Act deals with gross income, gross turnover, total constructed amount and gross business.

The act also fixed same rate of 0.5% for furniture works, Fabrications works, Mechanical, Electrical or electronic engineering works, publication and Fabrication works etc.

The Act also envisages that tax levied by artificial persons such as Vijaya Bank, Apex Bank and other commercial Bank has risen up at Rs. 2500/-

Schedule entry 15 envisages higher rate of taxes for partnership and other allied company or private Company at Rs. 1500/- The said act also extended to the whole of Mizoram excluding autonomous districts - Mara, Lai and Chakma.

The Act provides no exception excluding armed forces and cooperative societies. Rate of profession tax under this act would not be more than Rs. 2500/- for a person per year. Therefore taxation limit should be Rs. 2500/- per year. Our target estimates, within 96-97 is 130 lakhs and we received 139 lakhs. Calculating the amount from all possible sources such as Lawyers, Doctors, Vehicles, Company, Banking, Suppliers, Contractors and the like, the total amount is about 133 crores.

Therfore, keeping in mind all possible benefits, I beg leave of the House to pass the Mizoram Profession, Trades, Callings and Employment Taxation of 1995 Act of No. 7 of 1995.

<u>PU</u> <u>LALHMINGTHANGA</u> : Mr. DY. Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble Minsiter in-charge be pleased to clarify th specific rate of percent of taxation.

<u>DEPUTY SPEAKER</u> : Now, we do not have enough time for discussion.

PUJ. LALSANGZUALAMr. Deputy Speaker Sir, let us finishMINISTERour business.

<u>DEPUTY SPEAKER</u> : Can we finish if we spare one or two minutes ?

<u>PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA</u>: Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the <u>MINISTER</u> rate and percentage of profession tax is 0.5 % Mechanical, Electrical Electronic publication and furniture works are grouped under one category.

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<u>PU</u> <u>LALHMINGTHANGA</u>: Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I may say that I have no objection whatever the case may be, but I merely say that, if the rate/percentage is high, it may cause hardship to the masses of the people. I request the government to conduct detailed assessment and clarification on profit and expenditure differentiation.

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<u>PU</u> <u>LALSAWTA</u> : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, 1 presume there is misprint in section 2 of the act i.e. determination of tax, de-taxable by any person under this act shall be 'determinated', the word determinated should be substituted by the word 'determine'.

<u>PU</u> <u>LALKHAMA</u> : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, question for clarification. Is there any border trade at Tiau river, if so how much profession tax has been levied.

<u>PU</u> <u>P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA</u>: Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I MINISTER pray to our Hon'ble Member an excuse for misprint, we will correct it. And the answer to the question asked by Hon'ble member Aizawl West I we are looking into the matter thereof.

<u>DEPUTY SPEAKER</u>: Now, the Mizoram Profession Trades, Callings and Employment Taxation (first amendment) Bill 1997 be passed if we agree say 'Yes'.'

As we agree, I declare that the Bill is passed. Now, let our business be enough for today, next meeting will be resumed tommorrow at 10:30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.