

**SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM  
(TWELFTH SESSION)**

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR FOURTH SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2017  
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

**QUESTIONS**

1. **Questions** entered in separate list to be asked and oral answers given.

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

2. \* Resolutions

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Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : Many seek the ruler's favor, but justice for man comes from the LORD.

Proverbs 29:26

We will take up Question No.10 and the Hon. Member Pu Lalthanliana will ask.

**PU LALTHANLIANA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Rural Development Department be pleased to state: –

May the government allotted fund provision for setting up a Model Village under Vidhayak Adarsh Gram Yojana?

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister for Rural Development, Pu Lalzirliana to reply.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is - No fund is allotted for setting up a Model village as yet.

**SPEAKER** : Any supplementary question? Let us invite Er. Lalrinawma and then Pu Lalthanliana.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. What is the reason of the government for not allotting fund for a Model Village? Is it because the Govt. has no interest in the programme?

**PU LALTHANLIANA** : Pu Speaker, does the government have any intention to allot fund for the said?

**SPEAKER** : The Minister will now give the answer.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, it is pursuance of the request from the Prime Minister to all concerned Chief Ministers to set up a Model village. Since the programme is not of centrally funded, it is decided that each MLA may select a village within their respective constituency which may be improved as a Model Village from that fund. I supposed any selection of the Members may be recommended by the government.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Rinawma.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, MLAs from Aizawl District have chosen a model village in rural areas which are outside their constituency. It is not seen in the guidelines of MLA LAD that it may cover expenses incurred outside ones

constituency unless in the case of disaster. May the hon. Minister clarify this?

**SPEAKER** : If it is possible, the concerned Minister may give the answer.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, our guideline stated that 'in case of obligatory' which indicates 'emergency'. I think it is necessary to discuss if the village selected by urban areas MLA, unless it is the same with the selection of the concerned rural areas MLA may be given priority from centrally sponsored scheme.

**SPEAKER** : Starred Question No.11 and invite Dr. K. Beichhua.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Commerce & Industry Department be pleased to state: –

- a) The estimate amount of NLUP Showroom-cum-Emporium of DIC, Lunglei;
- b) Name of the funding source;
- c) Whether the work is tendered; if so, who were the bidders and to whom it was given;
- d) Who prepared the Layout plan?

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister for Industry.

**PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows: -

- a) It should be stated as "Renovation of Industry Building ground floor at Lunglei for Emporium and Garage" instead of NLUP Showroom-cum-Emporium. The total estimate amount is ₹926,000.
- b) It is funded by NLUP Implementing Board, Mizoram.
- c) The work was not tendered.
- d) The Layout Plan was made by the Assistant Engineer, Bamboo Development Agency.

**SPEAKER** : Any supplementary question? If not, we will go to the next question No. 12 and Dr. Ngurdingliana will ask.

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for PWD be pleased to state: -

When will pavement work of Khanpui - Tualbung road be continued?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister, the hon. Chief Minister to give the answer.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

This road is taken up under DoNER Ministry and will be continued when the fund is released.

**SPEAKER** : Any supplementary question? Yes, let us invite Pu Lalruatkima.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. My question concern Chalfilh constituency and I hope that the Minister can give the answer. The question is: -

Will Tourist Lodge building at Vanzau be handed over to the Tourism Department? If so, when? Since the building is constructed and maintenance given by PWD, why should it be handed over to Tourism? What is the amount which has not been given to the contractor?

**SPEAKER** : I do not know whether it is relevant. Now, Pu Rinawma.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, my question is: -

- i) What percent of the work is done and the expenditure so far?
- ii) What is the physical and financial achievement of the work?
- iii) Who is the Contractor?

**SPEAKER** : The second question seems more relevant than the previous. The Hon. Chief Minister will give the answer.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I do not know that Tourism building was constructed at Vanzau. I will enquire and give the answer later.

Khanpui - Tualbung road is taken up under NLCPR and DoNER had released 197.21 lakh in 4.7.2011. The work was given to Pu C. Lalhluna of Ramhlun at the cost of 165.238 lakh and this road passes through Lailak.

For information of the hon. Members, the project of Khanpui - Tualbung road phase-I covers 2 kms of Khanpui and 5 kms of Lailak - Tualbung road totally 16.70 kms where as the total length of this road is 7 kms. While this is the case, 2 kms of Khanpui - Lailak road is completed under PMGSY excluding culvert and retaining wall and estimate for construction of side drain, culvert and retaining wall were done as per scheduled rate of PWD, 2010.

**SPEAKER** : I think it is clear enough. Let us now hear from hon. MLA, Pu Vanlalzawma for Question No. 13.

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the for hon.

Minister for Transport Department be pleased to state: -

- a) Number of Two Wheeler Taxi permit issued so far;
- b) How many have purchased and were registered so far?
- c) Whether service rate of 2-wheeler taxis is fixed;
- d) If taxis stand for the said has been set up.

**SPEAKER** : Let us hear from the hon. Minister.

**PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. The answer is as follows: -

- a) 221 Nos.
- b) There is no record of purchase of 2-Wheeler Taxi but there are 24 registered as of now.
- c) The rate has already been fixed.
- d) There is no particular Stand fixed for 2-wheeler taxis.

It is the authority of the AMC to deal with the case of taxi Stands. We are now reviewing the case of male passenger for male taxi driver and female for female taxi drivers. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : If there is anything to add?

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Pu Speaker, my supplementary question about female drivers has already been answered. Another one is the color of such 2-wheeler taxis as to whether female driven taxis will be different from male driven; and, if helmet will be made compulsory for passengers.

**SPEAKER** : Let us hear the answer from hon. Minister.

**PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, helmet is not compulsory for passengers, no particular color is provided for female driven taxis and the color of the helmet and number plates is yellow. There is nothing to hide that the Supreme has necessitated helmet for the pillion rider but we are not comply with it for the sake of the public.

**SPEAKER** : Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu to ask Starred Question No. 14.

**PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Rural Development Department be pleased to state: -

- a) The estimated time for completion of Mini Sport Complex of East Lungdar;
- b) The estimate amount.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, East Lungdar Mini Sport Complex is of NLCPR for a period of 2016-17 till this year. Approved amount is ₹434.96 lakh where as the first installment amounting to ₹1,73,98,000/- has already been received. Its contractor, Lushai Engineers, Ramhlun South, Aizawl, Mizoram is selected through tender. As per instruction of the Ministry of DoNER, Govt. of India, the duration of the work is for 3 years.

**SPEAKER** : Er. Lalrinawma.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, RD is not a department which concerns with works, yet, a consultancy firm is being engaged for the work. My question is - Who authorized the technical sanction for the works?

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the sanctioning authority is of course, the government.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, it is indeed, the Govt. but such sanctions are issued through Works department only.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, there are consultancy firms for Design and Build which takes up certain works from beginning to end. Likewise, any of the centrally sponsored schemes goes to Finance Department.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, even if it is taken up under the Finance Deptt., the technical sanction should be given by Works Deptt. We have a definite rule on Government of Mizoram Allocation of Business Rules, 2014 and it has also been stated here. I do not understand why the department other than Works Deptt. is undertaking so many works.

**PU LALRINLIANA SAILO:** Pu Speaker, there are centrally sponsored schemes which do not necessarily need technical sanction and the Govt. of Mizoram does not authorized any to issue such sanction. Pu Speaker, should not the existing process applicable in such case?

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, I am asking if the process contradict the Delegation of Financial Rules.

**PU K.S. THANGA** : Pu Speaker, it may be noted by the Members that Finance Department have empanelled firms of 40/50 to handle the excess work load of PWD without technical sanction necessarily. I think it is important for us to have an in depth study of the case.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, as pointed by the Hon. Parliamentary, empanelment is made with a view to provide employment opportunity to number of technical students without necessarily entering the Govt. service and at the same time, to alleviate excessive workload in the technical departments. With this practice, it is decided that works amounting to 400/500 or 5000/6000 lakh may be taken up by the empanelled firms without the help from some technical departments.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Sangthuama to ask Question No. 15.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for PWD be pleased to state: -

- a) Whether there is a plan to improve the road Ramrikawn - Lungverhkawn;
- b) If any, the amount allotted for the work;
- c) Is the work tender already been floated? If so, who is the contractor?
- d) If the work has been started.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, answer is : -

- a) There is a plan to repair Ramrikawn - Lungverhkawn road upto NH-54 within 2016-2018 by availing loan from NABARD.
- b) The estimated sanction is 931.86 lakhs.
- c) Tender was floated and Pu Lalfamkima of Ramhlun North, Aizawl is the selected contractor.
- d) The contractor is preparing himself to start the work.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Pu Speaker, is there a plan for widening of such road as well or black topping only; and, if it is expected to be completed within this year? Even though the road is only 7.758 kms long, the sanction is 931.86 lakhs. I opine it is too much unless widening is inclusive.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, my first question is - The amount spent for maintenance of Ramrikawn - Lungverhkawn road last year; if the assigned contractor has already placed security deposit for the work; and if not, when. It is obvious that the work has not been started due to delay of placing security deposit.

As already stated, the rate 102 lakh/km for blacktopping alone it is too much and widening thus should also be included. Besides, I would also like to know the amount spent for processing SOR, and SOR of which year is used in the process.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker we are working on this road for it serves as a by-pass road when the main road is damages. Widening of this road is not recommended as compensation amount claimed will be higher than that of the project cost itself. As for SOR, we used the latest one of 2016.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, how about the amount spent on maintenance in the previous year?

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Hon. Speaker, I prefer not to answer for it is irrelevant question. It is planned to be completed during dry season; yet, it is unknown for how long dry season will last.

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Pu Speaker, is there any plan to make a by-pass road from Ramrikawn to the western part of Aizawl similar to the one we have on Thuampui?

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we are now working on somewhat like a ring road to alleviate traffic problem.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Pu Speaker, 84 lakh was spent last year for maintenance of the said road and again this time a sanction of Rs.100 lakh/km. As for financial involvement is high, I earnestly request the hon. Chief Minister to carefully attend the progress of work so that it is completed with the best possible quality. It may as well be noted that the local community has set up a committee to assist the ongoing work is carried out appropriately.

**SPEAKER** : It is a question.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I appreciate the hon. Member and I am happy to learn the attitude of the local community on the development work which concerns not only their locality but the entire state.

**SPEAKER** : Now, Er. Lalrinawma to ask Starred Question No. 16.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Commerce & Industries Department be pleased to state: -

On the on-going process of border trade relations with Bangladesh or Myanmar, whether there is a plan to set up Border Haat in Mizoram; if so, in which place it will be set up.

**PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, there is a plan to set up Border Haat and the following places: -

- i) Hnahlan of Mizoram and Darkhai of Myanmar, which is the place opposite to Hnahlan;
- ii) Vaiphai of Mizoram and Leilet of Myanmar;
- iii) Zote of Mizoram and Fartlang of Myanmar



- iv) Pangkhua (near Sangau) of Mizoram and Thau of Myanmar.
- v) With Bangladesh, no definite decision has yet been made.

**SPEAKER** : Now, starred Question No. 17 to be asked by Dr. K Beichhua.

**Dr. K BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for PWD be pleased to state -

- a) Whether there is any unsafe bridge within Mizoram at present;
- b) If any, how many are there?

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, there is no unsafe bridge being reported at present; question b) is not applicable as there is no unsafe bridge.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is –

- i) If our bridges are safe enough, would not it be a waste of money to deploy Guards for the bridges?
- ii) Do we have a plan to build a new bridge at the moment? If any, in which place?
- iii) Whether there is a plan to upgrade Tlawng - Sihhmui Bridge on Airport road to a truckable road;
- iv) Is there a plan to resume construction of the previous one for which number of posts already been completed or it is abandoned?

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, most of our bridges need to be guarded for there are persons who steal the nuts and bolts of the tightening and, also some vehicles beyond the weight limit trying to cross such bridges. There is no plan to widen the bridge at present and the previous one had been abandoned due to loophole discovered below the foundation.

At present, PWD has 124 bridges under it maintenance, 50 on National Highways, 74 on State roads where as 32 out of 50 National Highway bridges are of permanent bridges and 18 are Bailey bridge, 39 out of 74 bridges on State Road are of permanent bridge while 35 are temporary bridge. We have a vision that all our bridges would be made permanent by the year 2030. I may not go to the detail for it will take times.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, is there a plan to rebuild Tuichawng Bridge on Tlabung road which now become old and rusty?

**Dr K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, one of my questions has been missed out. Whether do we have a plan to build a new bridge at the moment; and, if

any, in which place?

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I have approached the Ministry of External Affairs regarding construction of Bridge on inter-trade relationship with Myanmar and approval for construction of 4 bridges has already been obtained. There is also a proposal for 8 bridges under Multi Model Project. The process could not be expedited as there is only one Regional Officer at Guwahati to deal with the cases of all the 8 north-east states. As such is the case, we approached the central for posting of more Regional Officers and approval has already been obtained.

Regarding the question of reconstruction of old bridges, proposal has been made under Central road Fund for upgrading the following to a pre-stressed concrete girded bridge (permanent bridge) such as: -

Bawrai Lui on KDZKT road with a span of 35 meters and the estimate amount is 5.80 crore;

PSC Birdge over Tlawng on Reiek - W. Lungdar road with a span of 40 meters and the estimate amount is 7.57 crore;

Tuichang bridge, Keitum on Artahkawn road with a span of 68 meters and the estimate amount is 7.55 crore;

RCC T-beam Girded Bridge over Serlui on Bilkhawlthlir - Saipum road with a span of 48 meters and the estimate amount is 9 crore.

These are proposals being made for strengthening and repair of old bridges.

**SPEAKER** : Let us go to the next question and I invite Pu Lalruatkima to ask the question.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Geology & Mineral Resources Department be pleased to state: -

- a) Whether there is any progress in the exploration of oil and natural gas. What is the current situation?
- b) The amount of tax collected so far from various companies assigned in the exploration of oil and natural gas; Names of such companies and the amount contributed respectively;
- c) What is the estimate amount of Royalty which may be benefitted by the Govt. of Mizoram if extraction of the said is successful?
- d) What is the estimate amount of Central-State share of Non-tax revenue from this project?

**PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows: -

- a) Exploration of oil is in progress and extension particularly of block taken up by the Oil India Limited i.e. AA-ONN-2004/1 of 3213 sq/kms is under process. At present, Oil India Limited has completed drilling works of Maubuang and Keihfang areas and ONGC too has completed the same in the area of Meidum and Zanlawn. The trace of oil is found at Meidum and the amount from this production alone is estimated as 5,52,674 standard cubic ft/day.
- b) The amount of tax collected so far is as follows: -
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|-------------------|---|-----------------|
| ONGC-1            | : | ₹11,10,61,007/- |
| ONGC-2            | : | ₹41,14,477/-,   |
| Oil India Limited | : | ₹8,49,63,781/-, |
| NAFTOGAZ          | : | ₹3,22,03,362/-. |
| Total             | : | ₹23,23,42,627/- |
- c) As per recommendation of the Ministry of Petroleum, the state Govt. will benefit 12.5% royalty from oil and 10% royalty from gas if the project is successful.
- d) As per recommendation of the 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, net profit under the New Exploration Licensing Authority should be 50:50 of State and Central.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalruatkima.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, May I know in how many zones the project of exploration in Mizoram are divided and where are the location of such divisions; which working agency is assigned to such zones respectively. And, If NAFTOGAZ was terminated, whether there is any replacement being made.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister to give the answer.

**PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, since the termination of NAFTOGAZ, the state Govt. too has put intensive pressure to the central for replacement. The case is being considered by the central yet the process could not be expedited for it takes global tender to make such replacement.

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : There is a rumour that exploration of oil in the areas Maubuang and Keihfang as becoming unsuccessful as no trace of oil as being found. Pu Speaker, do you receive such information officially?

**PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the two places were under Oil India Limited. Gas is found in Maubuang area at 2-3 kms deep but it was not up to expectations. Regarding exploration at Keihfang, the expectation is higher than that of Maubuang but nothing is found except coal even after drilling of 3 kms deep, yet, they are still working on it. As such, a definite report cannot be made as yet.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. K. Beichhua to ask Starred Question No. 19.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, Will the hon. Minister of Commerce & Industries Department be pleased to state: -

The amount of toll taxes received from Indo-Myanmar Border during the year 2015-2017.

**PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we have not received any toll tax from Indo-Myanmar Border.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, why is it so? The 42<sup>nd</sup> Schedule of Mizoram Gazette dated 3.3.2015 stated that toll taxes as being collected from Indo-Myanmar bridge over Tiau River. If it is collected on the other side, why don't we?

**SPEAKER** : The question hour is over but you give the answer if you wish to.

**PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, despite the rules of 2003-2004 made by the Govt. of Mizoram, it cannot be implemented accordingly for there is a definite process we have to go through in order to collect such tax. Such taxes may be used for maintenance of the bridge itself with a span of 170 feet which now becoming old and rusty. As such, we have a plan to improve it as a permanent bridge with the help of the Ministry of Commerce. The hon. Chief Minister is approaching the central, MEA and concerned ministry in this regard. We have even sent Geo co-ordinate as demanded by MEA.

**SPEAKER** : I inform the House that hon. Members, Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana and Pu J. H. Rothuama cannot be here with us due to personal problems.

Today is for Private Members as we have collected private members' business according to our law. There are 45 resolutions from 16 private members which will be balloted on the 14<sup>th</sup> of this month and the members have already been notified for the ballot.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we had a brief discussion yesterday with some members regarding the time consumed by obituary reference. It would be appreciated if the times lost could be adjusted.

**SPEAKER** : Today is for Private Members; and, before we take up questions, let me inform the members that we determine as to how the time lost could be adjusted our Rule No. 40 objected to do so. We have a strict rule when it

comes to problems like this. We all have our own ways of handling the problem and we just have to follow it. I would like to point that out this to our House leader as well.

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Exactly, Pu Speaker. I think that we should make an exception in such case and extend the time if needed. I am expressing my support on the opinion of our House leader.

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, it is in a way difficult for the hon. Speaker to change the traditional practice in the previous discussions. But in case of divergent opinion in dealing with this situation, I think it is important for us to have some discussions first. If the previous members and the ones before them made exceptions according to their convenience it would not be wise to do the same as well. And it seems we are doing things differently considering others. But the reason I am standing now is to state that all the Cabinet Ministers need to have any answer which may be provided by the Officials for such Ministers often have a question to be answered on behalf of any concerned Minister who is absent.

**SPEAKER** : First of all, Speaker alone cannot change the rule by and we need amendment of such rules beforehand. Secondly, our condition is different from other States Assembly discussion for we are mourning our beloved member who was very dear to us all. I request that the Opposition Leader to understand the situation.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Pu Speaker, we all understand the situation but we all are rules makers. So, if the situation demands, amendment can always be made. I request that we should think about it that perspective as well.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Regarding the point raised by Pu Romawia, Pu Speaker, Questions & Answers are provided to all the Ministers except Supplementary. If such answer has to be given, I think it is necessary to provide such answer to all the members as well. How it is distributed and is collected?

**SPEAKER** : In the Parliament, we have every question ready with answer with such copy in the lobby even for private members. But the questions in the list are considered answered even if we did not bring it up in the sitting for the answers are made available.

**PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, only the starred Questions should be considered answered not the un-starred ones.

**PU LALRINLIANA SAILO:** Pu Speaker, what I think is important in this

regard is verbatim record; unless a verbatim record, it will not be recorded here. If verbatim record is not available, should not it be treated such question as being answered?

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Pu Speaker, we usually receive the copy way after the session has ended. We often hear some topics which are not covered on the news. So, it is more convenient for us if we receive it earlier than that so that we should not have to ask the details from the news collectors after hearing it in the news. Regarding the obituary reference, I suggest that we take the extra time for the time consumed by the obituary and make it up for question hour. For e.g. if we use 10 minutes on the obituary then we should make 10 extra minutes on the question hour and so on.

**PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. The point raised by the hon. Minister John Rotluanga seems to be true. The rule states that 'oral questions should be asked and answers should be given' so it would be another thing if the starred questions are converted as unstarred. The media persons involves very fast when it comes to such problem and they sometimes happened to know the details before we do. So, the solution for this problem should be included in the proceedings as well.

It may not be possible for the Members to receive the details the same time the Ministers received. Thus, it would be better if they receive as soon as the question hour ends. It can be discussed at either the General Purposes Committee or Rules Committee.

**SPEAKER** : Alright we will try and find the solution as suggested. Let us now request Pu T. Sangkunga to move his resolution.

**PU T. SANGKUNGA** : Pu Speaker, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to move the resolution that "Intensive effort may be made so that Mizoram have a separate cadre of All India Services such as IAS, IPS and IFS".

We all know how important it is for our state in implementing the development works and that is the reason why many other States have a separate cadre.

In this connection I would like to clarify our confusion between All India Services and Central Services. Services like IPS, IAS and IFS are recruited separately. There are number of services under the Central Services and to quote the most common definition in English, 'All India Services whose members serve both Union and State Government whereas Central Services serve only Union Government'.

The system evolves since India was colonized by the British Government. Knowing the importance of such Services for the government, they were deployed with a very high salary so that they would have enough resources to work without practicing corruption. As time passes by, the Indian Civil Services were recruited as per the Govt. of India Act, 1858, section 32.

British government believed that the people of India were capable enough to handle the task of such services with examples set by people like Satyendranath Tagore, Subhas Chandra Bose and Sardar Valabhai Patel.

IAS is an important service and is highly regarded even by our Ministers and the importance of their role could be seen in a situation on implementing a separate state cadre during MNF ministry. The Ministry was given a wrong advice which made them believe that states cadre not to be necessary for the state of Mizoram. But times moves on and the people realize the importance of having our own cadre but is difficult to achieve at the present situation.

To mention few points of the benefit of having separate cadre, Home Ministry has the highest power regarding disciplinary action and we therefore cannot do anything directly without the decision of Home Ministry while other States like Sikkim or West Bengal can direct it to the DOPT. Therefore we cannot make necessary move without Home Ministry.

The biggest problem faced by the States like Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh and Goa is that we cannot achieve a single super time scale or grade selection on promotion without the approval of Home Ministry. Another is in regard to the promotion of officers of Civil Service, Police Service, Forest Service and All India Service. In order to induct such officers, the chairman should be of a member of UPSC where as the any Chief Secretary hardly give interest to other segment for he has enough work to deal with the state government.

Another advantage of having a separate cadre is that any of such central service officers will be compelled with the need to be able to communicate with mizo language like problem faced by some DCs posted in a particular region is not being able to communicate with the local people.

Another point is having an insider quota. We only have a few IAS of directly qualified whereas most of them are of other states cadre. Even those qualified could not work in their own State because tribal quota is not always there in the time of recruitment. Thus, having a separate cadre of our own is important for such officers to be posted within our state. If we can make achieve this, our officers from IPS and IFS

could attain their promotion on time. Thus, Hon. Deputy Speaker, I request the House to pass this Resolution.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : I think it is clear enough. If we all agree, let each person have 10 minutes time to speak. To start with, I invite Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte.

**PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE:** Pu Deputy Speaker, I support the resolution of our fellow member that 'Intensive effort may be made so that Mizoram have a separate cadre of All India Services such as IAS, IPS and IFS'.

Officers such as IAS, MCS and MPS of Mizoram made intensive effort for having a separate cadre for our state yet in vain. In fact, induction of IAS from MCS and IPS from MPS had never been held on time.

As known to us all, Meghalaya and Assam are of joint cadre and they hardly have a problem; Manipur and Tripura which also were of Joint cadre have now achieved a separate cadre of their respective states; Sikkim which is of inferior to us in the size of area and population has achieved its own cadre as well. While such is the case of other states, Mizoram remain at UT cadre and being clubbed as AGMUT cadre with Goa and Arunachal which are of junior to us in state-wise.

Moving on to the detail problems faced by MPS officers relating DPC for induction, I was also a victim of such problem. Usually, it is held first for DANIPS (Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar Islands Police Service) and for Arunachal Pradesh, and then comes Mizoram the last in line. As such is the case, any one from Mizoram comes last in order of seniority as well for DPC for Mizoram is held in the last. We sure have grievances in the system, yet nothing much can be done. Officers from other states are inducted usually after 8 to 13 years of their service but for our state after 26 years or so; I had gone through this period as well. Thus, in order of seniority as I have mentioned earlier, officers from Mizoram are at the back of the list of the same allotment.

I strongly support all the problems and advantages mentioned earlier as well and I suggest that we should strive for it more intensively, Deputy Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Let us now hear from Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

**PU K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to add some points of the advantages of having separate cadre.

Before we were under UT, we had number of officers of IAS, IFS and IPS by



the grace of Almighty God we had always done our job really well. After we became UT, numbers of jobs under the government were available and a chance for MCS as most of Govt. employees wanted to work within Mizoram than outside. If we achieved a separate cadre we will have a chance of at least 50% to work in our state. Therefore, I support that we pass the Resolution.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Let us have a short break and we will resume the discussion after we come back.

**2:00 p.m.**

**SPEAKER** : Let us resume our discussion on the Resolution.

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I support the Resolution that “Intensive effort may be made so that Mizoram have a separate cadre of All India Services such as IAS, IPS and IFS.”

So far, we have 14 Nos. India Administrative Service on direct recruitment, year of allotment of the first one was 1984 and last 2014. If we maintain the same trend, we may use apex scale for the post of Chief Secretary as the existing one has little service in hand.

Apart from this, we have 12 Nos. recruited from State Civil Service, year of allotment of the first one was 2001 and last one 2010 approximately with 9 years of service after conferment. Thus, the post of the Chief Secretary is likely beyond our reach.

As of IPS, we have only 2 regular recruitments who were allotted in 1987 and 1995 respectively and the gap in between is wide enough to absorb an outsider for the post of DGP necessarily. We have 8 recruitments from State Police Service who had been promoted to IPS, the first one was allotted in 1995 and last in 2005. Currently, we have 12 Nos. IPS.

In IFS, we have 4 Nos. through direct recruitment of UPSC. Apart from this, we also have 3 Nos. of Indian Foreign Service. So far, we have a total of 26 Nos. of Central Service. I may read it out with your permission, Pu Dy. Speaker.

- 1) Indian Civil Accounts Service - 5 Nos.
- 2) India Audit & Accounts Service - 3 Nos.
- 3) Indian Economic Service - 2 Nos.
- 4) Indian Revenue Service Custom & Central Excise - 4 Nos.
- 5) Indian Railway Accounts Service - 2 Nos.
- 6) Indian Defense Accounts Service - 3 Nos.

- 7) Indian Revenue Service Income Tax - Nos.
- 8) Indian Trade Service - 1 No.

**Total - 26 Nos. of Central Services.**

Nagaland has a total of 94 Nos. IAS, Tripura has 96 and Sikkim has 48 but we have only 29 in total under combined AGMUT cadre. In IPS, Nagaland has 60, Tripura has 54 and Sikkim has 32 in total. We only have 19 under AGMUT cadre. Regarding IFS, Nagaland has 33, Tripura has 57 and Sikkim has 30 but we only have 19 under AGMUT cadre. Judging from the figures, we desperately need our own cadre and I therefore strongly support this Resolution.

**SPEAKER** : Next is Pu S. Laldingliana.

**PU S. LALDINGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, I support the Resolution that "Intensive effort may be made so that Mizoram have a separate cadre of All India Services such as IAS, IPS and IFS." Since we have heard the details from the mover, let me point out only few points in support of this Resolution.

It is known that in a Parliamentary form of Government, we have two kinds of executives, one being political executives like Ministers and a permanent executives like All India Services Officers. The permanent executives are very important to execute the vision of the political executives as they are the ones who could make it happen. It is thus important for us to have a healthy works environment and unity among various parties.

We currently have several permanent executives of AGMUT cadre who does not know our language. In fact, there can never be deep connection between the two executives where as some fails to win the heart of the local people despite enjoying all the benefits their job could offer.

One advantage of having a separate cadre is cadre loyalty; if we achieved our own cadre, any of such officers will have a sense of belongings though being posted on deputation. The hon. House Leader fully aware of the problem even wrote a strong DO letter.

Considering some states that attained Statehood after 2000 were being allotted a separate cadre, it is hard to believe how we do not have the same till now. With that being said, I fully support the Resolution for passing. Thank you.

**PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Pu Speaker, I would like to make few points as well. Currently we have 7.5% quota on the All India Civil Services but we cannot even fill up entirely most of the time. The most important thing prior to having a

separate cadre is to improve our potentiality to fill out the whole quota otherwise it will become useless. it is not easy to get through the preliminary round as the total of the entire process should be 2,275 marks. Thus, it is important for the candidates to give the best effort even from the preliminary rounds. Pu Speaker, I fully support the Resolution.

**SPEAKER** : Let us hear from Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

**PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, currently there are 6,396 posts in the All India Services out of which 4,926 posts were filled and 1,470 vacant posts remain vacant. Manipur has 110 posts out of which 85 posts were filled and 25 remain.; Assam and Meghalaya has 273 posts altogether out of which 208 posts were filled and 55 vacant posts. Our inferiority on central services could be of various reasons but I strongly believe that having a separate cadre would entail sense of competitive to our youth. Most of the mizos prefer to remain in our homeland than works outside or abroad. As such is our mindset, I believe that most of our youth would give more efforts for the opportunity to work within our state.

Another important thing I would like to point out is cadre control. It is true to a certain extents that most of the Central Service officers who were posted in Mizoram only came here as a formality but without sense of responsibility to the government and all they have in mind is how to get back sooner at Delhi. Thus, having a separate cadre is necessary for us. If it is achieved, any one will work in Mizoram with a sense of responsibility even if his/her appointment is only on deputation. I therefore strongly recommend that this Resolution is passed by the House. Thank you.

*(Dy. Speaker takes the Chair.)*

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Let us now hear from Pu H. Zothangliana.

**PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I support the resolution on grounds that officers from other cadre who has been working in our state usually work as an official duty without having a sense of responsibility to the people and their works. As previously stated, I also believe that the youth will find new motivation if we have a separate cadre. So we need to achieve this.

It is important for the state Govt. to take control of its employees but it is in a way difficult on Govt. servants who are coming from outside. On the contrary, it is difficult to such Govt. servants also to build good working relationship with their fellow Govt. servants and the society due to lack of communication such as language and traditional gap. If a separate cadre is achieved, such kind of problem will not be

existed. Thus, I support this Resolution wholeheartedly. Thank you.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. As stated members, we all seem to support this Resolution and there is hardly any point to be added. This Resolution is not new as many efforts had also been made since 1988. This indicates we really need one.

Looking back to our performances in the previous years as in the 70's and 80's, only a few were recruited from our state which is of a serious matter and the reason seem to be our lack of separate cadre for our state. So, it is important for us to have a separate cadre for it concern the welfare of our future. I therefore support this Resolution. Thank you.

**PU R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I am grateful for this Resolution as it is the same that I myself had moved in the previous session.

One thing I would like to add is regarding the power of various Central Services. It is known how powerful they are and we desperately need that power for the development of our state. If we can have a separate cadre, we will have more high level officers with the increase of Central Service officers recruited from our state.. Thus, I support this resolution. Thank you. *(Speaker takes the Chair)*

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. I support this Resolution moved by the hon. member.

We all know the difference between State Services and Central Services. There are IAS, IPS, and IFS under UPSC and each belongs to the state cadre before the pension. We also know the importance of executives for the growth of our state. As we do not have a separate cadre at the moment, we have no choice than accept anyone appointed in Mizoram. It seems that any one from outside hesitant to be posted in our state which relatively impede our development. Even from our religious point of view, having a separate cadre is much important as anyone from this cadre could serve as a missionary in whichever place he may be deputed. Therefore, I strongly support and this Resolution.

**SPEAKER** : Next is Pu Vanlalzawma.

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Pu Speaker, I am truly grateful for this Resolution and the members on your left too have discussed the matter yesterday and we all support it.

We have heard all important points and the impact of this Resolution may bring. We are not in a position to make any of our choice and we ought to accept

anyone who may be posted for us. It is not easy to take out even our very own Mizo officers from the central due to objection from central Home Ministry. Therefore, to improve our system of executives and administration, I suggest we all support this resolution. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now hear from the House Leader, and after that, will call upon the mover of this Resolution.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. As a House Leader, I appreciate this Resolution and the ideas involved in it. This Resolution had been moved during 1984-87, 88, 89 and now. And as mentioned by the members, one of the biggest problems is the officers which we get from time to time. There were many who were not fit serve in our state but nothing can be done for they were from the outside.

It is clear that we all support passing of this Resolution but it must be noted by the Members that we are all responsible for the success even after it is passed. With that being said, I support this Resolution. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call the mover of the Resolution, Pu T. Sangkunga to move the House that the Resolution be passed.

**PU T. SANGKUNGA** : Pu Speaker, the Resolution that “Intensive effort may be made so that Mizoram have a separate cadre of All India Services such as IAS, IPS and IFS” has won valuable support of the members and I am thankful for it. As we all are aware of the importance and significance of the executive officers and the authority they entail, we should work even harder to make this Resolution successful. So, to conclude, I ask permission of the House to pass this Resolution that “Intensive effort may be made so that Mizoram have a separate cadre of All India Services such as IAS, IPS and IFS”. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The Mover of the Resolution that “Intensive effort may be made so that Mizoram have a separate cadre of All India Services such as IAS, IPS and IFS” asked permission of the House to pass it. If we agree to pass it, we may say, ‘yes’ and those who oppose may say, “Nay”.

Alright. I now announce that “Intensive effort may be made so that Mizoram have a separate cadre of All India Services such as IAS, IPS and IFS” is unanimously passed by the House.

*Sitting is adjourned (4:00 p.m.)*