

EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM  
(EIGHTH SESSION)

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

(FOR FIRST SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021)  
(Time 10:30 A.M to 1:00 P.M and 2:00 P.M to 4:00 P.M)

**OBITUARY**

1. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, hon. Chief Minister to make obituary reference on the demise of the following Members:
  - 1) Pu P.C Zoram Sangliana, Ex-Minister and Former Member of Mizoram Legislative Assembly.
  - 2) Pu Andrew H. Thangliana, Member of Eighth Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

**QUESTIONS**

2. **Questions** entered in separate list to be asked.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

3. **THE SPEAKER** to announce Panel of Chairmen.

**LAYING OF PAPERS**

4. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, hon. Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Finance Accounts 2019-2020 Volume-I, Volume-II and Appropriation Accounts 2019-2020 in respect of Govt. of Mizoram.
5. **PU LALCHAMLIANA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the followings:
  - 1) The Notifications issued under the Mizoram Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (w.e.f 3.3.2021 – 9.7.2021)
  - 2) The Mizoram Private Placement Agencies (Regulation) Rules, 2017.

**PRESENTATION OF REPORT**

6. **THE SPEAKER** to present to the House the Seventh Report of Business Advisory Committee for the current Session.

**MOTION FOR ELECTION TO FINANCIAL COMMITTEES**

7. Motion for Election to Financial Committees to be moved :
  - 1) Pu Vanlalhlana, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee
  - 2) Dr. K. Pachhunga, Chairman, Committee on Estimates
  - 3) Pu Ramthanmawia, Chairman, Committee on Public Undertakings.
  - 4) Pu L. Thangmawia, Chairman, Committee on Local Fund Accounts.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

8. **PU LALCHAMLIANA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2021”.

**ALSO**

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

H. LALRINAWMA  
Commissioner & Secretary.

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**SPEAKER** : *As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear.*

- I Timothy 5:20

I request Pu Zoramthanga, hon. Chief Minister to make obituary reference on the demise of Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, Ex-Minister and Pu Andrew H. Thangliana, member of the 8<sup>th</sup> Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, it is unfortunate to make an obituary reference on the demise of Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, Ex-Minister and Pu Andrew H. Thangliana, member of the 8<sup>th</sup> Mizoram Legislative Assembly. However, men cannot live forever and we need to accept this.

Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana died on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 (5:20 PM) at the age of 65 in Zoram Medical College (ZMC). He was the eldest among the 7 children of Pu Vanhlira Pachuau Liannghawr and Pi Saitualthangi Chhakchhuak. He was born on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 1956 at Saitual village and he married Pi Lalthlamuani d/o Major Thansiana on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 1980. They had 3 daughters and 10 grandchildren.

He was educated at Saitual till High School and he completed his BA from Pachhunga College. He was a leader of the Students Union, NE Region Student Union and *Mizo Zirlai Pawl* during his academic years. He was even imprisoned for supporting MNF Party and he was involved with Church and communities as much as he could. He joined Indian National Congress (INC) on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 1983 and won the elections in the year 1987, 1989 and 1993 from Tlungvel constituency. He was a Minister of State in 1989 and took the charge of DP & AR, GAD, SAD, Sports & Youth Services, and Art & Culture Departments. He was again, a Minister of State in the year 1993 and took the charge of Social Welfare, Excise & Taxation and Prison Departments.

He was again elected as an MLA from Kolasib Constituency in 2008 and 2013. He was a Cabinet Minister in 2008 and took the charge of Tourism, Art & Culture and Printing & Stationary Departments. Mizoram made a Guinness World Record in *Cheraw* during his tenure as a Minister of Art & Culture Department.

He had a kidney transplant in 2014 which compelled him to visit Kolkata Medical Super Specialty Hospital occasionally for medical checkups. He was taken to Ebenezer Hospital, Aizawl on 14.4.2021 for his fever and he

tested positive for Covid-19. He was admitted to ICU at Zoram Medical College and died on 24.4.2021 (5:20 PM).

Pu Andrew H. Thangliana, MLA died on the 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 (6:35AM) in Ebenezer Hospital, Aizawl at the age of 44. He was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1977 and was the eldest among the three children of Pu Samuel H. Thangliana and Pi C. Lalhmingliani. He married Pi H. Lalromawii D/o H.L. Muanthanga and they had 2 sons and 1 daughter. They lived at Chawlhmun, Aizawl.

He passed his matriculation examination in 1<sup>st</sup> Division from Bethany School, Chaltlang and Higher Secondary Examination (Science) in 1<sup>st</sup> Division from Kodaikanal, South India. He graduated Diploma in Business Administration from India Institute of Business Administration.

He joined Zoram Nationalist Party (ZNP) in 2017 and Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) in 2018 when ZPM was formed. He won the MLA election in 2018 from Tuirial Constituency with independent ticket. It was suspected that he had a tumor on his liver and he was admitted to Aizawl Civil Hospital for biopsy on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2021 but no biopsy was done as he was very weak to get through. He was then transferred to Ebenezer Medical Centre on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 and was admitted to ICU on 13<sup>th</sup> August. Though the doctor and nurses did their best for his recovery, he died on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 (6:35AM).

Pu Speaker, Mizoram has lost 2 great leaders and it is unfortunate to make an obituary on the demise of these 2 great leaders. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Next is, Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, it is sad to have an obituary on the demise of Pu PC Zoram Sangliana and Pu Andrew H. Thangliana.

Pu PC Zoram Sangliana was a great mentor for me and he took extreme measures for the state's development since his academic years. He was even imprisoned for fighting peace and he later joined Congress Party so as to achieve peace. Our leaders saw a potential in him even though he was just a young man and he was given a ticket as an MLA candidate. Unfortunately, his opponent, Pu Thawmvunga, a candidate of PC Party was shot dead while having a public meeting in 1984 and the election could not be held. So, he withdrew from the election and vacated the room for his seniors.

He was blessed and won many elections during his lifetime. He was also appointed as a Minister and through his effort, Mizoram made a Guinness World Record on *Cheraw*. He was a Joint YMA President and was involved with several NGOs. He held important positions in his Church during his prime till his last days. He took extreme measures on sports while he was Sport Minister and it is unfortunate that Mizoram has lost a special leader. I pray that God be with his family.

Pu Andrew H. Thangliana was an educated man and he made a name for himself during his short political career. He was praised a lot by the people of his constituency and he had a great future ahead of him. His death is quite untimely since he could have achieved a lot for Mizoram. I pray that God be with his family. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Vanlalhlana, hon. Member is next.

**PU VANLALHLANA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to say a few words about Pu PC Zoram Sangliana and Pu Andrew H. Thangliana.

Pu PC Zoram Sangliana was born at Saitual and studied there up to class X. He continued his studies at Pachhunga College as we both were among the Students' Union Leaders. I was his best man when he married to Pi Muani in 1980. He was an Office Bearer at MZP General Headquarters in 1983 and was a leader of the North-eastern Students' Union. So, he spent his whole academic years being a leader of the Students' Union.

He entered politics in 1983 and joined the Congress Party. He was a nationalist. He won the MLA Election 5 times. Mizoram made a world record in *Cheraw* through his effort. He was a God-fearing who held important position in his Church. He participated in several games & sports and had membership in 27 nos. of different NGOs. He left several memorable trails and I pray that God be with his beloved family.

Pu Andrew Hmar Thangliana despite unhealthy person had passed his matriculation when he was only 13 years of age. He finished class XII from Kodaikanal with aim to become a doctor. However, he was underage to pursue that dreams and joined his BA in Delhi but could not complete due to sickness. He then pursued his study on the business career and achieved a certificate of Business Administration Institute of Delhi.

Pu Andrew was a humble man who loved music. He was involved in a church ministry and was a member of *Thlarau Thianghliam Crusader Team*. He would travel to England and Ireland with the team in spreading the

Gospel. His death is such a loss for Mizoram and I pray that God be with his wife, children and families. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : I now call upon the hon. Member Pu KT Rokhaw.

**PU K.T. ROKHAW** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is unfortunate that we lost Pu Zoram Sangliana and Pu Andrew H. Thangliana. Though the hon. Chief Minister, Opposition Leader and other MLAs had shared the detail stories of Pu Zoram Sangliana, I would also like to share some of my experiences with him.

When the Late Pu Zoram Sangliana visited Siaha as a Minister, a poor lady approached him to pay for her ration supply. He then willingly handed her a ₹500/- note which I thought was too much considering small amount of MLA salary at that time. Pu Zoram Sangliana was a man who understood the situations of the poor and he cared for them very much. He was a prominent leader of Congress Party who won 5 MLA elections. He was loyal to his party and was a star campaigner during the last election. Lai, Mara and Chakma regarded him as a *true leader* and his death is a great loss to Mizoram.

Pu Andrew H. Thangliana was elected as an MLA at a very young age and it is sad that he could not complete his term. I express my condolences to the beloved families of the departed members. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister Pu Lalruatkima is next.

**PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. We have heard about Pu PC Zoram Sangliana and I would like to add that he was generous and god-fearing. He fought for freedom while being a leader of the students' union and he associated with YMA as much as he could. He even held important positions in YMCA till his last days. MLTP Act was imposed when he was Excise Minister and he did not attend the House session when MLPC Bill was introduced. Mizoram made a world record in Cheraw during his tenure as a Minister of Art & Culture. He was fun-loving with amiable personality; he would always advise and encourage me in my political career. He was a true leader thanks to the support from his wife who also was once the President of MHIP General HQ. He faced challenges due to Covid-19 and he left us to have an eternal life.

Pu Speaker, I would turn to the seat of Pu Andrew H. Thangliana and I picture him occupying his sit as he usually does, but that will never happen again.

Pu Andrew was a generous man and it is unfortunate that his life has ended as he just started his political career and could not complete his term. I pray that God be with the families of the departed members. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. ZR Thiamsanga is next.

**DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is tragic that we lost the lives of a former member Pu PC Zoram Sangliana and existing member Pu Andrew H. Thangliana. I was friends with PU PC Zoram Sangliana since our college years as we both served as the leaders of MZP and the College Students' Union. His wife Pi Muani also was my co-worker under Health Department. He worked hard for Mizoram since his academic years till his last days and he was a loyal member for his party.

Pu Andrew was generous, kindhearted and educated young man. He honored the House and had a good principle and it is unfortunate that he died at the beginning of his political career. He also loved the people of his constituency. I pray that God be with the beloved families of Pu PC Zoram Sangliana and Pu Andrew H. Thangliana. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We will observe a moment of silence in remembrance of Pu PC Zoram Sangliana, Ex-Minister and Pu Andrew H. Thangliana, MLA.

*(The House observes one minute silence).*

Let us sit. The families of the departed join us today as some attend the program through live tv.

Pu Lalchamlia, the hon. Minister is advised by his doctor not to attend today's session due to ill-health. Dr. BD Chakma also is in Guwahati for medical checkup and Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma could not attend the session due to Covid-19.

We will proceed to *Question & Answers*. I request Dr. Pachhunga to ask *Starred Question No. 1*.

**DR. K. PACHHUNGA** : Pu Speaker, will the Information & Communication Technology Minister be pleased to state-

- a) The amount of budget allotted to ICT Department and, the main function of the department.
- b) If the students faced any problem with online examination.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister Pu Robert Romawia Royte to answer the question.

**PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. My answer is -

- a) ₹459.27 lakh is allotted for ICT Department. The major functions of ICT Department are as follows-

State Projects:

1. Monitoring State Data Center,
2. Monitoring MINECO Internet connection,
3. Monitoring several department websites,
4. Computerization of Govt. Offices.

Central Projects:

1. Monitoring several Common Service Centers,
2. Implementing IT Education for All,
3. Monitoring IT Infrastructure,
4. Monitoring Mobile and Internet Service.

- b) Problems occasionally occurs and measure is taken to resolve the problem.

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary Question* from Dr. Vanlalhlana.

**DR. VANLALTHLANA** : My Supplementary Question are as follows -

i) As per the answer given on 26/02/2020 for Pu Lalduhoma's question, measure is taken for a better internet connectivity. However, many problems arise during online exams. What measure is taken to resolve the problem?

ii) There is proposal for installation of V-Set in 501 villages through Bharat Net Phase-II. What measure is taken so far in this regard? Also, 246 nos. mobile towers are set to be installed through Universal Service Obligation fund. What measure is taken so far in this regard?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary Question* from Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, the Minister has given only the budget amount for 2020-2021. Did the government allot budget fund for ICT Department for the year 2021-2022?

**SPEAKER** : Dr. K. Pachhunga is next.

**DR. K. PACHHUNGA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Everyone has a mobile phone but there is shortage of mobile tower for some areas. So, to what extent the state Govt. has the authority regarding mobile tower? If online examination is applied in other North-eastern states?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Robert Romawia Royte, the hon. Minister to answer it.

**PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Regarding the question of measure being taken for improvement of internet connectivity as asked by Dr. Vanlalhlana, telecommunications and postal services are not the state subjects but of central as per the union list. So, it is difficult for the government to take further step but we do so at our capacity.

I am afraid I will make a mistake on the figure. So, I will provide the answer to Pu Matlana in a written form. Several companies and service providers take measure at several districts as so by the central to universalize the connectivity. However, the central did not make any provision to the state govt. for taking such measures. So, we help the central govt. in facilitating, coordinating, cooperating to perform land acquisitions. Since the role of Power Department is essential for functioning mobile towers, we have provided at our government's capacity but not free of cost.

In reply to the question of Pu Zodintluanga Ralte, the budget mentioned was of 2021 and I am not sure if supplementary fund is allotted since it is not on the question. I believe the state government did not provide any supplementary fund.

Dr. K. Pachhunga asked if online examination done in other states as well, and, as far as my knowledge is concern, none of the University in other Northeastern states had applied for online examination except Mizoram. This indicates advancement of our university towards others in technology. However, I would like to apologize to the students and their families who had faces connectivity problem during online examinations. At the same time, it may be noted that there are things which are beyond our control. It is impressive that we are the only state in the North East conducting online



examination successfully. I apologize if there are any students who had face connectivity problem during the online examination and I assure them that the problem would be attended immediately. In this regard, the so called 'task force' assisted the administration in every district, block and sub-divisional if there is any problem.

**SPEAKER** : *Starred Question No. 2* to be asked by Pu Lawmawma Tochhawng.

**PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the hon. Minister for LAD be pleased to state-

- a) Nos. of villages functioning without VC House;
- b) Nos. of VC Houses constructed earlier;
- c) If there is a proposal to construct more of VC House;
- d) Nos. of VC Houses being repaired;
- e) If there is a proposal to continue with such repairing.

**SPEAKER** : I, now call upon the hon. Minister Pu K. Lalrinliana to answer the questions.

**PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. My answer is as follows -

- a) 407 nos.
- b) 5 nos. during 2018-2019.
- c) Yes.
- d) 4 nos.
- e) The proposal is usually submitted to *Rastriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan* (RGSA) Scheme under the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. And, during the Financial Year 2020-2021, the central govt. allotted fund provisions for construction of 136 nos. VC houses and for the repair of 95 nos. VC houses. However, the sanction is delayed on which approach is made to the central government for the immediate release. Whereas 7 nos. VC Houses being repaired under RGSA during the financial Year 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. The central govt. has given its approval for construction of 15 nos. VC houses and 50 nos. for the repair during the financial year, 2021-2022.

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary Question* from Pu Lawmawma Tochhawng.

**PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG:** Pu Speaker, what is the progress of construction of LAD Directorate building? What is the amount?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary Question* from Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

**DR. VANLALTANPUIA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the LAD Minister be pleased to state-

- i) If there is a proposal to renovate Laldenga Park at Kawmzawl;
- ii) If there is a proposal to change the existing VC term of 5 years;
- iii) The reason for changing 3 years term of VCs to 5.

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary Question* from Dr. Vanlalhlana

**DR. VANLALHLANA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My Supplementary Question is-

- 1) 15% of the state-owned tax revenue is for the Councils and VCs out of which 24% is the share of VC. If so, whether the VCs received such amount?
- 2) The provisions received by the VCs through PRI need to be forwarded to Rural Development and in the process, there are some VCs which need observation in their dealing as there some who needs summon which seems to be the purview of LAD. How to deal with such cases and, if there is a plan to amalgamate these two departments?
- 3) It is stated in the answer yesterday as measure being taken regarding Gram Panchayat Development Plan. This information subsequently causes confusion to some VCs expecting for the chance to inform the officials of the needs of their concerned village council. My question is: - If such plan is actually made or is it just the pervading rumor that causes confusion to the public?

**SPEAKER** : I now call upon the hon. Minister Pu K. Lalrinliana to answer the question.

**PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, as asked by Pu Lawmawma regarding LAD Directorate building, it is now under construction at MINECO, Khatla. We now have ₹6 crore for the construction and 70% of the work is completed. So far, ₹130 lakh is paid to the contractor and the work is almost completed.

To answer the question of Dr. Vanlalhlana, there is no proposal to renovate Laldenga Park or changing of 5 years term of VCs. VC term is extended to 5 years following the instruction of the Panchayati Raj ministry throughout the country which had been initiated by the previous ministry.

Regarding PRI, I believe no separate contribution is made to Rural Development but is related to construction of BNRASK Hall. And, there is no proposal to amalgamate LAD and RD as for now.

Regarding GPDP, I believe our performance on this field is excellent. (**Speaker:** The time is over.) Pu Speaker, LAD carefully observes the performance of VCs and I believe we did an excellent work in this matter. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : *Question Hour* is now over....

**PU LALDUHOMA** : One minute please, Pu Speaker. I received today's programme only after 9:30 PM. It may be taken for granted if it not for the first day of the session. This delay causes the members not knowing which questions would come up and which bills were admitted since we hardly had a time to prepare ourselves for the coming session. It would be appreciated if such kind of delay is not repeated.

**SPEAKER** : As we all are aware, *15 clear-day notice* is given in every session. Accordingly, the session summon is given early enough and the members are supposed to have enough time for submitting their questions. So, I appeal to all members to abide by the Rules of Procedures.

Since we did not have time to appoint a new *Panel of Chairmen*, we appoint the existing members as follows: -

1. Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma,
2. Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng,
3. Pu H. Biakzaua,
4. Dr. Vanlalhlana.

We will now proceed to *Laying of Papers*. I request Pu Zoramthanga, hon. Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House, "The Report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India on Finance Accounts, 2019-2020 (Volume I & II) and Appropriation Accounts, 2019-2020 in respect of the Govt. of Mizoram"

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay on the Table of the House, "The Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Finance Accounts, 2019-2020 (Volume I & II) and Appropriation Accounts, 2019- 2020 in respect of the Govt. of Mizoram"

**SPEAKER** : Let the copies be distributed. Pu Lalchamlana is absent and he authorized Pu Zoramthanga, hon. Chief Minister to lay: -

1. "The notification issued under the Mizoram Goods & Services Tax Act, 2017 (w.e.f 3.3.2021-9.7.2021)."

And,

2. "The Mizoram Private Placement Agencies (Regulation) Rules, 2017."

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay on the Table of the House: -

1. "The notification issued under the Mizoram Goods & Services Tax Act, 2017 (w.e.f 3.3.2021-9.7.2021)."

And,

2. "The Mizoram Private Placement Agencies (Regulation) Rules, 2017."

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let the copies be distributed. We will proceed to *Presentation of Reports*.

The Business Advisory Committee had its sitting on 24.8.2021 (Tuesday) to prepare for this session and is published on the Bulletin Part-II. I hereby present the Committee Report in this House. Let the copies be distributed.

We will now move to *Motion for Election* to Financial Committee and the term of members of Financial Committee, which we all have known is 30 months as for now is about to end. We have 4 members of Financial Committee. Since the posts are of elected, I, now call upon Pu Vanlalhlana, Chairman, PAC to move the PAC Financial Election.

**PU VANLALHLANA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, the *Motion* is -

"That the members of this House do proceed to elect in the manners required by Sub-Rule 1 of Rule 202 read with Rule 250 of the Rule of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly should serve as members of the Public Accounts Committee, Mizoram Legislative Assembly for the period of 30 months". Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Dr. K. Pachhunga, Chairman, Committee on Estimates to move the Motion.

**DR. K. PACHHUNGA:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your permission, my *Motion* in regard to Election to Financial Committee is –

“That the members of this House do proceed to elect in the manners required by Sub-Rule 1 of Rule 202 read with Rule 252 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as members of Committee on Estimates, Mizoram Legislative Assembly for a period of 30 months”. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu Ramthanmawia, Chairman of Public Undertaking Committee to move his *Motion*.

**PU RAMTHANMAWIA** : Thank you, Sir. My Motion is –

“That the members of this House do proceed to elect in the manners required by Sub-Rule 1 of Rule 202 read with Rule 254 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as members of Committee on Public Undertakings, Mizoram Legislative Assembly for a period of 30 months”. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu L. Thangmawia, Chairman Committee on Local Fund Accounts.

**PU L. THANGMAWIA** : With your permission, Pu Speaker, I move –

“That the members of this House do proceed to elect in the manners required by Sub-Rule 1 of Rule 202 read with Rule 250 (b) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as members of Committee on Local Fund Account, Mizoram Legislative Assembly for a period of 30 months”. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Do we all agree? (**Members:** Agree) If We all agree, we will proceed to *Legislative Business*.

We have *Government Bill* for discussion. I request Pu Zoramthanga, hon. CM to introduce ‘The Mizoram Goods & Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2021’ on behalf of the hon. Minister Pu Lalchamliana.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I beg leave of the House to introduce ‘The Mizoram Goods & Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2021’. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Do we all agree? (**Members:** Agree) If so, I request the hon. CM to introduce and move the Bill.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I introduce 'The Mizoram Goods & Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2021'.

Pu Speaker, this is Amendment Bill. Goods & Services Tax, Act needs to be amended from time to time. However, amendment is done from the central and the state needs to make amendment accordingly. Every state needs to amend this Act on the first session. So, on this amendment, there are 5 sections which need insertion, omission in 6 sections and substitution in 10 sections. This Goods & Services Tax amendment needs to be implemented the day it was published on the official gazette.

Insertion should be made in serial no. 2 of Section 7 and serial no. 3 of Section 16; section 35 is to be omitted and section 44 to be substituted. Also, Section 50 is for substitution as so is section 74, serial no. 7. Insertion needs to be made in serial no. 8 of section 75 and serial no. 9 of section 83 for substitution. Also, insertion is again needed in serial no. 10 of section 107.

Serial no. 1 of section 129 needs substitution and section 129, sub-section 2 of sub-number 2 needs to be omitted. The substitute for sub-section 3 and 4 are provided and sub-section 6 needs to be substituted.

Substitute is provided for amendment section 130 (a) and (b) but (c) should be omitted. Amendment section 151 should be substituted and amendment section 152, amendment serial no. 14 is to be omitted. Here, sub no. 1 (a) and (b) should be omitted and 2 should be inserted. The 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph of 'Schedule 2 of the Principal Act' should be omitted and the effective date is 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2017.

The majority of the amendment is done in accordance to the central and so is necessary to implement. I therefore request the members to share their discussions. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The President of India has given his assent to this amendment only on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 and the GST Council requested every state to implement it.

We will start with the discussion and each member will be given 5 minutes and Group Leader with 10 minutes. First, I call upon Pu Lalduhoma.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The House Leader had moved this amendment but he did not share the reason for the need of this amendment. He did not explain the difference of the old and new one and what will be the effects. GST is a tool which can be effective to our cultural identity but there is nothing much we could do. We cannot avoid it and all we can do is to follow the order and implement it accordingly. So, there is not much to discuss and I that suggest we just pass the bill as it is. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Tawnluia, Dy. Chief Minister.

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I believe the House Leader has made a clear explanation. GST cannot be wielded as we pleased and Goods & Services Tax is implemented so that there can be uniformity in payment of taxes. As the hon Chief Minister had stated, this will not create financial burden as it is meant for proper administration. This is prepared so that the people follow GST so as to create more revenues. So, I suggest we unanimously pass “the Mizoram Goods & Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2021”. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : I request the hon. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga to wind up the discussion and beg leave of the House to pass the Bill.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Since we all have the copy, I will highlight only its form.

This is an order from the Central Govt. to all the states which could not be avoided. Goods and Services Tax is implemented on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2017 to be used all over the country whereas Mizoram Goods & Services Tax Amendment was approved by the President of India on 28<sup>th</sup> March. We all are provided with the copies for comparison and thus is not necessary to read it out.

Covid-19 creates many challenges on trades and GST Council made several relaxations. This is included in the amendment much for the relief many businessmen.

Apart from that, taxation Department takes extreme measures as well and the total amount of tax collected during the first 5 months of this Financial Year (April-August) amounting to ₹350.74 crore. It is believed that we can collect more if the pandemic is deteriorated.

So, I beg the House to pass “The Mizoram Goods & Services Tax (Amendment) Bill”. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Chief Minister has begged the leave of the House to pass “The Mizoram Goods & Services Tax (Amendment) Bill”. Now, members in favor to pass may say, ‘Aye’ and those who don’t may say, ‘Nay’. (*The ‘Ayes’ have it.*)

The House has unanimously passed “The Mizoram Goods & Services Tax (Amendment) Bill”.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : We have come to the end of today’s business and meeting will be resumed tomorrow at 10:30 PM.

*Sitting is adjourned (12:28 PM).*