

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

(FOR THIRD SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 9th SEPTEMBER, 2021)
(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.

STATEMENT BY A MINISTER

2. **DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA**, Minister to make a statement on Covid-19.

LAYING OF PAPER

3. **PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House correction of Answers to Starred Question. No. 219 of Eighth Session of Eighth Legislative Assembly.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

4. **ER. H. LALZIRLIANA** to present to the House Sixth Report of Committee on Government Assurances (2020-2021).
5. **ELECTION TO FINANCIAL COMMITTEES** to elect members of –
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 - 2) Committee on Estimates
 - 3) Committee on Public Undertakings
 - 4) Committee on Local Fund Accounts

H. LALRINAWMA
Commissioner & Secretary.

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SPEAKER : 'A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished'

- Proverbs 22:3

Today three of our hon. Members Pu Lalchamlia, Minister, Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma and Pu B.D Chakma are absent. We will start with the question hour, hon. member Pu KT Rokhaw to asked Starred Question No. 41.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, will the concern Minister of Power & Electricity be please to state –

If there is a plan for replacement of Siaha - Chakhei transmission line?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker, the answer is – 'Yes'

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalhlana to ask *Supplementary Question.*

PU VANLALHLANA : Than you, Pu Speaker. My questions are: -
May the hon. Minister consider the line extension at Bawngkawn Brigade area and Durtlang Leitan area?

Secondly, when will restructuring of P&E Department be initiated?

SPEAKER : Dr. ZR Thiamsanga to ask *Supplementary Question.*

DR. Z.R. THIAM SANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. What is the status of 132 kV line of East Lungdar which is planned to feed Champhai?

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is –

Siaha - Chakhei is proposed for sub-station. If so, when will this be started? I also request the hon. Minister to take initiative for the immediate functioning of Lawngtlai 132 kV line sub-station and that Siaha 132 kV.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the questions.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding line extension as asked by Pu Hlana, we will try our best to do so.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, a committee had also been formed in 2005 in this regard; so, what is the reason for the delay?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in the first place, the said committee was established to resolve various complications in the process. Regarding the question raised by Dr. Thiamsanga, 132 kV line is almost ready and transformer has already been installed at East Lungdar. So, it will soon be ready for commission.

Regarding the request made by Pu KT Rokhaw, proposal is made through his request for funding from Asian Development Bank and will soon be started.

Under Special Assistance to State, construction of 2x12.5 mVA, 132,32 kV Sub-Station with associated lines at Lawngtlai with the estimated cost of ₹16.79 crores is earmarked. Also, ₹8 is allocated for construction of 1x12.5 vA, 33.11 kV Sub-Station with 11kV connecting Marpara line, strengthening and augmentation of 132 kV Sub-Station of Luangmual by 3x25 mVA transformer with the associated cost of ₹14.03 crore along with strengthening and augmentation of 132 kV sub-station at Sihhmui by 1x25 mVA transformer with the estimated cost of 4.68 crore. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Lalchhuanthanga to ask *Starred Question No.42.*

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Pu Speaker, will the hon. PWD Minister be please to state –

- a) If the Department conduct any kind of inspection?
- b) If so, which level of officer is assigned to perform such inspection? And, how many of the officers are appointed for such purpose?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows –

- a) Yes.

- b) Executive Engineer level is assigned to perform the inspection and to be assisted by five nos. officers.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalchhuanthanga to ask *Supplementary Question*.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Pu Speaker, considering the amount utilized under PWD, our roads are most of the time damages. So, who is responsible for this - the contractor, the inspector or the concerned minister?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* to be asked by Pu C. Ngunlianchunga followed by Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. May the mathematical calculation and the land pass documents for claiming compensation on Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport be provided?

Also, Pu Speaker, Lawngtlai - Diltlang of Parva Road is under the charge of BRTF and I have requested the Chief Engineer of Pushpak to attend to it regularly. I also request the hon. Chief Minister to pursue the matter as the condition of this road is deteriorating despite the lifeline for the people of my constituency. I have even made an approach to the hon. Chief Minister to make a request to the Chief Engineer of Pushpak for reconstruction and repair of Bungtlang South – Vaseikai bridge as well as Ngengpui bridge so as to alleviate the problem with many people in the area. I also request for improvement of Lawngtlai – Siaha road. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte is next.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of PWD be pleased to state –

Within Serlui constituency, is there any project being taken up under PWD for protection of our boundaries? If so, where is the location?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding the question from Pu Lalchhuanthanga, there could be many factors but we have to know that tar is not lasted very long especially in monsoon area such as Mizoram whereas the quality of the stones used on this road is hardly

satisfactory. Thus, many roads are constructed with cement concrete as it lasts longer.

Regarding compensation on KMPTT, I believe it will not be difficult to produce the land pass document. Anyway, we need to examine the case once again since it is obvious that many of the compensation claims are false. We will also make an approach to BRTF official as requested by the hon. Member.

Regarding the question raised by Pu Lalrinsanga, my answer is as follows: -

1. Horticulture link road of Aitlang - Police Duty post covering 2.7 kms;
2. Aitlang Police Duty Post - Middle school covering 3 kms;
3. H/S Tuikhuah road - Silgiri road, Vairengte covering 1 km;
4. MIZOFED petrol pump/IOC Vairengte - Phaisen covering 16 kms.

Also, we have constructed link roads such as: Phainuam-Buarchep, Leiseikawt-Bankankawn, Bankankawn-Tuisen, Bankankawn-Tuisenhnar Saipum, bankankawn-Chawilung Saipum, Saichal-Tuisenlui Saipum. Also, plan has been made for Buarchep Police Duty Post - Saihapui V.

Apart from that, we have taken up Leitan-Sihpuizau, Vairengte; Sabual mual-Aitlang Lui, Vairengte; Buarchep tlang approach road-Saiphai.

These are the development works we have done so far in this area and we are proud of our work.

Regarding Hrangchalkawn-Lawngtlai road, we will inform the contractor to approach BRTF official for immediate action.

SPEAKER : I call upon the hon. Member Pu Lalrindika Ralte to ask *Starred Question No. 43*.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department be pleased to state –

- a) Which criteria were used before 2000 for the appointment of Chairman, Mizoram Pollution Control Board?
- b) How many times the appointment rules for MPCB had been amended?
- c) What are the existing criteria for the appointment of Chairman of MPCB. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. Minister Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga to answer it.

PU T.J. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. My answer is: –

- a) No Recruitment Rules was there since there were no criteria.
- b) As there was no Recruitment Rules in the past, there is nothing to amend.
- c) Recruitment Rules for Chairman, MPCB was made in 30.7.2020 with Gazette Notification being issued. The Recruitment rules for the appointment of Chairman, MPCB are as follows –
 - (i) Rule 3(1)(a) – (i) Bachelor’s degree from a recognized University;
 - (ii) A person having special knowledge or practical experience in respect of matters relating to environmental protection or a person having knowledge and experience in administering institutions dealing with the matters relating to prevention and control of water pollution and the maintaining or restoring of wholesomeness of water;
 - (iii) A person who has been a District Judge for at least 10 years with a degree in Environmental Science or Environmental Law from a recognized University;
 - (iv) Advocate who has been practicing in the District Court & High Court for at least 10 years with a degree in Environmental Science or Environmental Law from a recognized University.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* and Pu Lalduhoma to ask.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, requirement for the appointment of Chairman of State MPCB was stated in “The Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974” and “The Air (Prevention & Control Pollution) Act, 1981”. Besides, the National Green Tribunal also informed every State to follow rules laid out by them. From what I have heard, the new Recruitment Rules does not meet this requirement and it also seems as being prepared of one’s personal interest by stating ‘a judge and advocate’. If this Recruitment rules meet the criteria mentioned by the above Act?

SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlalhlana to ask *Supplementary Question*.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My question is –

What measure has been taken so far by the department on Waste Disposal & Management of Chite Lui and Tuikual Lui?

And, how does the department manage with recharging the source of our rivers?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrindika Ralte to ask *Supplementary Question*.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. It is surprising to learn that there was no provision of recruitment rules in the past.

My question is - Is the existing Chairman a qualified person based on Supreme Court ruling and Water Act and Air Act?

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. Minister Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga to answer the questions.

PU T.J. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. We are all concern for our development as our state has also been taken various steps towards development.

In regard to the appointment of Chairman, MPCB, we have been searching for appropriate rules and laws for the said appointment. However, the existing Chairman was appointed before our time and obviously he was the only candidate at that time. We are now beginning to have awareness in law indicating our progresses on litigation. Therefore, it is a must now, to include expert in law in its criteria besides environmental science.

Regarding 'recharge' as asked by the hon. Member Dr. Vanlalhlana, it is not the purview of Pollution Control Board, but Environment & Forest Department. However, planting of trees is done through various missions and we need to be more aware of the system.

In regard to pollution, there are some places in Aizawl which need to be cleaned such as Chite Lui. Thus, the programme known as 'Save Chite Lui' was constituted. Tuikual Lui had also been a mention as we also determine for the same. Besides, we have numbers of small rivers which need protection as we are taking measure step by step to that effect.

To answer the question of Pu Lalduhoma, there was no provision to be applied for appointment of the said post in the beginning. However, the government feel the needs as of now as draft has been prepared. As see in Section 3, there is the criteria and how to notify the public.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I think some rules are there since the Search Committee is under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary. Truly speaking, this process is not at all, satisfactory.

PU T.J. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I supposed this may be enquired through RTI as well. So, may I repeat that it is selected with due care despite provision of rules.

SPEAKER : I call upon the hon. Member Er. H. Lalzirliana to ask *Starred Question No. 44*.

Er. H. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Disaster management & Rehabilitation Department be pleased to state –

Is there any plan to restore the work on sinking area of Mamit Bazaar Veng? If so, when will the work be initiated?

SPEAKER : let us call upon the hon. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga to give the answer in the absence of Pu Lalchamlia.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, there is no step taken for restoration of sinking area in question as of now.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Member Er. H. Lalzirliana to ask *Supplementary Question*.

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, the said sinking area had begun 10 years back as many houses were evacuated. It has recurred this year and thus needs closer inspection. I have discussed the matter with the Minister of DM&R and we have submitted the project for its restoration. My propose is that Geology Department should form a study group for this purpose. I also suggest that Geology Department do the same for Dampui village.

SPEAKER : Let us call Dr. Vanlalhlana to ask *Supplementary Question*.

DR. VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, having sinking area at Ramhlun Sports Complex and Sihpui of my constituency, I have to ask the following questions –

- i) I ask if inspection is made on a steep cliff at Ramhlun Vengthar where there in an open conduit.
- ii) At Ramthar Veng, on the southern side of Theihai lui, we occasionally experience some sorts of tremor when it rains. This area

is not safe for the people and we thus need a strong retaining wall. Is it possible to do so on the borderline of Electric Veng and Ramthar Veng?

- iii) Lastly, we have numbers of dispute land in the area of Rehabilitation Centre of Ramhlun Sport Complex. As such is the case, electric connection could not be given due to unverified LSCs. May the department inspect LSCs of this area? Thank you.

SPEAKER : I call upon Dr. Vanlaltanpuia for *Supplementary Question*.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. In the absence of the concerned minister, I am glad to have the opportunity of imposing this question to the hon. Chief Minister such as: -

Firstly, DPR of sinking area at Zotlang, Lunglei has been submitted with the initiative of our DC. What step has been taken so far in this regard?

Also, I ask the hon. Chief Minister to give important to the widening project of Pangzawl NH-54 which is considered to be of an important junction for the north and south of Mizoram.

Real time PCY donated by Pu Zodintluanga becomes talk of the town of Lunglei nowadays, for that, *stop-gap arrangement* is made for installation of this machine. However, the expert team claimed the approach road not feasible since it is not all-weather road. This area needs proper attention as the whole range is in danger of sinking. So, I ask if it is possible to take initiative through State Disaster Response Fund. If not, I ask to consider of the proposal of DC and PWD to that effect? May the hon. Chief Minister clarify the exact situation?

SPEAKER : *Question Hour* is over; and, before I invite the hon. Chief Minister, I ask the decision of the House if we should let him proceed with answering the question. (*The members agree.*) Alright. Another thing is - as I have said earlier, no supplementary question is taken up in the absence of its concerned minister. But since we had done so, let us call the hon. Chief Minister to answer the questions as far as possible.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Pu Zira has pointed out regarding sinking area in Mamit Bazar Veng for which proposal had also been submitted with the estimate cost of ₹250 lakh in D.O. Letter to the hon. DM&R Minister on 9.4.2021. The Minister endorsed the letter to the Directorate on 13.4.2021. However, there is no fund provision to take up the

work nor the guideline for SDRMF which may be issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Yet, initiative may be made after the release of mitigation fund.

Regarding the suggestion of investigating Dampui area by Geology, it is a must and some steps need to be taken. We will request the department to perform the investigation.

Regarding the southern side of Ramhlun Vengthar as mentioned by Dr. Vanlalthlana, it is important and we will keep that in mind. Likewise, the case of Theihai Lui at Ramthar Veng may be informed to the minister concerned. In regard to land dispute at Ramhlun Sports Complex, the Revenue Deptt. may be instructed to perform the investigation.

Likewise, investigation should also be made as per the request of Dr. Vanlalthanpuia on sinking of road near Tourist Lodge of Lunglei Zotlang. I request all the members to immediately inform the concerned minister of the problem which may arise in their respective constituency.

SPEAKER : This is to inform all members of the House that
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In spite of being only three days for this session, we received 258 nos. Starred Question, 227 nos. Unstarred Question 227 totaling 485. Some staff of Legislation Branch too had Covid and they need quarantine as per SoP and their replacement being arranged on immediate case. They worked hard enough and often reaches 12 PM. As such is the case, answer from any department should not be received before 12 noon. I also urge all the concerned ministers to make a haste.

We respect the media people and we cannot give the copy on time; it may be provided to them with the soft copy. We regret for the inconvenience.

Now, *Question Hour* is over; and I call upon the hon. Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana to make a *Statement* regarding the fight against Covid-19 referring to our Rules 60.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I am very glad for the chance to present to this august House, a statement on our fights against Covid-19.

Pu Speaker, I have to start my statement with a voice of thanks. We may not be fully successful compare to other states, however, I wanted to point out that our situation is good. This is the result of the combined efforts

of us all - our Chief Minister, all the Ministers and MLAs, all Churches and NGOs, volunteer frontline workers and, above all, the merciful God.

Apart from that, we received so much donations from inside and outside our state. The countless donations given by the individuals, various associations/organizations and govt. servants and the sacrifices of the Ambulance drivers are worth-mentioning. Whereas the efforts of AMC Councilors also are to be noted.

Pu Speaker, the first Covid-19 case registered in India was on 27th January, 2020 and the Mizoram government had already put in motion a plan to screen all passengers coming from China at that time. We are the first in the country to implement Airport screening and the same is being deployed in all important border-crossing by the first week of March. Advisory was released occasionally in dealing with new situations. From the first case detected in March of this year, we have so far, 4,476 cases with 11 fatalities.

During the first wave, we frequently received warnings of a big outbreak from the Centre but we manage to avoid thanks to our combined efforts. It seems that we have finally reached break-out point from the month of April, 2021 up to September 9th with 63,495 cases and 229 fatalities.

We put all efforts to face the second wave, we have increased ICU beds from 13 to 34, Covid-19 concentrated beds from 56 to 247, 2 new Covid-19 wards (60+60), totally 307 beds.

It is hard to acknowledge that the efforts that we made so far is sufficient for our fights against this pandemic; having said that, I daresay the combined effort of the government and the people so far is satisfactory. Our main aim, Pu Speaker, is to detect new cases quickly and to monitor those vulnerable and prevent fatalities as we possibly can. The good news is that we are the lowest when it comes to *case fatality rate* amongst small State as our fatality rate is 0.34% considering 1.3% in all India.

We also ranked the top when it comes to sample test as per population in the North East and, when it comes to the machine used (RT-PCR, TrueNAT, CBNAAT), we are one of the best equipped states according to the data from IDSP.

Pu Speaker, the reason that we are so high in the positivity rate is our diligence in contact tracing. The other States are not as diligent or stop completely with that process. Even on *mass-testing*, they are not doing as we as we target those closely related/contact by a positive person which is known

as ‘*serial testing*’. The positivity rate from *mass testing* is 3.02% and I would like to mention that the work is purely voluntary on the part of the medical team. We have also completed our case-study of this pandemic related death and the finding is that there is a high number of *co-morbidity* cases, meaning a large number of them have previous serious illness, and, 22 have taken full vaccine dose and 128 (that is 70%) did not take the vaccine at all. From this study, it can be safely concluded that the vaccine is safe and effective.

We are very cautious when it comes to *treatment protocol* and our physicians frequently have meetings relating to it and update themselves because this virus is a mutating virus and treatment must be updated accordingly. When it comes to vaccination, we are 8th in All India for the 1st Dose and 6th in the 2nd Dose distribution. Pu Speaker, I must mention in this House that our Chief Secretary is very helpful when it comes to Vaccine procurement since the present Union Health Minister is his former class-mate and we are quite well-stocked through him.

Pu Speaker, there are some people who refused to take the vaccine due to various reasons and we are trying diverse methods to persuade them. Due to containment protocols in the previous month with the Centre mandate to lengthen the gap between the 1st Dose and the 2nd Dose, our distributions have slowed down, but we are picking up the pace again, and if we continue in this pace, we are hoping to distribute a large dose by the end of October. Since vaccination is voluntary, I cannot say that we shall achieve 100% when it comes to vaccination.

I want to thank all those who help when it comes to vaccination. I would like to point out the importance of vaccination and urge all our MLAs to give awareness in each of their Constituencies.

Anyway, we must be aware that we have to face the 3rd Wave and it is predicted that it will affect children more and this seems to be true. In anticipation of this, we have prepared 10 NICU at ZMC which can be expanded to 25 beds and 10 beds Ward and Ventilator and Oxygen Supply. We have also initiated Pediatric Care training at ZMC and selected staff who can give training to all the districts and prepare children-centered ICU at some of the districts. So far, 13 nos. of District Covid Centre have been prepared.

All efforts must come from *collective decision thus*, whenever a decision has to be made, all the parties; from our Chief Minister to NGOs, VLTF, LTF, Church representatives, Government Officials, our Chief Secretary and the Medical team with their Chairman Dr. Thiamsanga always have a discussion.

Under the Health Department, we have 20 teams concentrating on different areas that do all the ground-work and we have an All-Party Meeting with our Chief Minister and two meetings was held with AMC Councilor and the Mayor.

I wanted to thank all those who prepared government properties for Triple C and as we know, it is of immense helped at local areas. We have three different contact tracing team-Police, Health and LTF. It is important that we followed the world's *Covid Appropriate Behaviour* and this is incompatible with our culture but it is imperatives that we followed it diligently and thus, by doing so our positivity rate will eventually go down. The government will do all that it can but we also need the co-operation of the people.

I want to point out again and again the complexity of the fight against this pandemic and we are caught unaware at the beginning. We have 2000 vacant post that needs to be filled but, we are unable to manage due to this pandemic. However, we are coping with non-permanent appointment and volunteers at ZMC. While developed Nations are reeling under this onslaught around the world, we are sheltered from the worst of it owing to the mercy and providence of God.

I wanted to thank the I&PR Minister when it comes to Awareness Campaign of this pandemic and also the various print media and electronic media/digital media for all their relentless efforts.

Pu Speaker, for my last remarks, I wanted to repeat again and again that we need to leans entirely on God for He is our *Rock and Saviour*, and the One who said that, 'I will shelter you from dreadful disease'. I appeal earnestly to all the Churches and the people, those inside and outside Mizoram, to intercede ceaselessly to God for Mizoram. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, this does not need discussion as permitted by our Rule 60 but now, we shall have a *Laying of Paper* of Pu Robert Romawia Royte, "Correction of answers to Starred Question No. 219 of Eight Session of Eight Legislative Assembly."

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of this House, I now lay on the table of the House "Correction of answers to Starred Question No. 219 of Eight Session of Eight Legislative Assembly."

SPEAKER : Did you all get the paper? Now we shall have *Presentation of Report* and I invite Er. H. Lalzirliana, Chairman, Committee

on Government Assurances to present “Sixth Report of Committee Assurances relating to Government Assurances, (2020-2021).”

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I present “Sixth Report of Committee Assurances relating to Government Assurances given by Ministers in the Third and Fourth Session of the Eight Legislative Assembly of Mizoram, (2020-2021).”

Pu Speaker, I want to add a few words. This Assurance Committee is very important as we pick up the assurances given by the Ministers to distinguished Members of this House and verify whether they are assured accordingly.

Also, if the reply from the department needs further examination, we forwarded it under *Further Recommendation* and if it is satisfactory, we put it under *Not to Pursue*. This is especially important for the MLAs as they can verify the Assurances from the report and highlight active and non-active department.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Has everyone got their copy? Alright.

Now, we can go to *Election to Financial Committee* and we all know that we have 4 Financial Committee:

- 1) Public Accounts Committee;
- 2) Committee on Estimates;
- 3) Committee on Public Undertakings;
- 4) Committee on Local Funds Account.

These are for the duration of 30 months and the nomination is done according to the Rules.

You may think that we do not have much business today but the election itself is a huge business. We have the nomination yesterday and the last time for withdrawal was at 1 PM yesterday and the election is today, the 9th September, 2021.

Now, hon. members, we have a procedure that all the party select their representatives. I will now list their names:

Public Accounts Committee distinguished members are:

- 1) Pu Zodintluanga Ralte INC;
- 2) Pu Vanlalhlana Independent;

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| 3) Pu Ramthanmawia | MNF; |
| 4) Dr. ZR Thiamsanga | MNF; |
| 5) Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte | MNF; |
| 6) Dr. Vanlalthlana | Independent; |
| 7) Pu Zothantluanga | MNF. |

Committee on Estimates, distinguished members are:

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| 1) Pu C. Ngunlianchunga | INC; |
| 2) Pu Lalduhoma | ZPM; |
| 3) Pu Lawmawma Tochhawng | MNF; |
| 4) Pu Ramthanmawia | MNF; |
| 5) Pu Lalchhuanthanga | Independent; |
| 6) Dr. F. Lalnunmawia | MNF; |
| 7) Pu L. Thangmawia | MNF. |

Committee on Public Undertakings distinguished members are:

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| 1) Pu KT Rokhaw | INC, |
| 2) Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo | MNF, |
| 3) Pu Lalchhuanthanga | Independent, |
| 4) Pu VL Zaithanzama | Independent, |
| 5) Pu H. Biakzauva | MNF, |
| 6) Dr. K Pachhunga | MNF, |
| 7) Er. H. Lalzirliana | MNF. |

Committee on Local Fund Accounts, distinguished members are:

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| 1) Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma | INC, |
| 2) Pu Lalduhoma | ZPM, |
| 3) Pu C. Lalsawivunga | Independent, |
| 4) Pu C. Lalmuanpuia | MNF, |
| 5) Dr. F. Lalnunmawia | MNF, |
| 6) Dr. Vanlaltanpuia | MNF, |
| 7) Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte | MNF. |

Now, as per your recommendation, without electing individual by individual, can we accept them as a group? (**Members:** Yes.) That is very laudable.

Now, we will expect them to elect Chairman for each committee amongst themselves and so we have finished our business.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, as we know, I was unable to sit in this House for some time, I want to express that I bear no ill will to anyone and I thank God for allowing me to be here again and the people of Serchhip

Constituency. So, let us do our utmost to steer this State to progress and development, thank you.

SPEAKER : It is commendable; thank you. Now, I shall give my report.

This Session, 8th Legislative Assembly was commenced by the recommendation of the BAC seating on 24th September, 2021, and lasts 3 days. Our main businesses during these three days were:

First, we have an Obituary for hon. Ex-Minister Pu Zoram Sangliana and hon. MLA Pu Andrew H. Thangliana. The House Leader and Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga observed obituary and express his condolence. Then hon. Members - Pu Zodintluanga Ralte, Pu Vanlalhlana, Pu KT Rokhaw, Pu Lalruatkima, Minister and Dr. ZR Thiamsanga, gave their condolence speech and 1 minute of silence is observed to show our respect.

- 1) We have 5 reports during this Session, such as:
 - i) Seventh Report on Business Advisory;
 - ii) Second Report on Action taken by the Government Against the Recommendation contained in the First Report of Subject Committee-V;
 - iii) Fourth Report on Action taken by the Government Against the Recommendation contained in the Third Report of Committee On Paper Laid at Table;
 - iv) Fifth Report on Committee on Paper Laid on the Table;
 - v) Sixth Report on Government Assurance, 2020-2021.

- 2) The Panel of Chairman are distinguished members: -
 - i) Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma;
 - ii) Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng;
 - iii) Pu H. Biakzaua;
 - iv) Dr. Vanlathlana.

3) Questions & Answers:

Starred Questions are 258 nos. and all of them are admitted and none rejected and no withdrawal. We put 60 questions in the List of Business and those that are answered in the House are 9 questions. Answered questions are usually a very small portion of the overall questions and those that are not answered during this Session will be given as answered after this Session.

- i) There are 207 nos. Unstarred Questions and all admitted questions are 225 nos. and 2 are rejected for excessive length.

- ii) There are 177 Starred Questions that was changed to Unstarred Questions and all the Unstarred Questions are 177 nos. and Starred Questions are 485 nos.
- 4) We have 6 nos. Laying of Paper, such as:
- i) Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Finance and Accounts, 2019-2020 Vol-I, Vol-II;
 - ii) Appropriation Accounts, 2019-2022 in respect of Govt. of Mizoram, Notification Issued under the Mizoram Goods & Services Tax Act, 2017 w.e.f. 03/03/2021-09/07/2021;
 - iii) The Mizoram Private Placement Agencies Regulations Rules, 2017;
 - iv) Correction of Answers regarding NHM (for purchasing of equipment and used for Covid-19) NEC, in connection with Unstarred Question No. 96 of Seventh Session of 8th Legislative Assembly;
 - v) The Mizoram Legislative Assembly Grants of Loans and Advances to Members (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2020;
 - vi) Correction of Answers to Starred Question No. 219 of the 8th Legislative Assembly.
- 5) We have 2 Special Mention.
- i) Pu Zodintluanga Ralte spent time to discuss the hardship faced on travelling due to our border dispute with Assam State.
 - ii) The other Motion is - Discussion on Matters of Public Interest by Motion submitted by Pu Lalduhoma as permitted by Rules 139. After careful examination against criteria laid out by Rules 139, it was voted down.
- 6) We have 2 Government Bills during this Session and were both admitted, such as:
- i) The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2021;
 - ii) The Mizoram Agricultural Land Leasing Bill, 2021;
- 7) Statement by Administrator:
- As we have just heard from Dr. R. Lalthangliana, Minister, he gave a Statement on Covid-19 pandemic. We also have *Election to the Financial Committee* for Public Accounts Committee, Committee on Estimates, Committee on Public Undertakings and Committee on Local Fund Accounts and those that have been recommended are announced and approved by the House.

I would like to apologize for the seat arrangement, as we have to a bid by guidelines of Covid-19. We have come to the last day of our Session and we are able to finish the *List of Business*, thus I would like to thank all the

distinguished Members for exerting your minds and talents for the betterment of our State and I am really grateful that we can have such a time like this.

I would like to thank the various departments that put their efforts so that we can have a smooth and peaceful Session, especially the Police and the Health departments. I also want to thank our Parliamentary Affairs Department and Assembly Secretariat for their efforts and hard work. As I have mentioned before, we cannot carry out usual practice due to the pandemic as some of us are quarantined. Once again, I wanted to thank all of you for your hard-work. We shall now adjourn the House.

The House is adjourned *sine die* (12:35 PM)