

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR TWELFTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2020  
(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.

**LAYING OF PAPER**

2. **PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a Statement of Correction on the reply given on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2020 to Starred Question No. 158, Ballot No. 29 asked by Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma regarding Residential special training centre chungchang.

**OFFICIAL RESOLUTION**

3. **PU LALCHAMLIANA**, Minister to move an Official Resolution in the following form:-

“That this House ratifies the amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of proviso(d) to clause (2) of article 368, proposed to be made by the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Amendment) Bill, 2019 as passed by both the Houses of Parliament”.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

***Bill for introduction, consideration and passing***

4. **PU LALCHAMLIANA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (Third Amendment) Bill, 2020.”

**ALSO**

***to introduce the Bill***

***to move that the Bill be taken  
into consideration***

**AND**

***to move that the Bill be passed.***

5. **PU LALRUATKIMA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram (Land Revenue) (2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment) Bill, 2020.”

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6. **DR. K. BEICHHUA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Animal Slaughter (Amendment) Bill, 2020.”

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

7. **PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram (Registration of Tourist Trade) Bill, 2020.”

**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** : *“For judgment is without mercy to him who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs our judgment”*

- Jacob 2:13

We will start with the question and answers and invite Pu Lalduhoma to ask question no. 172.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, would the hon. Minister for LAD be pleased to state-

- a) Is there any plan for a new Village Council in 2019-2020? Which villages are included?
- b) How many unauthorized villages are there under Autonomous District Councils?
- c) Do we have District Level Screening Committee on unauthorized settlement under ADC?

**SPEAKER** : Let us now invite our hon. Minister Pu Lalrinliana to answer.

**PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

- a) The following are the villages proposed to be given new VC's -
  1. KolasibVenglai East
  2. KolasibSaidan
  3. KawnpuiVenglai VC
  4. PhuldungseiZampui
  5. BejabekiLianbuang VC
  6. Chhippui VC
  7. KolasibTuithaVEng
  8. Chhippui VC II
  9. Pangzawl VC
  10. Pangzawl South VC
  11. KhawzawlArro Veng VC
  12. Champhai Jail Veng VC
  13. RuantlangMual Veng VC
  14. Chanmari Veng, Serchhip VC
  15. Chhiahtlang North VC
  16. Chhiahtlang South VC
  17. Vanchengte VC
  18. North Chaltlang I VC
  19. North Chaltlang II VC
  20. Denlung VC
  21. New Kawnpui VC
  22. Thingsulthliah Hospital Area VC II
  23. Darnam VC, Serchhip
- b) The number of unauthorized village councils is not known as they are within Autonomous District Council, not LAD.

- c) It is not known whether District Level Screening Committee on unauthorized settlement is set up or not in the Autonomous District Councils as they are not under LAD.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu Lalduhoma, then from Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, my constituent villages of Darnam and Chanmari are set to be given VC and notification has already been issued for Darnam. If the same issued for Chanmari as well? If not, when?

Replies to b) and c) are not quite satisfactory. If unauthorized villages are there within Autonomous District Council, they are within the jurisdiction of our government. The LAD should demand information from these councils. I ask to be informed of the number of unauthorized settlement areas within autonomous councils with the name of the villages now or at a more convenient time.

In reply to my previous question, there are 275 village councils under Autonomous District Councils besides 534 villages totaling 809 villages.

Last year on 25<sup>th</sup> June, the reply I got for the total number of unauthorized villages within my constituency was 17 nos. How is the government have in mind to deal with such villages? The conditions of such villages are not the same as there are some soon to be regularized. Will the department take initiative to have first-hand information and well-maintained records on this issue without having to raise questions on our parts? It is an important issue; it is a matter of assimilation.

**SPEAKER** : Now, I invite hon. Member Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

**PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO:** Pu Speaker, thank you. I thank the House for the provision of a new village council to Lianbuang, Bejabeki and Chhippui new Village which all are under my constituency.

Pu Speaker, I would like to ask a supplementary question. Is there any provision of a new Village Councils being issued to villages along the Mizoram-Tripura border which were once regarded as falling under the jurisdiction of Tripura?

Thirdly, what is the total number of Village Councils within our state minus those within the Autonomous District Councils? And, when is the next schedule for VC Election?

**SPEAKER** : I call upon Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

**PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA:** Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is - If it is a possible to give a separate Village Council to Sedailui and Thanzamasora within my constituency? If not, may their previous status of sub-village be maintained with the provisions thereon?

**SPEAKER** : I would like to invite the Minister to give the replies.

**PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, to answer Pu Lalduhoma's question -

- i) Notification is there for Chanmari VC, Serchhip.
- ii) I have no ready answer on hand regarding this question but will be furnished later in written form.

As per our record, there are 18 unauthorized villages of which 14 are in Lunglei District, as some have been dismantled.

Regarding Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo's question, the MNF Ministry is deeply concerned with boundary issues. Phuldungsei and Zampui, when given Village Councils will eventually become the territory of Mizoram, I believe, as was the case with some villages roped in that way during Pu Aichhinga's tenure. The Tripura state highway goes through Phuldungsei and Zampui, but the inhabitants are Bru and Mizo.

In the southern Mizoram border, Tripura has established a school, sub-centre, forest quarters etc. The eastern side of the road belongs to Mizoram. This being the situation, we need to take effective measures to safeguard our villages along the border. That is the reason why Phuldungsei and Zampui are to be given Village Councils. **(Pu Lalduhoma:** Pu Speaker, in the previous term, our Hon. Chief Minister actively supported giving information to the MLAs when departments take up governmental works within their respective constituencies. I appreciate this. I therefore would like to have a copy of the notification issued for Chanmari, Serchhip VC)

Pu Speaker, we will give the member the copy. It is here with me now.

Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo's question regarding time set for Village Council elections, the last election was on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015. The State Election Commission had been notified. But the electoral roll has not been revised for 3 years so, if it may not be possible to have election on the 30<sup>th</sup> April, it may be a little later.

The number of Village Councils within our jurisdiction is 534.

Regarding Pu Nihar's question, the matter can be considered only after Sedailui and Thanzamasora submit proper applications with NOC from their respective parent villages and DLAO will do the verification only after which the matter will be placed for consideration.

**SPEAKER** : Starred question No. 173 to be asked by Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

**PU LALRINSANGA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

- a) Is there any plan for repairing National Highway 306 (A) Vairengte – Saiphai road?
- b) If yes, when will the work be able to start?
- c) Is there also any plan for reconstruction of the bridge between Vairengte and Saiphai?

**SPEAKER** : I invite our Hon. Chief Minister and PWD Minister to answer the questions.

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

- a) Yes.
- b) The estimate is done by MoRT&H. It has been submitted at Delhi; sanction is being awaited. After sanction orders, the tender will be floated.
- c) Yes, Serlui bridge is to be reconstructed.

**SPEAKER** : Now we will invite supplementary questions.

**PU LALRINSANGA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, thank you. I thank to Hon Chief Minister for his efforts for all-round developments in urban and rural areas. Will the government pay special attention to repairing of damaged roads ahead of Phainuam village? Around ₹20 lakhs will be needed.

I would also like to request for setting up a PWD's Circuit House at Bilkhawthlir as there are no places to stay in Bilkhawthlir for guests, be it a foreign guest or YMA leaders. Will it be possible to have it before the YMA Conference next year?

**SPEAKER** : Why did they invite large scale gatherings without having proper places for lodging? Now, let us invite Hon Member, Pu Zothantluanga.

**PU ZOTHANTLUANGA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Is there any plan to continue with the work on construction of a permanent bridge in Sihhmui? Only a structural bridge is there presently.

Secondly, when is a permanent bridge which is under construction at Darlak and Saikhawthlir scheduled for completion? It is our lifeline from Tripura when a border tussle arises with Silchar, Cachar.

**SPEAKER** : Now, I would like to invite Dr. Vanlaltanpuia to be followed by Dr. Biakzaua.

**DR. VANLALTANPUIA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Will construction of by-pass road at Lunglei be started within the new financial year? Is it possible to give financial clearance from PWD to P&E for shifting of 18 electric poles that hinder progress to

the construction of Haulawng – Hnahthial road the work of which is taken up by Sath Guru company?

**SPEAKER** : I would like to invite our Hon. Chief Minister to give a reply.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, concrete answer may not be possible as the questions are quite spontaneous. Phainuam road as mentioned, is very important and necessary action will be taken as soon as possible.

Secondly, construction of IB or Circuit House at Bilkhawthlir needs to be done considering the situation. However, diversion of funds may be necessary for the new allocations. We will have to go along with the new financial year and we will see what can be done. (**Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte:** Thank you, Pu Speaker).

Regarding Pu Zothantluanga's question about the bridge at airport road, we applied for reconstruction and is set to be sanctioned. We hope the old bridge would survive till then under the supervision of our engineers.

Besides, the issue regarding Teirei bridge will be pursued. Sanction is availed for Lunglei by pass-road also but there are some problems regarding compensation. Regarding fixing of electric poles of Hnahthial - Haulawng road under NABARD Scheme, Power & Electricity Department and the PWD keep working on it. We will try our best to finish the job. I cannot say much about construction of bridge at Lungmawikai as mentioned by Dr. Vanlaltanpuia. The matter will also be pursued.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call upon Dr. K. Pachhunga to ask Starred Question No. 174.

**DR. K. PACHHUNGA:** Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 174, will the hon. Minister for PWD be pleased to state:

- a) When will Chhumkhum - Chawngte (L) World Bank Road be commissioned?
- b) What is the estimate amount of Chhumkhum - Chawngte Road?
- c) Who is the contractor?
- d) When was the work started?
- e) When will it be completed?
- f) What advantages were given to Lungrang South village?

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga may answer.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answers are—

- a) Chhumkhum to Chawngte (L) World Bank Road is expected to be commissioned in March, 2021.
- b) The approved estimate is ₹ 270.27 crore.
- c) The contractor is M/S JKM Infra Project Ltd., Noida.
- d) The work was started on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2014.

- e) It is expected to be completed by March, 2021.
- f) Black-topping of the road approaching Lungrang South is done. Besides, playground has been renovated and bazaar building also being constructed.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary Question from Pu H. Biakzaau.

**PU H. BIAKZAUA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Firstly, is there any proposal for construction of bridge at Tuipui, Saisihchhuah? If so, who will undertake the construction, Govt. of India or Govt. of Myanmar? Will re-tender of Rawlbuk-Lungtian PMGSY work be done soon? Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call Hon. Member Pu Lalduhoma.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, my questions are firstly, Khumtung to Serchhip road was very much damaged now, will it be resurfaced soon. Secondly, University Road via Vaivakawn - Zohnuai is also in a very poor condition for a long time. Is it planned to be reconstructed soon? Thirdly, when will the construction of Zihngal Kawn - Sihhmui airport road be completed?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call Dr. ZR Thiamsanga.

**DR. ZR. THIAMSSANGA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. PMGSY Roads within my constituency such as Tualpui, Ngaizawl, Neihdawn, Selam, Lungphunlian have very less physical achievement while the time period remains is very short by now. How will it be continued if it could not be completed within the stipulated time?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon the Hon. Chief Minister to give answers as possible.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, regarding Saisihchhuah bridge, the Govt. India has not yet intimated its stance in this connection and we are pursuing the matter. Rawlbuk - Lungtian road is set for re-tender and is under-processed. Regarding Pu Duha's question about Khumtung - Serchhip road, we will pursue the matter so that at least patching work may be done.

Necessary step is being taken for reconstruction of Ropaiabawk road. Resurfacing of Central Jail and Sihhmui road is also set to be done. However, when it will be completed could not be assured. Pu Thiamsanga's question of PMGSY Roads is an important subject. We will try our best so that the work is be done at a fast pace and be completed soon.

**SPEAKER** : Starred Question No. 175 may now be asked by Pu VL. Zaithanzama.

**PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 175, will the hon. Minister for Co-operation Department be pleased to state:



- a) Has Co-operative Development Council been established as provided by Mizoram Co-operative Societies Rules, 2012?
- b) If so, when was it established?
- c) If not, when it will be established?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call Hon. Minister for Co-operation Department Pu C. Lalrinsanga.

**PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Co-operative Development Council is not yet established. It is under process at the moment.

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Member Pu KT Rokhaw may ask Supplementary Question.

**PU K.T. ROKHAW** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to ask if Apex Bank could open a branch at Tuipang.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister may answer.

**PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I found the question quite important and we will try our best to make his wish a success. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Hon. member Pu Vanlalhlana may ask Starred Question No. 176.

**PU VANLALHLANA** : Pu Speaker, Starred Question 176. Will the Hon. Minister Transport Department be pleased to state:

Is there a fixed load limit for HMTVs? If so, what is the limit?

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Transport Minister Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga may answer.

**PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, Notification No. S.O.3467 (E) dt. 6.8.2018 of Ministry of Road Transport notified load limit for different types of vehicles as follows -

1. For Axle Type and Maximum Safe Axle Weight, the limit is fixed as follows:
  - i) Single axle with single tyre - 3 tonnes;
  - ii) Single axle with two tyres - 7 tonnes
  - iii) Single axle with four tyres - 11.5 tonnes.
  - iv) Tandem Axles (Two Axles) (where the distance between two axles is less than 1.8 Mtr) - Tandem Axle for rigid vehicles; trailers and semi trailers - 21 tonnes;
  - v) Tandem Axle for puller tractors for hydraulic and pneumatic trailers - 28.5 tonnes;

- vi) Tri-axles (Three axles) (where the distance between outer axles is less than 3Mtrs) - Tri-axle for rigid vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers - 27 tonnes.
- vii) Axle Row (two axles with four tyres each) in modular hydraulic trailers - 18 tonnes.

It is stated that 9 tonnes shall be permission for single axle. Pu Speaker, it is added that further permit for additional 1 tonne may be given if the pneumatic suspension appears fit.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary Question from hon. Member Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

**PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA:** Pu Speaker, has 2-wheeler taxi permits been issued this year? Is it proposed to be given next year? And, to how many persons maxi-cab counter license being issued?

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Member Dr. Vanlalhlana may also ask his Supplementary Question.

**DR. VANLALHLANA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. My Supplementary Questions are:

- i) Is there a proposal for Vehicle pollution tests centres to be installed at every DTO office?
- ii) If vehicle emission tests fairly held? It seems that more vigilance is needed in this regard as there are several vehicles with high emission running on the street.
- iii) Is phone application or website or dedicated phone no. made for the public so that one may report such cases?
- iv) Is there any plan for re-demarcation of DTO, Aizawl?
- v) Is there any plan for establishment of Driving Test Centre?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call Pu B.D. Chakma to ask his Supplementary Questions.

**PU B.D. CHAKMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to ask if there is a specific rule on how to use indicator light in vehicles.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call the hon. Minister Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga.

**PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Regarding Pu Lalsawivunga's question, I would like to affirm that we have not issued new 2-wheeler taxi permit anew and rumours about it were not correct. There is no discussion yet as of to begin this year or not.

Regarding Dr. Vanlalhlana's question, I will not answer him in details because Starred Question No. 181 seems to contain all the answer. However, what I

would like to add in this regard is that we are taking necessary steps to do emission test with better equipments.

I could not answer the question about Maxi-cab Counter Licence at the moment and so will be intimated later. Proper instruction on how to use indicator light signal is given during driving test. Hon. Member Dr. BD Chakma will be given a written answer including notes.

**SPEAKER** : We shall now move to laying of papers. Let us call upon Pu Lalchandama Ralte, hon. Minister to lay Statement of Correction on the reply given on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2020 to Starred Question No. 158, Ballot No. 29 asked by Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma regarding residential special training centre on the table of the House.

**PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER:** With you kind permission, Pu Speaker, I hereby lay the Statement of Correction on the reply given on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2020 to Starred Question No. 158, Ballot No. 29 asked by Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma regarding residential special training centre on the table of the House.

**SPEAKER** : Let the copy be distributed.

Let us now call upon Hon. Minister Pu Lalchamliaana to move an Official Resolution “That this House ratifies the amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of proviso(d) to clause (2) of article 368, proposed to be made by the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty sixth Amendment) Bill, 2019 as passed by both the Houses of Parliament”.

**PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Pu Speaker, the Official Resolution runs “That this House ratifies the amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of proviso(d) to clause (2) of article 368, proposed to be made by the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty sixth Amendment) Bill, 2019 as passed by both the Houses of Parliament”. Passing of this resolution needs no detail discussion. It seems to be a kind of formality. As we may aware, the India Constitution at the time of its inception on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1950, included reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Anglo Indians in the Parliament as well as their respective State Legislative Assembly for 10 years. The duration was then extended from time to time ranging from 20 to 70 years. Such reservation was expired on 25<sup>th</sup> January this year. The Parliament decided to continue the said reservation. However, this article i.e. Article 334 requires ratification of all the states. As a result, this resolution needs to be moved in this august House.

The amendment provides reservation for 10 more years for Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes in the Lok Sabha, State Legislative Assembly. Besides, it also

provides reservation of two seats in the Parliament and some particular State Assemblies for Anglo-Indians. I beg the House to pass this resolution. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We shall have discussion on the resolution. Each member will have five minutes. Who will be the first?

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, it seems there is nothing much to say about the resolution. As already stated, it is a kind of formality for our state. Therefore, I suggest that it should be passed by the House without further discussion.

**SPEAKER** : I need to allot the time for discussion as per the rules. It seems we all agree to pass the resolution, I will first call upon the Hon. Minister Pu Lalchamliana to wind up and beg the House to adopt the resolution.

**PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I beg the august House to adopt the official resolution, "That this House ratifies the amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of proviso(d) to clause (2) of article 368, proposed to be made by the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Amendment) Bill, 2019 as passed by both the Houses of Parliament." Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Any members who support the resolution may say, 'Aye' (*Members: Aye*). Anyone opposes may say, 'Nay.'

I declare the Official Resolution "That this House ratifies the amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of proviso(d) to clause (2) of article 368, proposed to be made by the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Amendment) Bill, 2019 as passed by both the Houses of Parliament" moved by Hon. Minister Pu Lalchamliana is passed.

**PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : We shall now move to Legislative Business. Let us first call upon Pu Lalchamliana, Hon. Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (Third Amendment) Bill, 2020."

**PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (Third Amendment) Bill, 2020."

**SPEAKER** : Does the House agree? If so, he may now introduce and also move the bill for discussion.

**PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, Goods and Services Tax was introduced since July, 2017. GST Council monitor its implementation in which Taxation Ministers of each state several section of GST act was amended in 2019 through Finance No. 2 Act of 2019. The Central GST Act directs the states and UTs

to make amendments in their respective State GST Act in accordance with these amendments. The GST Council further directs that the states must notify the amendment through Official Gazette by 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2020. However, as we could not pass within this time frame due to unavoidable circumstances, the amendment is implemented by way of ordinance. The said ordinance needs to be passed in the state legislature. Therefore, this Bill is introduced to be passed so that the ordinance may not lapse.

There is nothing much difference in this amendment. There are 17 Sections with minor amendments and 5 Section added. One of the biggest amendments is found in Section 22 regarding registration. The former version requires compulsory reregistration for traders having a turnover of more than ₹10 lakh. This amendment increases this amount to ₹20 lakh. I will not go through all the trivial matters. Section 95, 102, 103, 104, 105 and 106 contains amendments regarding Authority, Appellate Authority, National Appellate Authority, Advance Ruling Authority and Anti Profit Hearing Authority.

All these amendments are necessary for tax administration as Mizoram Taxation Department also applied for Additional Commissioner of State Tax Appeal in this connection. That is a brief highlight about the bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We shall now start discussion on the bill. Let us call Pu Lalduhoma.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, it may be inappropriate to oppose the bill as it already is implemented through ordinance. Meanwhile, I would like to ask two questions. Firstly, will the work orders granted before the GST regime be exempted from the 12% GST as it is not included in the work order itself?

Secondly, since Section 22 regarding registration is applicable all over India, does it affect the interest we have as a Scheduled Tribe? I support the bill itself. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Anyone who would like to say?

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, in few words, I would like to say that I am happy to learn how the mindset of our public had been changed regarding taxes. This is important for the development of the state. Being a taxation minister for a short time during the previous Ministry, we started collecting sales tax at a very low rate as many people did not understand paying taxes to the government. However, today we have had a huge State Own Resources which become an important revenue of the government also and I am happy for that. The government should also try its best to increase this in the future.

The bill we discussed today was passed by the Cabinet Meeting. Therefore, I opined that it may be passed without too much discussion.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call upon Hon. Minister concerned to wind up the discussion and beg the House to pass the bill.

**PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am happy to hear that the House could pass the bill without prolonged discussion. Regarding Pu Duhoma's question. The GST Act, 2017 requires taxes to be collected on work orders sanctioned prior to 1<sup>st</sup> July. Therefore, GST needs to be collected.

Regarding registration, there may be some infringement of protection and advantages given to us as a Scheduled Tribe. The previous ministry was also aware about this. The State GST Act is formulated to prevent such infringement as far as possible. Firms or merchants to be registered under Mizoram state GST are required to produce LLP valid for two years. However, there may be still some risk in terms of Central GST.

Pu Speaker, I hereby beg this august House to pass "The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (Third Amendment) Bill, 2020." Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We shall now vote on the Bill. Any members who support the Bill, "The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (Third Amendment) Bill, 2020" to be passed may say, 'Aye' (**Members:** *Aye*). Anyone opposes may say, 'Nay.'

Therefore, after taking our votes, "The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (Third Amendment) Bill, 2020" is unanimously passed by the House.

**PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : We have another Bill i.e., "The Mizoram (Land Revenue) (2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment) Bill, 2020". Let us call upon Hon. Minister Pu Lalruatkima to beg leave of the House for introduction of the bill.

**PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I hereby beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram (Land Revenue) (2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment) Bill, 2020." Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Does the House agree? If so, the Hon. Minister Pu Lalruatkima may introduce and also to move the bill for discussion.

**PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we are having a good land law in the state called Mizoram Land Revenue Act 2013, (1<sup>st</sup> Amendment) Bill which is currently in fore within the state. It was passed on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 in this August House. Due to certain developments and to meet the needs of time, this bill – "The Mizoram (Land Revenue) (2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment) Bill" was decided by the Council of Minister in its sitting on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 to be introduced and discussed in the House.

Firstly, amendment is felt necessary in Chapter 10 regarding Apartment Ownership. As most of the apartments are owned by private or societies and not by the government, the term “Land Settlement Certificate Apartment” is changed to “Deed of Apartment”

Section-II Clause 30 (A) added definition of ‘Promoter’. Section XIV Clause 4 is added to prevent using and ownership of lands allotted solely for socio-economic programme of the government by private owner.

Section 16 reaffirms that the competent authority for allotment of land is the government.

Tichuan, section 14, sub-section 3 provides that Village Council of villages where shifting cultivation is still in practice may give allotment of land for special economic programme under government regulation to beneficiaries for a validity of one year. Section 39 Sub-Section 1 authorizes Village Council of rural area other than notified town to allot land for house site within their village perimeter.

Allotment of land by incompetent authority imposes huge burden in land administration and therefore, Section 16 (A) is added in this amendment to prevent such problem. It stated that such authority which gives invalid allotment will be fined a value not less than the market value of the allotted land. Besides, the allotment made will also be considered null and void.

Section 17 (a) contains provision for regularization of land. Section 28 provides gives authority to certain government departments the authority for lending of land to industrial firms and companies. Besides, Section 36, 39, 41 deals about land ceiling explaining the exact meaning of family as ‘per household’. Section 98, sub section (2) is added to enable the government to fix the area of separation of lands. Section 108 states that apartments and flats could be transferred. Amendment is made to make it clear that such transfers should be made as per the government regulations.

In Section 109, the provision that the right of the owner of the apartment is as per Land Settlement Certificate Apartment is amended as Deed of Apartment, Registration Act, 1908. In Section 112, ‘Land Settlement Certificate Apartment’ needs to be changed to Deed of Apartment.

Lastly in the heading of Section-113, Records of Rights of multi-storied building is amended as Records of Rights of apartment, building and the texts are also changed accordingly.

Pu Speaker, we need an effective rules and regulation for proper administration of land. With a view to meet the needs of our state, I move “The Mizoram (Land Revenue) (Second Amendment) Bill, 2020” to be discussed in this August House. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We shall now have discussion on the bill. Each member will be given five minutes. Let us call upon Dr. Vanlalhlana.

**DR. VANLALTHLANA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I have not much to say about the bill. First, I am afraid that Section 16(a) Clause 4 may be misused. After receiving eviction notice, the tenants may consider that they have 60 days for lobbying and misuse the Section. However, the department officials had clarified the matter to me Section 17 will prevent that problem. Section 17(a) 3 states that no compensation will be given. I found this provision very important.

Section 17(a) Clause 9 states, with your permission sir, 'When the regularization of unregistered land holdings is complete for any particular locality or region, the Govt. shall declare all the vacant areas as Govt. land bank by notification in official gazette.' It means land bank is to be made. I found Land Committee will be quite busy. It is necessary to act fast to protect unregistered land holdings.

I also found Amendment Section 109 very important. It stated that Deed of Apartment will be under Registration Act. I am also happy with the intensity of amendments made also. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Member Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

**PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA:** Pu Speaker, I am fully supporting the proposed amendment of The Mizoram Land Revenue (2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment) Bill, 2020. Further I am particularly happy with the regulation regarding unauthorized occupation of land. We used to face many problems in this regard in the past. New provisions contained in Section 17(a) of this amendment is very important. Therefore, I support the amendment of The Mizoram Land Revenue (2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment) Bill, 2020. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Hon. Member Pu Lalduhoma.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, I found important that this amendment is said to be 'More people friendly' as stated by the hon. Minister. File processing regarding revenue matter is quite difficult. There are certain matters which requires processing in the Secretariat as well as the Directorate. This creates burden for the people. I am glad to hear from the hon. Minister that single window system is under consideration. I consider all system to be more people-friendly in which simplification is immensely needed.

The Revenue Commissioner had a powerpoint presentation to the MLAs about how digitization of the department is expected to be done. However, it seems the matter is not further pursued. In fact, the department wanted to go on with the present system. They do not favour digitization and transformation within the department. Therefore, the hon. Minister also need to take stern action in this regard. I asked how many LSC are there in Mizoram which they could not answer. The issuing department could not provide even the number of LSC issued. This is just



deplorable. Complete overhaul is badly needed in this department. In this connection, I opined that Right to Public Service is necessary in every department.

Even though there are still several limitations in this amendment also, I hope it will suffice the needs to a great extent. With a hope that considerations for better regulations will be made, I am also supporting the Bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call Hon. Minister Pu Lalruatkima to wind up and to beg the House to pass the Bill.

**PULALRUATKIMA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker.

In connection with Dr. Vanlathlana's speech, Section 16 Clause (v), MLR Act, 2013 Sub-Section 4 is in connection of Section 17 of the prevailing act. It is about 'unauthorized occupation' and unauthorized occupation is the same as encroacher or trespasser. Thus, they have to be evicted through Mizoram Prevention of Govt. Land Encroachment Act, 2001 provided that they may apply for regularization to the government. However, it is not mandatory to regularized their application.

Hon. Member Pu C. Lalsawivunga also spoken about Section 109, 'Ownership of Apartment' and 'regularized of unauthorized occupation of land.' Unauthorized occupation is still one of the main problems faced regarding proper land administration. Serious consideration is going on in this connection. Regarding office procedure and file system within the Department as mentioned by Pu Lalduhoma, restructuring is going on within the department. Besides, new District offices are also set to be opened in the newly created districts.

Surveyor derailment is decided to be computerized as a part of friendly land administration. There are certain limitations due to insufficient staff also. Digitization in various matter like cadastral map are planned to be done. Notably, Serchhip District maintain all land records digitally through E-Ram Software. Likewise, we are still trying our best to achieve more and more improvement within the department also.

With these words being said, Pu Speaker, I beg the august House to pass the Bill, 'The Mizoram (Land Revenue) (Second Amendment) Bill, 2020.' Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The Hon. Minister has begged the House to pass 'The Mizoram (Land Revenue) (Second Amendment) Bill, 2020. Anyone who support the bill may now say, 'Aye' (**Members:** *Aye*) Anyone who opposes may say, 'Nay'. As there is no opposition, I hereby declare 'The Mizoram (Land Revenue) (Second Amendment) Bill, 2020' passed.

**PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Moving to another Bill, let us now call Dr. K. Beichhua, the hon. Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce 'The Mizoram Animal Slaughter Amendment Bill, 2020.'

**DR. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I beg to introduce 'The Mizoram Animal Slaughter Amendment Bill, 2020'.

**SPEAKER** : Does the House agree? I request the hon. Minister to introduce and move the Bill.

**DR. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. As we are all aware, the state Government passed 'The Animal Slaughter Act, 2013' to provide for the control of indiscriminate slaughter of animals for human consumption or industrial purposes and to provide for establishment of recognized slaughter houses in the state of Mizoram and any other matters connected with it. After this Act was gazetted, the department received representation cum legal notice from Advocate High Court notifying that section 2 (a) of the Mizoram Animal Slaughter Act, 2013 violates Article 48 of the Constitution of India and section 3(2), section 5(b), section 7(a) of our Act also violates section 3 and section 11 of the Prevention of cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 with Article 51(a) (g) and Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

After much consideration, the department also agreed with the notice and so 'The Mizoram Slaughter Act, 2013 section 2(a), 3(b), 3(2) and 7(b) are presented for amendment. Some of the amendments are-

- Short title, extent and commencement- Animal slaughter Amendment Act, 2020
- It shall have the light extend as the principal act
- It shall come into force on the date of publication in the official gazette.
- Amendment of Section 2- clause (a) of section 2 of the Mizoram Animals Slaughter Act, 2013 herein after refer to as principal act shall be substituted by the following namely - 'animal' means an animal belonging to the animals specified below: -
  - i) Bovines
  - ii) Caprines
  - iii) Suillines
  - iv) Bovines and includes poultry and fish.
- Sub-section (ii) of the section 3 of the Principle Act, the words 'or destruction' shall be omitted.
- Clause (a) of the section 5 of the principal act, the words 'or destruction' shall be omitted.
- Section 7 of the Principle Act, clause (i) in the marginal heading of the word 'destruction' shall be substituted by the word 'treatment'.
- Section 7 of the Principle Act, clause (a), the word 'destroyed' shall be substituted by the word 'treated'.

Pu Speaker, we are all aware of how we slaughter and domesticate our animals as healthy meat is important for us. So, Animal Slaughter Act, 2013 was enacted to provide for the control of indiscriminate slaughter of animals for human consumption or industrial purposes and to provide for establishment of recognized slaughter houses in the state of Mizoram and any other matters connected with it.

On the other hand, our Act was studied by experts and some sections of the Act hurt the sentiment of some people. Anti-mortem examination is to be performed on sick animals in slaughter houses and the animals can be slaughtered only after the meat inspector exam them for 24 hours. Post-mortem examination should also be performed after slaughtering and then only a certificate is issued. The word 'destroyed' is also substituted by 'treatment' since it hurt the sentiment of some people. Pu Speaker, with your permission, I hereby moved this Bill for discussion.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister had moved the Bill and each member will be given 5 minutes. I request Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

**PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA:** AMC is also quite engaged with Mizoram Slaughter (Amendment) Bill, 2020. Statement of Objects and Reasons stated that this Amendment Bill, 2020 is represented due to the legal notice received from an Advocate, Guwahati High Court and I was wondering if this notice is made by our advocates or some private citizen. So, it would be appreciated if our Minister reacts to this and I was also wondering if our Minister could provide the copy of the legal notice from Guwahati High Court. The Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Slaughter House Rules, 2001 is implemented all over India and it states that any animal should be slaughtered in slaughter houses under the municipal area. However, I was wondering if our separate law can still survive despite the Central Govt. having its own laws. According to a definition- 'animal means an animal belonging to any of the species (**Speaker:** Our time is over. Shall he proceed? Alright; you may continue). I looked up several dictionaries and the words like 'Ovine' is defined as 'resembling sheep', 'caprine' as 'resembling goat', 'suilline' as 'relating to pig' and 'Bovine' as 'relating to cow'. So, our own definitions may not be specific enough and we need more specific definitions. Anyway, Aizawl is of municipal area and it is important for our butchers to utilize the slaughter houses as much as possible. Thus, I support the Bill.

**SPEAKER** : Shall we continue? I request Pu Rintluanga Sailo.

**PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO:** Pu Speaker, I suggest we take a break since you also called for GPC.

**SPEAKER** : Do we all agree? We will take a break and continue at 2:00 PM

**2:00 PM**

**SPEAKER** : I request hon. member Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

**PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. “The Mizoram Animal Slaughter (Amendment) Bill, 2020” is presented so that we can consume fresh and healthy meat. Statement and Object shows that the animal lovers issue legal notice through Guwahati High Court based on cruelty against animal. The word destruction should be replaced with ‘treatment’ and the word Destruct should also be replaced with ‘treated’. So, I support this Bill. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : I call upon Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga.

**DR. ZR. THIAMSSANGA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is impressive that our Minister presented “The Mizoram Animal Slaughter (Amendment) Bill, 2020” and the purpose of this Bill is to consume fresh and healthy meat. We can catch several diseases from meat especially from pork as we butcher animals wherever possible. This is very unhygienic and it pollutes the city. So, it is important to have slaughter houses for a healthier city and health. Thank you and I support the Bill

**SPEAKER** : Next is, Pu Vanlalhlana.

**PU VANLALHLANA :** Pu Speaker, this is a regulation in order to consume fresh and healthy meat. Mizo people are quite fond of meat but we do not utilize slaughter houses as we should and many animals are butchered openly every day. So, this is an excellent Bill and I support it.

**SPEAKER** : I request the hon. Minister Dr. K. Beichhua to make clarification and beg leave of the House to pass his Bill.

**DR. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. In response to Pu C. Lalsawivunga, this legal notice is from Mr. Mohit S. Banghar, Advocate High Court, on behalf of Animal Welfare Foundation Gandhinagar Gujarat. As mentioned earlier, changes are made on the Amendment Section 2(a) ‘Animals’- ovines is termed as sheep, cabrines is termed as goat, swine line is termed as pig, bovine is termed as cow etc. and we all know poultry and fish.

Looking at Section 3 Principal Act clause (b), the word destruction is to be omitted and the word destruction on Amendment of Section 7 is also to be omitted. This notice is a warning from Animals Welfare Foundation, Gandhinagar, Gujarat through an advocate and we prepare this amendment since we believe that it is better for our state. Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to pass ‘The Mizoram Animal Slaughter (Amendment) Bill, 2020’

**SPEAKER** : The Minister had made clarifications and begged the House to pass his Bill. All members in favor may say, ‘yes’. (**Members:** Yes) Members

not in favor may say, 'No'. The House has unanimously passed 'The Mizoram Animal Slaughter (Amendment) Bill, 2020'.

Moving to Bill No. 4, I request the hon. Minister Pu Robert Romawia Royte to beg leave of the House to introduce 'The Mizoram (Registration of Tourist Trade) Bill, 2020.

**PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to introduce 'The Mizoram (Registration of Tourist Trade) Bill, 2020

**SPEAKER** : The Minister begged leave of the House to introduce the Bill and do we all agree? We all agree and I request the Minister to introduce his Bill.

**PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Hotels & Restaurants were not included in the Allocation of Business Rules, 2019 as so are roadside hotels, restaurant and tea stalls. But as the new Ministry was formed in 2018, Hotels & Restaurants are included in Tourism subject through Allocation of Business Rules, 2019. We studied the rules and regulations of other states and we found that tourist trade should be carried out with proper legal foundation. We worked on drafts and consultations and files were also approved by the referral department and later approved by The Council of Ministers meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to be presented in the Assembly. Looking at the Indian constitution, it is unsure of whether tourism is a state subject or Union List or State List and was a debated issue in several meetings. According to Mizoram context, tourism was of Industry in 1993 and the state Govt. thus has the power to make laws. It is our right to make this Act according to the 7 Schedule List 11, entry 24 and this Act is prepared after a careful study of other state's rules and regulations which will be relevant for our state.

This Act is to regulate restaurants, private tour operators, travel agent, tourist guide, hotel keeper, restaurant keeper, etc. and it will also include tourist transport agencies. This Act will also fix the restaurant rates in accordance to classification. However, it will not be convenient to implement this Act to those hotels that were already given ratings by the Govt. of India and Central Agencies. Registration of Tourist Trade Bill will register dealers who sell items around the tourist areas and certification will be issued by prescribed authority. There is a regulation for refusal to register and for removal as well. This Act will also register hotels and the regulation and prescribed authority applies the same. This Act can deny registrations to those who have huge debt or who are convicted by Indian Penal Code and it can also remove hotels from registration on account of malpractice or some sort.

According to the 'information display', there is a regulation to display all certificates behind the hotel manager's desk and this information system will also help us a lot in providing accurate figures of the number of tourists. We will be taking measures on hotel classification so that the visitors book the hotels according to their preferred class. Restaurants will be properly registered and registration certificates

will also be issued. Refusal and removal of registration regulation rule is the same as that of hotels. This Act will also help the customers to receive standard bill so that they avoid tax evasion and the hotels will be listed as defaulters and receive penalty if they fail to produce standard bills. Restaurants can be closed if they do not follow regulations. Tour Operator and Tour Guides will also be registered and we are planning to operate them and help them partner with those from US or Europe. This Act will help and facilitate the youths in Tourism business and also help the entrepreneurs in partnering with big networks under legal foundation. The registration regulation is the same.

Appeal and Revision under chapter 7 shows the penalty for malpractice and penalty can also be given for obstruct in lawful authorities. This registration regulation will also help in law and order, police authorities and law enforcement in many ways.

Tourism Department is unable to provide enough hotels for guests since there is no proper registration and we do not have proper record of beds for VIPs. The non-Mizo truck drivers refused to stay in roadside hotels because of our serving system. Hotels and restaurants are now included in Allocation of Business Rules and they are currently trained on dining etiquette under Tourism Department. It might also be necessary to run hotels under Govt-private partnership someday and this Act will still demand ILP. That is all and thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister had moved his Bill and we will now proceed to discussion. Each member will be given 5 minutes and I request Hon' member Er. H. Lalzirliana.

**ER. H. LALZIRLIANA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker and it is impressive that we will now have new rules and regulations. We really need to make effort on professionalism as we always face problems due to unreliable regulations. We need to have a genuine trade license if we are to involve ourselves in business. Food is a necessity and the main problem for non-Mizo is to dine in village restaurants.

Hotel classification is important and we have luxury hotels like Hotel Regency, Hotel Floria and Tourist Lodge run by the state Govt. and also State Guest House. We cannot have MIS data if we do not have genuine registration/trade license and this also seems to be the problem of Tourism Department. Restaurants and Hotels need to improve their way of serving and if this Act comes to exist, I hope the authorities often inspect the way food is prepared and served. I support 'The Mizoram (Registration of Tourist Trade) Bill, 2020' and I hope it is passed.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, we are to discuss a new Act and we will be registering dealers, hotels, restaurants and tour operators & tourist guides. So, there is not much to say regarding this Act. However, I believe there is no tourist

registration and it would be appreciated if the Minister explains this matter. Another thing is that 'tourist' is defined in page-3 Sub Clause 1(s) as 'Tourist means a person or group of persons including pilgrims visiting the state from any part of India or outside India' and this is not accurate because some officials from outside the state, suppliers, businessmen, contractors etc. apply for ILP and they are not tourists. So, it seems that this definition needs to be amended. However, I support the Act to be passed.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. Vanlalhlana.

**DR. VANLALTHLANA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is impressive to have this Act. We need to make effort on ancillary services and we need to be more prepared on infrastructure, foreign exchange, communication and internet. Some non-Mizos used to complain that when reaching Airport, taxi drivers would speed up or smoke cigarettes which make them have motion sickness. However, there are no more complains and this is impressive. Food Inspectors also need to be more efficient and it would be impressive if Tourism Department provides feedback forms for hotels on website so as to get customer feedbacks. That is all, and thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. Thiamsanga.

**DR. ZR. THIAMSAंगा:** Thank you, Pu Speaker and it is impressive that our Minister presented a very important Act. This act has never been presented and it is necessary for Mizoram since it is a potential area for tourists. It seems that arrangement will be made for tourist bus and tourist taxi and this is quite an improvement. It is impressive that we now have many of hotel management graduates and this act will provide jobs for many youths. I thank the Minister for presenting this Act and I support it. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : I request hon. Minister Pu Robert Romawia Royte to windup the discussion and beg leave of the House to pass his act.

**PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. In response to Pu Lalduhoma, Opposition Group Leader, the definition of tourist can stir quite a debate and today, it is defined as any person from outside the state who spent more than 24 hours within the state. A Mizo person can also be a tourist. Tourists are also classified into several categories- leisure tourist usually refers to rich Caucasian people and non-leisure tourist usually refers to those who are involved in manual work. Medical tourism is becoming popular and the patients are important tourists. Sickly patients who are referred here are also tourists and students also play a role in tourism succession. Sports Tourism is also among the biggest tourism. We have a proper system to check tourist registrations and sometimes, it is difficult to register all tourists since there are many tourists.

Hornbill Festival Tourists were recorded as 2 lakhs and most of them were from Assam. This should be our way of counting and labor tourists make our state

more developed and they also increase our economy. Workforce, manpower and machinery are also increasing in Mizoram and tourists will surely increase when our big projects are initiated.

I appreciate that no one is against this Bill and our CM also shows a lot of support for Tourism Department. We are making progresses and a project worth 100 crore is also approved by Screening Committee. This act will not only make regulation on tourist trade but it will also bring big projects along with it. Pu Speaker, cooperation among the people, NGOs and Legislators is important to fully function this Act.

**SPEAKER** : There was a question about *Home-Stay*.

**PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. *Home-Stay* is popular among tourist explorers as they wanted to be connected with the surroundings and culture. We plan to advance *Home-Stay* and if we could increase the rates and upgraded the rooms to 3 star rated rooms (**Pu Lalduhoma:** Pu Speaker, home stay is becoming important and it seems that no registration is done. So, is it possible to take care of the Home Stays under dealers or hotel through the rules?) It is a good idea to include them and we will keep this in mind.

Tourism Department does not have Food Inspector and food inspection and we plan to recruit the existing inspectors from other departments. I hope they have a good cooperation with us. Feedback system is quite important and measures are taken at Tourist lodge for a better registration, booking and reporting system. Nagaland's expenditure on Hornbill Festival is huge but they make a lot of profit from other sources and we need to have a big perspective like this. Home stay is included in Section 1 Sub-no.1 and it will be registered.

Pu Speaker, with your permission I beg leave of the House to pass "The Mizoram (Registration of Tourist Trade) Bill, 2020.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister has begged leave of the House to pass "The Mizoram (Registration of Tourist Trade) Bill, 2020" and all those members in favor may say 'yes' (**Members:** Yes) Are there any members who have objection? The House has unanimously passed "The Mizoram (Registration of Tourist Trade) Bill, 2020".

**PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : We have concluded our session and I will briefly report the Summary of business transacted during 5<sup>th</sup> Session. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> session and a budget session of the Eighth Legislative Assembly and this session occupied 17 days and 12 sittings. The followings were our list of business-



1. **GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS**

His Excellency, the Governor addressed his speech on 17.2.2020 and the Motion of Thanks presented by H. Biakzaua which was supported by Pu L. Thangmawia was unanimously passed on 18.2.2020. The following 23 members shared their discussion on *Motion of Thanks* -

1. Pu C. Lalsawivunga
2. Pu LalrinsangaRalte
3. Pu LalrindikaRalte
4. Pu Vanlalhlana
5. Pu Buddha Dhan Chakma
6. Dr. F. Lalnunmawia
7. Dr. K. Pachhunga
8. Pu ZodintluangaRalte
9. Pu Zothantluanga
10. Pu V.L. Zaithanzama
11. Pu LalrintluangaSailo
12. Pu L. Thangmawia
13. Dr. H. Vanlaltanpuia
14. Dr. Vanlalhlana
15. Pu K.T. Rokhaw
16. Dr. ZR Thiamsanga
17. Pu C. Lalmuanpuia
18. Pu C. Ngunlianchungung
19. Pu LawmawmaTochhawng
20. Er. H. Lalzirliana
21. Pu NiharKanti Chakma
22. Pu Ramthanmawia
23. Pu Lalduhoma
24. Pu Zoramthanga, Leader of the House

2. **PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

The following 3 reports were presented-

- 1) Fourth Report of the Business Advisory Committee
- 2) Fourth Report of Public Accounts Committee on Actions Taken by the Government against the recommendations contained in its Third Report relating to Health and Family Welfare Department.
- 3) xii) Third Report of Committee on Government Assurances on Actions Taken by the Government against the recommendations contained in its Second Report of the Seventh Legislative Assembly of Mizoram.

3. **PANEL of CHAIRMEN**

The following members were appointed as Panel of Chairmen-

1. Pu C. Ngunlianchungung
2. Pu C. Lalsawivunga
3. Pu L. Thangmawia
4. Pu LalrinsangaRalte

4. **OBITUARY**

A tribute was paid to former member Pu Lalthankunga and Pu Zoramthanga, House Leader gave a eulogy followed by the following members:

1. Pu Lalduhoma, Opposition Group Leader
2. Pu LalchhandamaRalte
3. Pu K.T. Rokhaw
4. Pu Tawnluia, Deputy Chief Minister

A minute of silence was observed for the deceased.

An obituary was observed in honour of the former member Pu C. Sangzuala who died during this session. Pu Zoramthanga, House Leader stood first and was followed by the following hon. Members:

1. Pu Lalduhoma, Opposition Group Leader
2. Pu K.T. Rokhaw
3. Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister

A minute of silence was observed for the deceased.

5. **QUESTIONS*****Starred Questions***

1. No. of questions submitted	-	439
2. No. of questions admitted	-	421
3. No. of questions rejected	-	18
4. No. of questions in List of Business	-	191
5. No. of questions answered	-	46
6. No. of questions unanswered due to lack of time-		145
7. No. of answers not received	-	14

*No answer is received form the following departments:*

1. General Administration Department	-	3
2. Commerce & Industries	-	2
3. Planning & Programme Implementation	-	1
4. Land Revenue & Settlement	-	3
5. Tourism	-	1
6. Agriculture	-	2
7. Sports & Youth Services	-	2

***Unstarred Questions***

1. No. of questions submitted	-	249
2. No. of questions admitted	-	230
3. No. of questions rejected	-	19
4. No. of questions changed to Starred Question-		204
5. No. of unanswered	-	20

The following departments did not provide answers:

1. General Administration Department	-	14
2. Agriculture	-	1
3. Labor, Employment, Skill Development	-	1

4. Land Revenue & Settlement	-	1
5. Social Welfare	-	1
6. Power & Electricity	-	1
7. Finance	-	1

#### 6. **LAYING OF PAPERS**

The following 13 Papers were laid -

- i) Economic Survey 2019-2020, Government of Mizoram.  
Notifications issued under the Mizoram Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (w.e.f. 18.1.2019 – 8.11.2019) Taxation Department Government of Mizoram.
- ii) Annual Report 2018-2019 of Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Government of Mizoram.
- iii) The Mizoram Legislative Assembly (Grant of Loans and Advances to Members) (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2020 Parliamentary Affairs Department.
- iv) The Chite Lui (Prevention and Control of Water Pollution) Rules, 2019.
- v) The Mizoram Public Procurement Rules, 2020 (Procurement of Goods, Works and Services) Finance Department, Government of Mizoram.
- vi) The Mizoram (Election to Sinlung Hills Council) Rules, 2019.
- vii) The Mizoram (Land Revenue) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2019.
- viii) Reply to Assembly Starred Question No. \*104 for 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Eighth Mizoram Legislative Assembly.
- ix) Statement of Actions Taken by the Government against further recommendations contained in the Second Report, 2019 of Subject Committee-III Relating to National Mission on Oilseeds & Oil Palm under Agriculture Department
- x) The Mizoram Education (Transfer and Posting of School Teachers) (Amendment) Rules, 2020.
- xi) The Mizoram Wood Based Industries (Establishment & Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2020.
- xii) Statement of Correction on the reply given 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2020 to Starred Question No. 158 Ballot No. 29 asked by Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma regarding Residential special training.

#### 7. **BILLS**

The following 6 Government Bills were presented and passed-

- i) The Mizoram Appropriation (Supplementary Demand for Grants 2019-2020) Bill, 2020
- ii) The Mizoram Appropriation (Demand for Grants 2020-21) Bill, 2020
- iii) The Mizoram Goods and Service Tax (Third Demand) Bill, 2020
- iv) The Mizoram (Land Revenue) (2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment) Bill, 2020
- v) The Mizoram Animal Slaughter (Amendment) Bill, 2020
- vi) The Mizoram (Registration of Tourist Trade) Bill, 2020

8. **PRIVATE MEMBERS' RESOLUTIONS**

71 nos. Private Members' Resolution were received and admitted and the following 2 Resolutions were discussed and adopted:

Pu Zodintluanga Ralte - "The Mizoram Govt. should issue a letter to the Central Govt. to defend freedom of religion under BJP governance" which is amended to - "The Central should take measures for the protection of religious freedom enshrined in the Constitution".

Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo - "It is impressive that our Chief Minister successfully take measures on Bru people to settle permanently in Tripura state who willingly left Mizoram" is amended to - "Legislators strongly welcome and endorse the fruitfulness of the initiatives taken by the Chief Minister, churches and NGOs to allow the Bru people to settle permanently in Tripura who refused to return to Mizoram willingly".

9. **OFFICIAL RESOLUTION**

An Official Resolution "That this House ratifies the amendments to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of proviso(d) to clause (2) of article 368, proposed to be made by the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Amendment) Bill, 2019 as passed by both the Houses of Parliament" from Pu Lalchamlia, Minister was received and this Official Resolution was discussed and adopted unanimously.

10. **PRESENTATION OF BUDGET**

Pu Zoramthanga, hon. Chief Minister presented the following:

- i) Supplementary Demand for Grants for the year 2019-2020.
- ii) The Annual Budget for the year 2020-2021 with allied papers.

It was discussed and passed unanimously.

11. **STATEMENT BY A MINISTER**

Pu Lalchamlia, Minister, made a statement regarding the incident on 25.2.2020 at West Lungdar.

12. **DISCUSSION ON A MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST BY MOTIONS**

Pu Lalduhoma presented a Motion 'Welfare of Red Oil Palm growers' using Rule 139 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

13. **CONCLUSION**

It is quite impressive that we concluded our session without any interruptions and I hope we welcome and endorse the fruitfulness of your passions for the state. Our Police are worn out and exhausted from their works. Parliamentary Affairs Department is quite sincere and I would like to thank the Finance Department for their neat works. Secretariat staffs are also working extremely hard and some went home at 4:30 this morning. Our session is now over.

"The House is adjourned, *Sine Die*".