

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR FIFTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 24th FEBRUARY, 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 PAPERS

2. **PU TAWNLUIA**, hon. Deputy Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following:
- i) The Mizoram Public Procurement Rules, 2020 (Procurement of Goods, Works and Services) Finance Department, Government of Mizoram.
 - ii) The Mizoram (Election to Sinlung Hills Council) Rules, 2019.
3. **PU LALRUATKIMA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following:
- i) The Mizoram (Land Revenue) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2019.
 - ii) Reply to Assembly Starred Question No. *104 for 4th Session of the Eighth Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

4. **DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020.**
Discussion and voting on supplementary demands for the year 2019-2020.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill for introduction, consideration and passing

5. **PU TAWNLUIA**, hon. Deputy Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (Supplementary Demand for Grants 2019-2020) Bill, 2020".

ALSO

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

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021

6. General discussion on the budget for the year 2020-2021
(to commence)

S.R. ZOKHUMA
Commissioner & Secretary

SPEAKER : *Whoever plots evil will be known as a schemer.*

- Proverbs 24:8

Today, our fellow members such as Pu BD Chakma, Pu Vanlalhlana are absent and the hon. Chief Minister, Pu Zoramthanga also is attending an important meeting with the leaders of NITI Aayog on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), National Conclave.

Now, to start with *Questions & Answers*, I call upon hon. Member Pu Vanlalhlana to ask Starred Question No.36.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister of Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department be pleased to state –

May the government dismantle some buildings which have been destabilized by landslide?

SPEAKER : The Minister concerned may answer the question.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Answer to the hon. Member question is –

As per Chapter - III Clause No.24 (i) of DM Act, 2005, and with the consent of the State Executive Committee, the government may dismantle if the structure is not stable and is threatening for the people. In case of a natural disaster, such action may be taken but with prior consent of the District Disaster Management Authority, Chapter-IV, Clause No.34 (K) of DM Act, 2005.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, it is unfortunate that we have lost many lives due to collapse of BSUP building at Durtlang and it is relieving that the bereaved families are compensated by the government. In February, a landslide struck the area at Ramthar Veng as 4 or 5 families in the vicinity leaves their home for safety. So, I request the government to take immediate action before monsoon arrives. In this connection, order to dismantle the newly constructed building of Pu Lalnunmawia, Bawngkawn was issued but no action is taken by the owner for lack of fund. So, may the government provide financial aid for the same so that the building is dismantled before monsoon arrives?

SPEAKER : Pu Zothantluanga is next.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Two buildings within my constituency Vaivakawn such as of Pu P. Zoliana and Pu Sangthamawia were collapsed which consequently damaged the nearby road. The two families received ₹1 lakh each from Disaster Management for dismantling their building which is less

sufficient to do the work. I, therefore kindly request the hon. Minister to review the case.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalchhuanthanga, hon. Member is next.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Pu Speaker, there is an impending danger of a precipice at Kulikawn to Ngaizel road as I have even informed the same to this august House during last year's session, yet, no action being taken. Pu Speaker, may necessary action be taken in this regard?

SPEAKER : The Minister concerned may answer the question.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding the question of Pu Vanlalhlana, the blockade caused by the landslide was taken care of by PWD and we will also try to follow the suggestion made by the concern member about construction of retaining wall or a wrapped-up stones to prevent further landslide. Under the mitigation fund, a proposal of ₹996 lakh was made out of which only ₹384 being approved. Thus, we again submitted a proposal of ₹504 lakh out of which only ₹201 lakh is given to us. Regarding road damage caused by landslide at Vaivakawn area, we will try take the step immediately. As to the case of demolishing the building of Pu Nunmawia, we will try our best as soon as we receive the proposed fund. Regarding the question of a member from Aizawl West-I, we will look into the matter. Regarding the precipice at Kulikawn to Ngaizel road, proposal of ₹100 lakh has not been approved and initiative could not be taken as yet. Anyway, we have kept this in mind as the Adventure Club had verified the aforementioned danger zone at Ngaizel stone quarry as well. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Lalrindika Ralte to ask Starred Question No. 37.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the Minister of Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Department be pleased to state -

Number of youths having job placement through Mizoram Youth Commission in and outside Mizoram during 2019-2020?

SPEAKER : The Minister concerned Pu Lalchhandama Ralte to give the answer.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is -
There are 207 Nos. youths having job placement through Mizoram Youth Commission; 151 within Mizoram and 56 outside.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Pu C. Ngunlianchung.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. May Employment Officer be posted at Lawngtlai?

SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the hon. Minister of Labour & Employment be pleased to state-

- i) If there is any rules and regulations provided for Employment Agencies for sending out our youths to other states or abroad?
- ii) Total numbers of Employment Agencies in Mizoram and, if there is any youth being sent out abroad without providing a guide?

SPEAKER : The question raised by the hon. Member is very important for our State. I will now call upon Pu Lalsawivunga, the hon. Member.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, I have once questioned regarding MYC last year and I was informed that the institution as being closed down. If so, what is the reason for closing down such coaching centre after spending up large amount of fund for the purpose? May such coaching centre be continued in favour of our youths?

SPEAKER : The Minister concerned to answer it.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is appreciating that the hon. Member Pu C. Ngunlianchunga requested to place Employment Officer at Lawngtlai since his party failed to do so during their Ministry. Anyway, 4 were posted at Siaha as initiative has been made for Champhai district as well.

Regarding rules and regulations of employment agencies outside and abroad, it is the purview of LESDE as important documents for drafting the said has been collected. Mizoram Private Placement Agencies Regulation Act, 2015 has already been framed under the purview of Home Department and as per section-IV of this Act, any placement agencies required to have a license.

Regarding the question raised by Pu C. Lalsawivunga, coaching centre will be set up at SecretariatComplex and for this purpose, an amount of ₹300 lakh has been allocated; hopefully construction work will soon be started. Since there is no coaching centre in function presently, we are also discussing about private sponsorship to those promising applicants. So far, initiative of MYC is commendable.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Dr. Vanlaltanpuia to ask Starred Question No.38.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Will the hon. Minister of Home Department be please to State –

The total number of registered citizens in Mizoram based on citizenship as per Naturalization after the implementation of 'The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 1992?'

SPEAKER : The Minister concerned may answer the question.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is –
There is no registration being made in Mizoram which is based on 'The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 1992.'

SPEAKER : Supplementary question to be asked by Pu L. Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Pu Speaker, I extend my gratitude towards the hon. Home Minister for providing us a vehicle and a two-wheeler for Police Station in my constituency.

Pu Speaker, many of our youth are using Myanmar passport to work abroad but when unfortunate situation befell on them, they do not have ones to contact or turn to. So, is it possible to appoint Police Liaison Officer for such purpose? May the Home Department take initiatives in this regard?

SPEAKER : The hon. Home Minister to answer the question.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. The purpose of this Citizenship Amendment Act, 1992 is not to provide a citizenship to one but to register parents of those who are working abroad.

Regarding the question of Pu Thangmawia, it had been proposed but seems difficult to take care of those working abroad; it seems possible only to those working within the country.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member Pu Zodintluanga to ask Starred Question No.39

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Will the hon. Minister of Horticulture Department be please to state –

- a) The quantity of bamboo imported in Mizoram which had been mentioned by the hon. Chief Minister in the previous session?
- b) The number of beneficiaries and the suppliers?
- c) The amount utilized for this purpose?
- d) The areas chosen for the plantation of these bamboos?
- e) If there are any initiatives taken?

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister is not present today but he had authorised the hon. Deputy Chief Minister. So, may I now call upon the hon. Deputy Chief Minister?

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon. member questions are-

- a) Horticulture Department does not impact any kind of bamboos but there are individuals who have imported bamboos.
- b) Since bamboos are not imported there are no beneficiaries or suppliers.
- c) The concern department does not utilize any funds for this purpose.
- d) These bamboos will be planted in any available vacant area in Mizoram.
- e) Initiatives are in progress.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Zodintluanga may ask his supplementary questions.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. As per priority list in the allocation of business, we have seen heads like, PAHOSS, Healthcare etc, but not for bamboos. Since the hon. House Leader had mentioned this matter in the House, do the government take initiative accordingly?

SPEAKER : The hon. Member Pu C. Ngunlianchunga

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, it is written under Horticulture head that an amount of ₹350 lakh is allocated for National Bamboo Mission and an amount of ₹131 lakh is for the establishment of modern bamboo plantation at Phulpui area within Mamit district. So, how these funds utilized since it is clearly shown in the supplementary demand?

SPEAKER : If the hon. Deputy Chief Minister can answer the question, he may.

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. We are planning to import *Dentrocalamus brandisi* and *Dentrocalamus Latiflorus* since we believe the quality will be better than the ones we have here in Mizoram. Since we do not have the seed at the moment we are trying to find a way to culture it from the tissue and the government found a company named Growmore Biotech Ltd. Tamil Nadu and the process is also very complicated. At the moment the government is preparing 250 hectre of land near Lengpui and Hmunpui for model plantation and we are trying our best for the success of the plan and hope to be passed in the House.

SPEAKER : Hon. member Dr. K. Pachhunga to ask starred question No.40

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Speaker, will the concern Minister of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary be please to state -

- a) If there are any plan to repair the weakening building of Vety Attendant Quarters of Lunglei South?
- b) If so, when will it be started?
- c) Where is the porposed location for this reconstruction?

SPEAKER : The concern Minister may answer the question.

DR. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. The answers to the hon. member questions are -

- a) There is no such plan as of now.
- b) Nil.
- c) Nil.

SPEAKER : Pu Biakzaua, hon. Member.

PU H. BIAKZAU : Thank you Pu Speaker. Will the concern Minister of AH & Vety Department be pleased to state -

- i) Is ther a plan for posting a doctor at Sangau Vety Dispensary?
- ii) Is there a plan for posting VFA at Bualpui 'NG'?
- iii) If there is a plan for inaugurating Lungtian RAH Centre and setting up Animal Check Post?
- iv) If restriction of importing pigs from the neighbouring countries remain restricted?

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Ramthanmawia.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First I express my gratitude towards the hon. Minister for establishing an Animal Check Post and for giving us a Vety Doctor at Vaphai. Moving on to my questions - Will the concern Minister of AH & Vety be please to state - If it is possible to post a doctor at Khawbung Vety Dispensary and Khuangleng Vety Dispensary?

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalhlana, hon. Member.

PU VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Is there any proposal for renovation of Vety quarters at Selesih? What measure has been taken by the government in this regard?

SPEAKER : The concern Minister may answer the question.

DR. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to the questions of hon. Member Pu Biakzauva is-

A doctor is posted at Sangau who will take dual charge of Sangau and South Vanlaiphai.

Pu Speaker, regarding posting of VFA at Bualpui 'NG', we are in short of staff but we will try to make necessary arrangements. As of Lungtian RAH, order has been issued for the construction.

Regarding restriction of importing pigs, we have to be very cautious so, only those certified by Trade & Commerce as free from PRRS and ASF are imported. Regarding posting of doctors at Khawbung and Khuangleng, it is difficult to do so for we are in short staff as of now but we will try to fill as soon as more doctors are recruited by the government.

To answer the question of Pu Vanlalhlana, we are improving Boar Semen Station, Artificial insemination, pigsty and hen coop etc. at Selesih.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Lalduhoma to ask starred Question No. 41.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the concern Minister of Home Department be pleased to state –

- a) If the State government is taking initiatives as per the Ministry of Home Affairs letter No.F.14011/55/09-F-VI Dt. 23.11.2019 and No.24013/29/Misc/2017-csr III which states that foreigners should be detected and actions be taken? If so, how did the government take initiatives?
- b) If there is any plan to set up foreigners' tribunal?
- c) Is there any plan to expel foreigners from Mizoram?

SPEAKER : The concern Minister may answer the question.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon. member questions is –

- a) Yes, the government is taking initiatives to detect illegal migrants by forming a sub-divisional level special task force under which each district police are in charge of imprisonment and expulsion of such migrants.
- b) There is no plan of setting up foreigner tribunal at the moment.
- c) The government keeps a close check on the duration of their stay and banishment of illegal migrants is the ongoing process carried out by the government.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over but we shall permit the hon. Minister to complete his speech.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. 330 nos. of illegal foreigners are captured and 274 nos. of them are set for sending back. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to the *Laying of Papers*, and as mentioned earlier, the hon. Chief Minister authorized the hon. Dy. Chief Minister, so he may now lay 'The Mizoram Public Procurement Rules, 2020 (Procurement of

Goods, Works and Services) Finance Department, Government of Mizoram' and 'The Mizoram (Election to Sinlung Hills Council) Rules, 2019' on the table of the House.

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission, I lay 'The Mizoram Public Procurement Rules, 2020 (Procurement of Goods, Works and Services) Finance Department, Government of Mizoram' and 'The Mizoram (Election to Sinlung Hills Council) Rules, 2019' on the table of the House.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Now, the hon. Minister Pu Lalruatkima to lay the following papers on the table of the House –

- i) The Mizoram (Land Revenue) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2019.
- ii) Correction of Reply to Assembly Starred Question No.104 for the 4th Session of Eighth Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: With your permission Pu Speaker, I lay the following papers on the table of the House –

- i) The Mizoram (Land Revenue) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2019.
- ii) Correction of Reply to Assembly Starred Question No.104 of the 4th Session of Eighth Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. We will now move on to Financial Business which is *Discussion and Voting on Supplementary Demands for Grants 2019-2020*. The hon. Deputy Chief Minister as authorized by the hon. Chief Minister may now introduce the Supplementary Demands.

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: With your permission, Pu Speaker, I introduce 'The Mizoram Appropriation (Supplementary Demand for Grants 2019 - 2020) Bill, 2020' in the House.

SPEAKER : The hon. Deputy Chief Minister may now submit the Supplementary Demands.

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Additional Grants for Demand No:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48 for ₹339,812.71 only for meeting expenses during 2019-2020 in respect of the following Departments. Details of the Supplementary Demands for Grants are –

(₹ in lakh)

Demand No.	Department		Revenue	Capital	Total
1	2		3	4	5
1	Legislative Assembly	Voted	220.56	270.00	490.56
		Charged	29.59		29.59
2	Governor	Voted			
		Charged	101.12		101.12
3	Council of Ministers	Voted	79.34		79.34
4	Law & Judicial	Voted	698.10	30.00	728.10
		Charged	148.25		148.25
5	Vigilance	Voted	22.92	30.00	52.92
6	Land Revenue & Settlement	Voted	608.20	130.00	738.20
7	Excise & Narcotics	Voted	145.67	70.00	215.67
8	Taxation	Voted	216.32	60.00	276.32
9	Finance	Voted	37952.45	220.00	38172.45
10	Mizoram Public Service Commission	Voted		30.00	30.00
		Charged	96.51		96.51
11	Secretariat Administration Department	Voted	419.51	757.00	1176.51
12	Parliamentary Affairs Department	Voted	21.21		21.21
13	Personnel & Administrative Reforms	Voted	136.70	30.00	166.70
14	Planning & Programme Implementation	Voted	1233.54	267.82	1501.36
15	General Administration Department	Voted	3310.08	867.60	4177.68
16	Home	Voted	12889.93	1037.85	13927.78
17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	Voted	219.68	4723.30	4942.98
18	Printing & Stationery	Voted	85.09		85.09
19	Local Administration Department	Voted	273.08	190.00	463.08
20	School Education Department	Voted	6058.23	1641.50	7699.73
21	Higher & Technical Education	Voted	10304.66	138.00	10442.66
22	Sports & Youth Services	Voted	1020.87	775.48	1796.35
23	Art & Culture	Voted	247.15	236.45	483.60
24	Health & Family Welfare	Voted	12054.31	6398.74	18453.05
25	Public Health Engineering	Voted	3701.42	11688.73	15390.15
26	Information & Public Relations	Voted	254.86	288.89	543.75
27	District Councils & Minority Affairs	Voted	6498.17		6498.17
28	Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Department	Voted	546.62	40.00	586.62
29	Social Welfare Department	Voted	7239.08	7505.53	14744.61
30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	Voted	2451.54	30.00	2481.54
31	Agriculture	Voted	3177.72	225.00	3402.72
32	Horticulture	Voted	3128.50	1410.00	4538.50
33	Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation	Voted	233.03	339.30	572.33
34	Animal Husbandry & Veterinary	Voted	4047.66	963.99	5011.65
35	Fisheries	Voted	1439.74	50.00	1489.74
36	Environment, Forests & Climate Change	Voted	956.89	250.00	1206.89
37	Co-operation	Voted	31.93	117.50	149.43
38	Rural Development	Voted	14274.91	1283.62	15558.53
39	Power & Electricity	Voted	22522.98	10211.42	32734.40
40	Commerce & Industries	Voted	814.66	1217.24	2031.90
41	Sericulture	Voted	70.08	84.44	154.52
42	Transport	Voted	103.39	750.00	853.39
43	Tourism	Voted	350.59	60.00	410.59
45	Public Works Department	Voted	63523.23	44379.71	107902.94
46	Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation	Voted	6862.01	9652.99	16515.00
47	Irrigation & Water Resources Department	Voted	61.97	560.23	622.20
48	Information & Communication Technology	Voted	241.80	50.00	291.80
49	Public Debt	Voted			
		Charged	7228.00		7228.00
TOTAL OF CHARGED			7603.47		7603.47
TOTAL OF VOTED			230750.38	109062.33	339812.71
GRAND TOTAL			238353.85	109062.33	347416.18

I appeal the hon. House to pass these Demands.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Demands are rarely discussed, but if there is any any questions.... Hon. Member Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, under Demand No. 27, District Council & Minority Affairs, under Grant- in-aid, Non- Salary ₹50 lakh is allotted to LADC from GIA and ₹500 lakh to CADC but not to MADC. What is the reason? In the previous years, fund is allotted for the three Autonomous District Councils according to the ratio of their population. Is such procedure no longer in practice?

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I suggest that in some cases, it may be wise to discuss supplementary demands since funds utilize may needs some sorts of consideration as of now.

SPEAKER : Since 1972, it is not the practice of the House to discuss on supplementary demands. Anyway, we will look into our rules and regulations. I will now call upon Pu Tawnluia, the hon. Deputy Chief Minister.

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, utilization of funds on supplementary demands is clearly highlighted in the Demand in which some are delayed as some are earlier. Now, we have to take a vote in the House so that we may utilize as proposed. Anyway, if we have to discuss on supplementary demands, it should first be referred to the General Purpose Committee. Regarding the question of Pu Ngunlianchunga, I am unable to answer it at the moment since the hon. Chief Minister is not here with us today.

Pu Speaker, I, now appeal to this august House to pass the Supplementary Demand for Grants 2019-2020 amounting to ₹33,9,812.71 lakh.

SPEAKER : The hon. Deputy Chief Minister made an appeal to the House to pass the Supplementary Demands for Grants amounting to ₹33,9,812.71 lakh; Those in favour to pass the Demands may say, 'Aye' and those who oppose may say, 'No'. Since there is no objection, the Supplementary Demand for Grants, 2019-2020 amounting to ₹33,9,812.71 lakh is unanimously passed by the House.

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, the hon. Deputy Chief Minister may seek permission of the House to introduce, "The Mizoram Appropriation (Supplementary Demand for Grants, 2019-2020) Bill, 2020".

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: With your permission Pu Speaker, I introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (Supplementary Demand for Grants, 2019-2020) Bill, 2020" for discussion in the House.

SPEAKER : The hon. Dy. Chief Minister may now move to pass, “The Mizoram Appropriation (Supplementary Demand for Grants, 2019-2020) Bill, 2020” in the House.

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I appeal to this august House to pass, “The Mizoram Appropriation (Supplementary Demand for Grants, 2019-2020) Bill, 2020”.

SPEAKER : Now, those in favour to pass, “The Mizoram Appropriation (Supplementary Demand for Grants, 2019-2020) Bill, 2020” may say ‘Aye’ and those who oppose may say, ‘Nay’. Since there is no objection, “The Mizoram Appropriation (Supplementary Demand for Grants, 2019-2020) Bill, 2020” is unanimously passed by the House.

We will now move on to *Financial Business* and the hon. Chief Minister to lay the “Dilute Budget for the year, 2020-2021 with Allied Papers” on the table of the House. We will now discuss it with each member being allotted 12 minutes. To start with, I call upon the hon. Member Pu K.T. Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is regretted that the hon. Chief Minister cannot be here today. Anyway, it is seen in the budget our revenue tax increased by 15.34%, Non-Tax Revenue by 26.95%, our electric bill increased by 30% and water bill by 10%. SEDP is a flagship programme and it has decreased immensely by 237 crores which indicate negligence of the government on our flagship programme. Besides, no fund is allocated for construction of storeyed highway whereas no project for the plantation of bamboos is seen.

Our revenue expenditure is 84.20% of the entire budget; capital expenditure which is mainly for developmental works is only 15.80% of the entire budget and thus will have no major impact on the development of our State. We have 14 newly established boards and 3 new districts which required quite a sum for their settlement and thus have to depend upon Capital expenditure. It is safe to say that development ranks very low in the priority list with only 26% for economic service sector. Last year, revenue surplus was estimated at ₹1443.47 crores with no surplus; we in the stead have revenue deficit.

Budget for the 3 Autonomous District Councils such as Mara, Lai and Chakma increased by 12.47% which is a step in the right direction. However, only 7% is available for development from the entire budget.

Unemployment is the biggest problem in India and Mizoram is no exception. I deeply regret that there is no provision in our budget to address this issue. However, I am grateful that there are provisions for Rural Local Body Grant, Urban Local Body Grant and State Disaster Response Fund which amounts to ₹93 crores, ₹45 crores and ₹52 crores respectively.

I believe Vehicle Outsourcing Policy introduced by the government is expected to relieve the problems of traffic jams.

This budget as a whole seems a decent and standard budget. However, there is no benefit for the public due to increase of tax. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next is hon. Member, Pu Zothantluanga.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Due to exceptional ideas of our House Leader, it is grateful that we are able to have this sitting one month before the end of Financial Year.

Our government has come up with several projects during this budget such as Mizoram Motor Vehicle Outsourcing Policy 2019, Grants awarded to Rural Local Body and Urban Local Body and efficient tax collection system.

Our GSDP have decreased from 29.25% from last year to 27.85% this year. Also, ₹513 crores have been allocated for our Flagship Programme. On top of that, ₹40 crores have been set aside for PWD Road Fund Board.

I would like to give credit to our hon. Chief Minister for his tremendous contribution during this time and I hope that he will continue with this work.

Lastly, I would like to mention that our budget is not without flaws; yet, it depends on the people to make the best use of it. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next is, hon. Member Dr. F. Lalnunmawia.

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Pu Speaker, thank you. As guaranteed by our hon. Chief Minister, our budget reflects the policy and election manifesto laid down by this ministry. Conducting the budget session one month before the end of financial year is more convenient for it will prevent last minute shuffle in terms of financial management and administrations.

As mentioned before, our budget is not satisfactory and is not without flaws. However, I am impressed that our debt has decreased from 29.25% to 27.85%.

In accordance with our election manifesto, ₹93 crore is set aside for Rural Local Body Grant and ₹45 crore for Urban Local Body Grant. Other notable developments are of setting aside ₹4,999.2 crore for Autonomous District Councils, ₹785.83 crore for Sinlung Hills Council and Sialkal Range Development Council, ₹47 crores for State Disaster Response Fund and most of all, ₹500 crore allocated for SEDP.

I believe introduction of Mizoram Vehicle Outsourcing Policy will benefit both the government and the public.

Lastly, it is my expectation that this budget will benefit the people of Mizoram as a whole and bring our State economy on an even footing. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Andrew H. Thangliana, hon. Member is next.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to mention at the outset that I am quite novice at budget discussions and beginning to grasp its concept and process.

I would like to start with Revenue & Settlement in which budget increment is 15.34% which results from increase of State GST, vehicle tax, Land revenue etc. It is my opinion that if we have to increase any tax affecting the public, we must provide better provisions for the people.

There are several instances where the budget has increased compared to the previous years and I believe this is a step in the right direction.

I am grateful for the provision provided in the form of Rural Level Body Grant and Urban Level Body Grant. However, I would like to urge our government to be fair and serves the people who elected them.

I regret the budget for Grants-in-Aid, Post Devolution Revenue Deficit Grant and Special Grant decreases from ₹1968 crores to ₹748 crores; revenue receipt also decreases by ₹62 crores. In the Sector Allocation, only 15% is allocated for development while the rest goes to General Service. It will be an uphill task to have a major impact with such minute capital.

I would like our hon. CM to reintroduce bamboo plantation and generate the products for the best. With appropriate research and marketing, I believe this industry can generate revenue for the State and create employment for the people of Mizoram.

Lastly, I give my support for this budget. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: We have 4 minutes left and anyone else to speak? Alright; we will take a break and continue our sitting at 2 PM.

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER: To continue with our discussion, let us invite Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. It is unexpected to have a budget session by the month of February. The commitments which have been made during the election campaign are changing and it seems that the government is now moving on without appropriate plan.

It is regretted to learn that our revenue receipt decreases by ₹62.30 crores and the same is expected to Post Devolution Revenue Deficit by a margin of ₹748 crores.

While this is the case, I appreciate the fund allocated to Rural and Urban Local Body. However, we have to bear in mind that these are tied funds and cannot be spent as we deem fit.

It is learned from the Fiscal Policy Statement that water bill, electricity bill, property tax and others will increase this year to optimize our State Own Tax Revenue. This is sad as revenue from state owned tax should be collected from sale of proceed of agriculture, horticulture, veterinary and industrial products.

84.20% of our budget will go to Revenue expenditure indicating only 15.08% remains for development. It is apparent from our budget that the government did not allocate any provision for the benefit of farmers, labourers and for resolving unemployment issue. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pu Biakzaua.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. It is appreciative that we are able have an early budget session thanks to the ideal plan of our hon. Chief Minister and House Leader. Hopefully this timely budget session will give rise to a better financial management for the government.

We have seen the general budget increased by ₹22.70 crore from the previous year. I appreciate the fund provision to Rural Local Body as this will enable development of rural people who has never benefit such kind of development fund.

There are other provisions which are included in the budget such as ₹45 crores for Urban Local Body Grant, ₹47 crores for State Disaster Response Fund, ₹500 crores for SEDP, ₹200 crores for Counterpart Funding and ₹5 crores for DPR which truly are appreciative.

Likewise, our debt has decreased to 27.85% compared to 47.91% of 5 years back which truly is an exceptional achievement. It is also appreciated that the Autonomous district councils are placed under priority sector and ₹451.659 crore is set aside for the three autonomous district councils.

It is grateful that the priority list includes education, health, sports, infrastructure, skill development and unemployment, PAHOSS, Sinlung Hills Council and Sialkal Range District Council.

As mentioned earlier, it is wrong to criticise provision for development as miniscule. However, it is necessary to understand that government servants play essential part of our economy which further concerns the administration of our State.

So, we cannot expect enormous development fund but we have to keep in mind of centrally sponsored scheme which will be obtained for our development. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. It is regretted that there is little to benefit for the people from this provision. Even though the general budget has increased by ₹22.70 crores, it will not be benefitted by the general public. Yet, there are several provisions to be thankful for such as inclusion of State Disaster Response Fund, Local Body Grant and SEDP.

One colossal mistake in the budget is the exclusion of agriculture sector in the priority list. I am confused as to how the government expects to achieve sustenance for the people of Mizoram. Our budget clearly indicates that our government is not interested in achieving sustainable livelihood for Mizoram. If we do not give priority to economic and agricultural sector, we will never be able to provide for ourselves without outside assistance. As such, I see no reason to be thankful about our budget. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pu Zaithanzama.

PU V.L. ZAITHANZAMA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Reviewing this year's budget is no easy task considering that it is hardly satisfactory. The increasing rate of our budget from last year is only 0.21%. This is the upper limit and it might even be less if we take into account the rate of inflation. Our hon. House Leader has justified that this is due to the effect of the decline in Indian Economy.

This is not to say that there is no provision at all. I am personally thankful that the government has started to take interest in co-operative sector. I am also thankful for the grants given to State Disaster Response, Rural Local Body Grant, Urban Local Body Grant. I am also thankful that our Revenue receipt has increased by 15.34%. However, this will create a burden for the public due to increase in the rate of taxes.

I expect our revenue expenditure to be less than last year. However, the reserve happened and this is due to the fact that our previous works were not satisfactory and a large number of funds went to maintenance. If we have performed better in our previous works, our revenue expenditure would have been less than it is now.

I failed to comprehend the system and structure of SEDP, the flagship programme laid out by our government and I assumed that they have structured this deliberately to confuse us.

Lastly, I would like to urge this ministry to do better and give more effort at the next budget presentation. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time management is impeccable. Who will be next?

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Dy. Speaker, if I may, I would like to suggest for the continuation of our discussion for tomorrow.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are we all in agreement? We will continue with our discussion tomorrow.

Sitting is adjourned.