

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR THIRD SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER, 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.

**CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER  
OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

2. **PU LALDUHOMA** to raise a calling attention to a matter of urgent public importance under Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly regarding Revised Discharge Policy for Covid-19.

**LAYING OF PAPERS**

3. **DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of Separate Audit Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India on the Accounts of The Mizoram Khadi and Village Industries Board, Aizawl for the year ended 31 March 2015.
4. **PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following :
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  - ii) The Mizoram Motor Accidents Claims Tribunal Rules, 2020.
5. **DR. K. BEICHHUA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of Annual Report 2018-2019 & 2019-2020 Mizoram State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MSCPCR)
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**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

7. **PU RAMTHANMAWIA**, to present to the House the Fourth Report of Committee on Government Assurances (2020-2021) relating to Assurances given by Ministers in the Second Session of the Eighth Legislative Assembly of Mizoram.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

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

8. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (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.***

9. **PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Court Fees (Mizoram 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.***

10. **PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Members of the Legislative Assembly (Eighth 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.***

H. LALRINAWMA  
Commissioner & Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : *The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.*

- Proverbs 29:25

We shall now start with Question Hour. Let us call upon Dr. Vanlalhlana to ask Starred Question No. 4.

**DR. VANLALTHLANA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 4, Will the Hon. Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department be pleased to state:

- a) What type of weighing scale is used while receiving rice for government go-downs?
- b) How many digital scales and manual scales are used by the government?
- c) Is digital weighing scale used at government go-downs?
- d) Why is digital scale not used in some government go-downs?
- e) How many supply go-downs are there without weighbridge?
- f) Is there any proposal for installation of weighbridge at every supply go-down?

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister concerned Pu K. Lalrinliana may answer.

**PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. The answers are as follows.

- a) Digital weighbridge and beam scale/manual scales are used.
- b) Digital scale is used at three places while manual scale is used at 117 places.
- c) Digital weighing machine is used at three go-downs viz. GMG, Zuangtui I & II, and Serchhip SDC.
- d) Digital weighing machine is not used at every place as the government does not have the required amount of equipment.
- e) 114 supply go-downs has no weighbridge. It has been installed at six supply go-downs among which the only one at Serchhip SDC is working at present.
- f) Installation of weigh bridge at every supply go-down is not possible. The FCS & Consumer Affairs Department proposes to install weighbridge at 9 DDCs and 18 SDCs.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary Questions from Pu H. Biakzaaua.

**PU H. BIAKZAUA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First, when will the Legal Metrology Office at Lawngtlai be inaugurated? Secondly, regarding the ongoing construction of supply go-downs -

- 1) How many such ongoing works are there at the moment?
- 2) Is there a proposal for its continuation at other places?
- 3) What is the present status regarding domestic gas supply?

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Andrew H. Thangliana is next.

**PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to ask the sum required for installation of a weighbridge. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. Vanlalhlana may now ask his Supplementary Questions.

**DR. VANLALHLANA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Firstly, I would like to state about the problem faced by drivers and transporters due to irregular weighing scales. They used to face several problems as the scale used at the pick-up location varies with that of their delivery location. I beg the Hon. Minister to take necessary steps to solve this problem.

Secondly, is the free supply of ration as proposed by the central government due to Covid 19 pandemic being distributed accordingly?

Thirdly, I would like to once again state that home delivery of domestic gas supply is the right of the consumers. Besides, gas agencies are unable to provide cash memo during delivery. I, therefore, express my concern about the matter also. Thank you.

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

**PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, regarding Pu H. Biakzaua's question, necessary step is being taken for the inauguration of the Legal Metrology Office at Lawngtlai. It is expected to be done soon.

Regarding reconstruction of supply go-downs for Lungtian, Vawmbuk and Lungpher, it is of an important subject. At the beginning of this Ministry, we had applied for reconstruction of 65 go-downs out of which 10 were approved. It is said to be completed. Besides, fund for reconstruction of other 21 go-downs were availed from NABARD which were also set to be started including Lungtian go-down. Another DPR of ₹6,000 lakh is being processed.

Regarding Domestic gas supply, we have taken immense efforts since the beginning of this ministry. As a result of initiative taken by Hon. Chief Minister, the central Petroleum Minister had assured to provide us with 25 trips of gas supply daily. Subsequently, we have been receiving this amount since then. The efforts made by the drivers, gas agencies and LO Silchar are all worth-mentioning on the success.

I could not give the exact cost for installation of weighbridge. In this connection, I would like to add that the FCI has its preference of manufacturing company. Presently, Leotronics, Amritsar, Punjab has approval of the FCI and we are set to purchase a new weighbridge from them for Zuangtui godown. As I have

stated, I could not give as of now, the exact amount required for the installation. I hope we can inform him later.

Regarding free ration provided by the central Government due to Covid 19 crisis, this provision is meant only for AAY and PHH families. Distribution of rice to these beneficiaries is done correctly as far as my knowledge is concern. Besides, it is worth-mentioning that the supply is provided at lower cost to APL families also at the sole initiative of the state government.

**PU K.T. ROKHAW :** Pu Speaker, every family is now required to link their ration card with Aadhar card of the family members which further creates immense problems for children and elderly living in remote areas. Will it be possible that the department may visit such places to make Aadhar card for them?

**PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, this matter is beyond the purview of the department. It concerns DC office as well as IT Department. I cannot fully answer that question. However, we are trying our best to alleviate the problem of the people.

**SPEAKER :** Starred Question No. 42 from by Hon. Member Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng.

**PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the Hon. Minister for General Administration Department be pleased to state:

What is the present status of the proposed reconstruction of Lunglei Circuit House?

**SPEAKER :** The Hon. Chief Minister to give the answer.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, there is not much steps taken for reconstruction of Lunglei Circuit House. Drawings for this purpose had been received from PWD Architect Cell. However, as it requires huge amount of money, the government is not in a position as yet to pursue the matter amidst this pandemic.

**SPEAKER :** Hon. Member Pu C. Ngunlianbunga to ask supplementary Question.

**PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I had asked the question regarding the status of the CEM, Chairman, Dy. Chairman, EM and MDC in the Warrant of Precedence/Order of Precedence issued by GAD, Government of Mizoram in august this year. In reply, it was stated CEM, Chairman, Dy. Chairman, EM and MDC are not included by post in the Article of Warrant.

It was further stated in reply to my question on why they are not included in the article of warrant that "Their Order of Precedence in government functions are written in a note provided by Warrant of Precedence issued by GAD on 28 August,

1990.” In this quoted document, the Chairman, Vice Chairman and MDC of Autonomous District Council are included in Article 23. This clearly implies that the Hon. Chief Minister is left to give wrong information in this august House.

Further, Pu Speaker, in a notification issued on 11th August, 2020, it was stated again that they will be placed at Article 12. Again, in 14th August, 2020, another notification was issued which stated that prior notification issued on 11th August, 2020 will be kept in abeyance. What is the reason of this dilemma?

Pu Speaker, in the notification issued on 11th August, 2020, Mayor of Aizawl Municipal Council was placed at Article 10. It has to be noted that the ADCs are established by Constitution of India. It seems inappropriate that the elected representatives of the people i.e., CEM, Chairman, Deputy Chairman and EM are placed below Mayor of Aizawl Municipal Council.

Besides, it seems that the CEM, Chairman, Dy. Chairman and EM should be placed in proper hierarchy in the Order of Precedence. However, they are all placed at the same position. Will it be possible to amend this notification? Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu L. Thangmawia.

**PU L. THANGMAWIA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is great to learn that this Ministry has made new districts functional within a period of less than two years and the departments started functioning. Sub-Divisional offices, extension offices are also started functioning with their respective areas. During demarcation of the areas, it is necessary that the respective MLA are consulted. Will it be possible to make arrangement for this purpose? It seems this is necessary to bring about rational development of different departments in the new districts also.

Besides, Pu Speaker, I would like to know if reconstruction of NH-6 will affect certain villages like Kawlkulh, Dulte and Khawzawl. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng to ask Supplementary Questions.

**PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Lunglei Circuit House is meant for the Ministers, MLAs and other officials. Lunglei being the second largest town next to Aizawl, the circuit house is quite old and dilapidated. Even some of the doors of VIP Rooms are too damage that it could not be closed. Such being the case, I ask if it is possible to start the reconstruction during this financial year.

**SPEAKER** : The Hon. Chief Minister to give the answer as possible.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I will start with *Order of Precedence* which is of a sensitive subject. There are many things to be considered if it has to be amended. Other states seldom amend it due to its sensitive nature.

With the knowledge of all this possible problem, we made the new notification as the existing one becomes old as it is in used since 1990. Several new posts which had been created since then also need to be included in the warrant.

The notification, as a result, was then issued as the need compels us. However, as expected and also as mentioned by Pu C. Ngunlianchunga, there are some issues in the Order of Precedence. It is also my personal opinion that elected representatives of the people should be given priority. Therefore, it is due to all these required corrections that the notification was later kept in abeyance. The existing one is of 1990 notification.

Pu Thangmawia's question also is of much importance. Demarcation of Sub-Divisions and District areas of certain departments needs proper consultation. The matters will be attended and we will also inform the departments to give importance to the matter.

Regarding construction of NH-6 by NHIDCL, it has to be noted that there are different kinds of roads. Construction of roads under PMGSY aims at connecting villages. Meanwhile, this road under NHIDCL gives more importance on transportation instead of village connectivity and should be considered carefully. It should also be noted that highways are preferable if it passes through villages and towns.

Construction of Lunglei Circuit House is of an urgent matter as i have also visited the building myself. We have made proposals and drawing for its construction but we could not proceed further due to pandemic. It will be considered as soon as possible.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

**PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA:** Pu Speaker, I hereby ask Starred Question No. 43.

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

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the question is - "Does Mizoram Rural Bank propose to open a new branch at Tlabung? If not, what is the reason?"

The answer is that there is no such proposal at the moment because there is SBI Branch at Tlabung. Therefore, it is not regarded as Rural Unbanked Centre as the SBI branch is considered sufficient for the present population.

**SPEAKER** : *The Question Hour* is now over. We have *Calling Attention Motion* for today. Let us call upon Pu Lalduhoma to deliver his speech regarding "Calling attention to the matter of urgent public importance under Rule 59 of the

Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly regarding revised discharge policy for Covid-19.”

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare had issued revised discharge policy of Covid-19 on 8 May, 2020. Under this policy, Covid-19 patients are classified into three categories - mild, moderate and severe. Mild patients are allowed to leave the quarantine facility after 10 days for another 7 days of Home Quarantine. However, this policy is not followed most of the states as there is no guarantee that it is safe. In this connection, it seems the government of Mizoram also formulated a new discharge policy in accordance with the new discharge policy. However, the new policy is not yet notified.

It may be due to this formulation and without formal order from the government, 12 Covid 19 patients were discharged from CCC of ITI locality, putting the neighborhoods in danger. It also created huge panic and chaos in their respective localities. Subsequently, the Health Secretary ordered that they should be recalled at the CCC but one patient could not be contacted anymore. I would like to thank the department for their prompt action regarding the incident.

I also beg the department not to implement the new discharge policy for the time being until further research. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana, The Hon. Minister concerned to express the opinion of the government on this matter.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. The matter raised by Hon. Member Pu Lalduhoma is of an important issue. It came to my knowledge yesterday and I immediately contacted the Health Secretary and instructed him to summon an emergency meeting first hour today. I really regretted this incident.

We have created a Physician Committee on Covid-19 since the inception of our fight against the pandemic. A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Vice-Chairman, Health & Family Welfare Board. The suggestions of this meeting had also been received. Besides, several state executive meetings were held with DM & R Department; Home Department and Health Department regarding the new discharge policy. However, there is no decision as of issuing the notification immediately.

It may be with the knowledge of these meetings and consultations that the said unfortunate incident took place. I do apologize to this august House, Task Force and the general public of Mizoram.

Pu Lalduhoma has said that there are 12 patients discharged. However, they are eight as far as my knowledge is concern. I was preparing myself at least to deliver a speech in this matter before this motion is submitted and I am glad that the hon. Member Pu Lalduhoma had move this *Calling Attention Motion*. Out of the said eight patients, seven of them are immediately recalled to CCC. Unfortunately,



one patient could not be contacted till now and tracing of his mobile phone shows that he had returned to Patna although there is no official report on his whereabouts. The department officials are also instructed to be more careful in the future.

It is a fact that we are all trying our best in combating Covid-19. It is unfortunate to see how we are attending this Assembly Session with masks and by observing social distancing. The increasing positivity rate is quite alarming all over the world; it is the same in India as well as our state also. Meanwhile, our positivity rate is immensely increased by paramilitary forces moving in from outside the state by truckers. These two groups contributed more than half of the total cases. At present, there are 1040 total cases out of which 659 are discharged. The number of active cases at present stands at 381.

Pu Speaker, I would like to express my gratitude for the arrangement you have made so that we may all have Covid-19 test during this session. I am also happy to learn that all of us are still safe from the disease.

We do not know how long this pandemic will last. I sincerely called for cooperation of the public as well as all NGOs in this fight against the disease. Lastly, let us all pray to God asking his protection and healing at this unfortunate time. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We shall now move to *Laying of Papers*. First of all, let us call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana, the hon. Minister to lay “Separate Audit Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India on the Accounts of The Mizoram Khadi and Village Industries Board, Aizawl for the year ended 31 March, 2015” on the table of the House.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** With your kind permission, Sir, I hereby lay the “Separate Audit Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India on the Accounts of The Mizoram Khadi and Village Industries Board, Aizawl for the year ended 31st March, 2015” on the table of the House. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let the copy be distributed. Let us call upon Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga to lay the following papers on the table of the House:

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**DR. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I hereby lay the “Annual Report 2018-2019 & 2019-2020 Mizoram State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MSCPCR)” on the table of the House.

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**SPEAKER** : Let the copy be distributed. Let us again call Pu Ramthanmawia, Chairman, Government Assurance Committee to present the “Fourth Report of Committee on Government Assurances (2020-2021) relating to Assurances given by Ministers in the Second Session of the Eighth Legislative Assembly of Mizoram.”

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**SPEAKER** : Let the copy be distributed. We shall now move to Legislative Business. Let us call Pu Zoramthanga, hon. Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce ‘The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2020.’

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your kind permission, I hereby beg leave of the House for the introduction of 'The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2020.'

**SPEAKER** : Do the House agree? If so, the hon. Chief Minister may now introduce the Bill and also move it for discussion.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. 'The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2020' is simply an amendment to follow the instruction received from central government. The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Bill, 2006 was enacted in the line of FRBM Act, 2003. The main objective of FRBM Act is to create transparency on the financial affairs of the government and to regulate expenditure in balance with income. It aims at eliminating Revenue Deficit lower than 3% of GSDP.

For instance, the FRBM Act used to fix a time period for achieving the target. The Mizoram FRBM Act, 2006 also fixed 2008-2009 financial year to eliminate Revenue Deficit. It also fixed the same financial year to decrease the Fiscal Deficit below 3% of GSDP. If these targets are not achieved, it becomes necessary to amend the Mizoram FRBM Act from time to time. It is the same in Central FRBM also and it has been amended several times on this ground.

With the improving financial condition of Mizoram during 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, the Mizoram FRBM Act remains the same for a long time. However, after the inception of 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission and decline in the financial condition of the central government, the amount we used to receive from the central government has been decreased. Besides, Covid-19 pandemic further deteriorated the financial condition of the states.

Amidst this crisis, the central government changes the borrowing ceiling of the states under 'One Time Special Dispensation' policy. Therefore, in order to borrow more money and to cope with the present difficult times, the central government instructed us to make this amendment.

Section 6, Sub-Section 2 is amended as "reduce fiscal deficit to 3% of the estimated gross domestic product by 2014-2025." It means that the time was extended till 2024-2025.

Section 6, Sub Section 4 is also amended as, "Reduce fiscal deficit annually at the percentage of gross domestic product so as to reach the goal set out in Sub-Section 2 with a falling rate of annual rate of reduction."

The expected annual reduction rate is set at 6.4% for 2020-2021; 5.2% in 2021-2022; 4.1% in 2022-2023; 3.5% in 2023-2024 and the main target of 3% is

expected to be achieved by 2024-2025. Therefore, I hereby move the bill to be discussed in this House.

**SPEAKER** : We shall now start discussion on the bill. Each member will be allotted 5 minutes. First, let us call upon Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Bill is an important bill. However, the irony is how poor the financial management of this government is while we are discussing this bill.

Taking for instance, we have learned from the reply of Unstarred Question that the amount of expenditure for fighting Covid-19 is ₹17,97,24,477. Looking at the expenditure head, we can see that a massive amount is spent for purchase of wireless radio set at ₹6,14,000 per piece. It is quite questionable how this will help in fighting Covid-19.

Besides, 14 deep freezers were purchased out of which seven were bought at a rate of ₹4,30,000 per piece. Further, nine washing machines and 18 air conditioners were also purchased. This simply cannot signify financial responsibility.

Further, the financial norms required all the funds received from central government to be first deposited to the Finance Department account. However, huge amount received through Khelo India was given directly to Sports Department without first depositing to Finance Department account. We have also learned that several contract works are given without tender. All these are an indicator of failed financial management. If this persists, there will be no point in passing this bill. Therefore, I do hope there will be positive changes in financial management. With these words, I am supporting this Bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call upon Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

**PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I have an important question regarding Finance Department which I have no time to ask during Question Hour. I hope the Hon. Chief Minister may react during his wind-up speech.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Pay revision was implemented since September, 2018 for Government servants in Mizoram. However, ACP was allowed based on this pay revision only from June, 2020. I would like to ask why it takes too long for this. Does this mean that the amount required for ACP during this time gap between September 2018 and June 2020 will just vanish? Besides, there are many government servants who became eligible for ACP during this period. Will this people get their welfare under the 7<sup>th</sup> Pay Revision?

Regarding the discussion of 'The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2020,' there is nothing much to say as it is a little

amendment. It should be remembered that the government is most responsible for financial management.

We need to give priority to the essential needs of the people. Besides, development of the people in different departments likes Agriculture, Horticulture, Irrigation, Veterinary, Sericulture, etc. should be given priority. All these are necessary for proper budget management. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Dr. Vanlalhlana.

**DR. VANLALHLANA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Firstly, I would like to submit my data documents regarding allocation of 91% of SEDP which we had discussed yesterday for the House property.

Pu Speaker, our amended Act is not that much and our budget was used all along before imposing lockdown on 22nd March. According to the budget, the Fiscal Deposit was 2.06% but it has increased to 8.34% and I was wondering if we face difficulty in financial management. Covid-19 is not an excuse and it does not affect us and we need to make effort on financial management. The state used the amount received through open market borrowings but the majority of this amount is to pay our debts. Pu Speaker, you forbid past matters but I will be talking about record and I hope it is valid.

**SPEAKER** : There are things that are quite irrelevant.

**DR. VANLALHLANA** : This is a record. The current ministry had the highest debt in India during their previous 10 years ministry and I am afraid that we repeat it.

**SPEAKER** : Our Rule does not allow to entertain matters which is of past even if it is a record.

**DR. VANLALHLANA** : It is recorded and I am afraid we face the same consequence. We need to make effort on debt management and the reason why I frequently mention EAP is that our leaders often mentioned that EAP works are carried out without the state fund. 20% of the state fund is involved where it used to be 90:10. Sports and Tourism Departments have more budgets and we need to make adjustments since the departments cannot spend them for now. Lastly, I would like to suggest that Oblique Expenditure Review Committee should always be constituted. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Member Pu Lalduhoma is next.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, the Parliament passed FRBM Act in 2003 which is to be implemented by all states. However, Mizoram refused to do so and the Central Govt. urged the state to implement this Act in 2006 since the Ministry during the 1999's had extremely high fiscal deficit and a confidential MoU been

signed in 8/4/1999. Our fiscal deficit of 2005-2006 was 12.32% which breaks Mizoram record. Therefore, the MNF ministry always fails in financial management and it is impressive that this Act is implemented. We need to bring down our fiscal deficit to 3% by 2008-2009 but we still failed to do so. The Congress party then formed the next ministry and the former Finance Minister Pu Lalsawta somehow managed to reduce the fiscal deficit to 1.58%. MNF party then formed this present ministry and our fiscal deficit again increased to 8.34% (2215 crore) in just a year. Why did this happen since it is of before the outbreak of Covid-19? IS this because the MNF ministry is not having an efficient Finance Minister? We are trying to fix our problem with this amendment by decreasing our fiscal deficit to 3% within 5 years (2024-2025).

₹542 crore is deducted from the opening balance and as we have heard, ₹271 crore has also been borrowed for one time dispensation for repayment within 10 years with the interest of 7.20%. So, this ministry is leaving a huge debt for the next ministry. The tax and non-tax have increased by 20.50% this year and I assume it is the year in which tax is paid at the most by the people.

The GSDP growth in 2018-2019 was 25.38% and it has decreased to 19.44% in 2019-2020 after a year of MNF ministry. Our GSDP target for this year is only 17.61% and this shows how important it is to pass our Bill.

Public Expenditure Review Committee often needs to be constituted and I am asking how many times has it been constituted? They refused to reset our target and priorities and our SEDP does not even aim Covid-19. We need to popularize industries and I heard 40 people who own industries asked the Chief Minister for SIS and he returned the file thrice. They are in distressed and should not we concern about them? Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, and AH & Veterinary should be our priority henceforth and this amendment should aim towards that.

This amendment should definitely be passed but I am afraid that we are not following any of it. So, I expect the Govt. to take extreme measures in this regard. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We will have recess till 2:00 PM.

**2:00 PM**

**SPEAKER** : To resume the discussion, I call upon hon. Minister Pu Lalchamliana.

**PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. "The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2020," presented by our Chief Minister is quite important and I would like to add a few words. The main aim of this bill is to extend the duration period till 2024-2025 so as to decrease the fiscal deficit due to covid-19 pandemic.

During the previous MNF ministry in 1998, our Chief Minister found out that a lot of debts were left behind and he approached the Central Govt. for *Peace Bonus* and he succeeded with more than Rs.182 crores. He was accused of being bad at management but the Treasury had never been closed down during the 10 years of his ministry. Yet, there are times when Treasury had to curtail some funds.

Regarding the 35%, Supplementary demand had often been submitted at budget sessions since the British Rule. It usually comes from two sources and the way I see it, the more the supplementary demands, the better the governing is. So, it is excellent if the supplementary demands increases be it from the Central, EAP and other various sources. ....(interruption)

**PU LALDUHOMA :** We are aware of how the supplementary demand increases. We are talking about a 1000 crore at PWD which is more than the amount we have passed.

**PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER:** There can be some cases of emergency and there can be some which were left out by mistake. So, supplementary is necessary to make these kinds of adjustments. The Opposition Leader had praises the former Finance Minister Pu Lalsawta and I agree with him. However, it was also a convenient circumstance. The state received a lot of finance during the 14th Finance Commission which resulted in smooth functioning of the government. We entered the 15th Finance Commission and it was quite unfortunate for Mizoram. We hardly receive a fund for Central Grant Gap and for example, the previous Ministry received 283 crore every month under *Share* in Central taxes while we only receive 232 crores. So, it seems that budget management is not that easy.

It seems that God had chosen this Ministry at times of crisis like the famine and pandemic despite us having many flaws. Pu Speaker, thank you, and I suggest we pass this Bill unanimously.

**SPEAKER :** Pu Lalrindika Ralte is next.

**PU LALRINDIKA RALTE :** Thank you, Pu Speaker, and I support this Bill. Management is quite important and the government also needs to be cautious. The way I see it, funds have not been spent as per the needs of our state and the people. I was wondering if there is no fund on our budget whenever it is said as of outside the budget. A lot of debts will be left behind if the ministry continues to govern like this. So, I opine Public Expenditure Review Committee which is a mention earlier is necessary and it is wise to take advice from the experts. We need to be careful on our expenses and learn how to decrease our expenditures. Thank you.

**SPEAKER :** Next, Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga.

**DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. The Bill presented by our Finance Minister is a necessity. As we all know, Covid-19 affects India economy and it is necessary to pass this Bill to decrease our fiscal deficit. It is inappropriate to criticize our Finance Minister as a failure of financial management who in fact saved the state from a famine through BAFFACOS. Our state is also facing a hard time due to Covid-19 and I believe we are among the best in dealing with this pandemic. The Govt. is doing its best to save the people from this pandemic despite having low economy. SEDP is also introduced to help the people besides our budget but projects cannot be prepared since the central is also facing the same problem. However, we are still doing our best on agriculture sector, horticulture sector and AH & Veterinary and we plan to recover our economy through this budget. Pu Speaker, I support this Bill to be passed. Thank you.

**SPEAKER :** Next is, Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

**PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO :** Pu Speaker, I feel offended when our Finance Minister was labelled as a management failure. I feel like some opposition members have no manners as they often stand up after their leaders stood up as never been practiced in the House. I would like to remind the House that it is our Finance Minister who saved every life during the famine and we are the only state in India with no Covid related-death. So, there is no other leader like him and I support this Bill to be passed.

**SPEAKER :** Hon. Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I am excited about the amendment portion and it is impressive that one of our aims is to 'reduce fiscal deficit annually at the percent of gross domestic product so as to reach the goal set out in sub-section 2 with the following rates of annual reduction'. Our aim is as follows: - 8.34% in 2019-2020, 6.4% in 2020-2021, 5.2% in 2021-2022, 4.1% in 2022-2023, 5.3% in 2023-2024 and 3% in 2024-2025. Peace Bonus mentioned by our Home minister...(Pu Lalduhoma: Pu Speaker, 2 Ministers talked about peace bonus and the House needs to know the truth. We did not receive a single rupee for Peace Bonus but we received 180 crores under NLCPR; and, we are among who received the least. My question had also been replied as '*not received*' and we need clarification.)

It is how the central notified us for handling peace and harmony. Anyway, this ministry has accomplished the Secretariat Complex, Assam Rifles settlement, Millennium shopping centre, Ch. Chhunga Bus Terminal building, Ch. Saprawnga terminal, Serlui 'B' hydel project, Durtlang road, Hawla stadium and new districts which the previous ministry failed to do so. The works we carried out on roads is also appreciated by the people though we have not yet completed.

We recruited several battalions... (interruption by Pu Zodintluanga Ralte) There are many that are aside from our budget. World Bank Road passes through Lunglei district... (interruption by Pu Lalduhoma) Truth be told, free rice is



distributed for almost a year during the famine. So, we should try to be objective and impartial in this House. I hope this Bill is passed unanimously. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Vanlalhlana to be followed by Pu Robert Romawia Royte, the hon. Minister.

**PU VANLALHLANA** : Pu Speaker, MNF formed the Ministry in 1998 and faced economy crisis. So, our Chief Minister came up with peace bonus which was received from non-lapsable pool of central resources. The 180 crore was not given for free and the central demanded not to fully fill govt. posts, increase water and electricity bills etc. Other NE states also received funds from the same source where we received peace bonus and some of them received much more than us. Financial management is a difficult task and there will be times when the Govt. fails to accomplish it. So, Fiscal responsibility & management act is born for a better financial management and I support this bill.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister Pu Robert Romawia Royte.

**PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is clear that this Bill is carefully considered I believe that we will manage to fulfil this bill despite Covid-19 issues. I agree and understand the visions of our Finance Minister and he is sure that fiscal management should be carried out. In response to Pu Zodintluanga, *Khelo India Scheme* is of a central sector scheme but not centrally sponsored and the finance is also moving in a Public Finance Management System. The fund received should not be handed to the Finance Department.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE** : Pu Speaker, the Finance Department published a memorandum in 2019 stating all the funds received from the central should be handed to the Finance Department.

**PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER:** Central sector scheme is not a state fund and should not be handed to the State Govt. *Khelo India* is implemented by the Central Govt. and it operates Mizoram State Sports Council as the implementer and not the State Govt. We could face financial irregularity and other problems if it is submitted to the State Govt. Our Chief Minister is also aware of this and files have also been put up. The Finance Ministry made a budget circular stating that Central Sector Schemes should not be submitted to Treasury.

Regarding SEDP, road excavations, house constructions, poultry farms etc. are carried out and it differs a lot from NLUP where not an inch of road is excavated. So, our Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga is the best at fiscal management. It would be appreciated if the 462.50 lakhs for Mamit Hall is not mentioned anymore. The youths are quite excited about this since Mamit District does not have any qualified indoor stadiums. In regard to favouring Sports Department on SEDP, I took the project sanction lists of SEDP which is 37 (**Pu**

**Lalduhoma:** This Minister said that those who doubt the financial assistance of ₹3 lakhs under SEDP are fools. If so, will the provision be disbursed for sure?)

**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE :** Pu Speaker, he does not have to explain himself and he only proves that he receives more. He only shows his works to other ministers while other departments could not perform their works.

**PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER:** It is all related to bills and financial managements. SEDP is impressive and the people know that a huge amount of fund is contributed to the Central. So, I would like to mention that our leader does not randomly spend the state budget but focuses on how to profit more.

We should be careful on the fund released through PFMS since the Central Govt. is taking strict measures especially during this pandemic. They can track the funds released and the real time reporting of expenditure. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Coming up is, Er. H. Lalzirliana

**ER. H. LALZIRLIANA :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Today's Bill is quite exciting and important. Being a small state, it is impossible to present a huge budget and it is obvious that there are many things that are excluded from our budget. As mentioned by the Sports Minister, it would be appreciated if Mamit District Multipurpose Hall is not mentioned anymore and the people of the district are also not happy. Anyway, it was explained and I am not trying to explain it any further.

The world is facing a crisis and this affects the economy. India is also facing the same and the Central Govt. increased the borrowing limit from 7.8 lakhs crore to 12 lakhs crore. EAP is not given to all and it is impressive that the present Ministry managed to pull it off. I believe that our supplemental budget demand will also increase the next time it is presented. (**Pu Zodintluanga Ralte:** Pu Speaker, where did they manage to achieve EAP?) It is gathered from several ministries and being an aspirational district, we plan to pull off as much as we could from the Central Govt. as well as from CSR projects.

This amendment presented by our Finance Minister is impressive and it is clear that we will reduce our fiscal deficit to 3%. Thank you, and I support this Bill.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Tawnluia, hon. Dy. Chief Minister is next.

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, this amendment is quite important and I believe that our Finance Minister succeeds in financial management. We faced famine in 1998 and free rice was distributed among the poor due to his skilled financial management. We received a huge fund through BAFFACOS and we were also given a Peace Bonus. It is also impressive that there is not a time when salaries could not be given to the Govt. employees. Treasury is also always opened under the leadership of our Chief Minister unlike before. First

and foremost, the Govt. is taking measures to restore our economy and then later the government works. We are lucky enough that nobody died from this pandemic.

Pu Speaker, I beg the House to unanimously pass "The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2020". Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next is, Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

**DR. VANLALTANPUIA** : Pu Speaker, it is impressive that our Chief Minister presented FRBM. Our CM is an experienced politician who is hard-working and I request the people to put their faith in him.

Nehruvian policy and socialism took over India during the Congress ministries but India economy growth rate thrived when PV Narasimha Rao was the Prime Minister. He focused on capitalism which means that there can be a lot of debates since policy is always changing. NLUP was a success but it was implemented as micro development. There cannot be only one development and in fact there are many routes to development. So, I would like to inform the people that this ministry is changing the policy. Our fiscal deficit may decrease or increase but what matters is its economy impact. This ministry is not trying to execute development works like NLUP format and it is senseless to judge the ministry just on facts or figures. We should be more concern about investment policies and it is time we apply new system. I request the people to understand that this ministry takes a holistic approach. So, it is not right to say that the senior politicians instantly destroy the state. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. F. Lalnunmawia is next.

**DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. This Bill is interesting and I would like to thank the Finance and the experts for their sincere study and preparation. Pu Speaker, we cannot avail the 867 crore of state share of tax in 2019-2020 and then the pandemic happened till today. However, our Chief Minister still manages to lead us even though it is roughly 2 years since forming the ministry. The Govt. managed to supply food without any difficulty and machines are also provided under mechanization scheme to increase productions.

A huge amount is spent on Health Department and the people needs are also supplied in various ways. This ministry manages to functions 3 new districts and 100 days of wage employment is much more productive than other years. Govt. employee's salary is also given without any difficulty except for the time we owed 1/2 months of their salary. This shows that the ministry is capable of managing finances. The Govt. is also planning to take development measures in many ways especially in sports and I support this Bill to be passed. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Minister Pu Lalruatkima.

**PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. We are all aware of how Covid-19 affects us and our economy. However, the Govt. employees are still able to get their salaries on time till today. We have entered the 2nd year of our ministry and we are facing difficulties due to this pandemic. However, the state is blessed through this ministry and it is impressive that our Finance Minister made a proposal to remove our problems. ... (**Pu C. Lalsawivunga:** Pu Speaker, it is inappropriate for a Minister to use this House as a political platform) Pu Speaker, regarding the 100 days of wage employment, 99.99% managed to perform the work last year and our revenue under MGNREGS from 1st April till date is 32094 lakhs... (**Pu Lalduhoma:** There is a lot of funds under K-Deposit and we could not receive it) Pu Speaker, the ministry did not fail to manage state finance and in fact, we will be in the same position after 5 years.

Pu Speaker, the Ministry of Home Affairs published office memorandum on 19th Feb, 2019 informing that Assam Rifles will be relocating at Zokhawsang. However, this could not be accomplished due to several circumstances. On the other hand, Director General of the Assam Rifles requested our Chief Minister to relocate Assam Rifles as early as possible and the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs also made a request to relocate Assam Rifles at Zokhawsang before 17th March, 2020. Many blessings have followed this ministry and I support this Bill to be passed. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma is next.

**PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA:** Pu Speaker, section 6 is to be amended and it is clearly written on *Reason and Objection*. The majority of the members find this House as a political platform which I believe is upsetting. Peace Bonus and SEDP were often mentioned and we could have mentioned NLUP as well if we wanted to. We are in the situation where it is necessary to pass this Bill. I support this Bill and, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : I request the hon. Chief Minister to windup the discussion and move the House to pass his Bill.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. We are all familiar with the Bill and it is not necessary to address it for long. However, I would like to make some clarifications. I came up with the name 'Peace Bonus' under the head of account of the non-lapse pool of central resources... (**Pu Lalduhoma:** It is verified that peace bonus was received from NLCPR and we were among the states who received the least. So, it is clear that Peace Bonus itself does not exist) I had mentioned that I made it up. We requested 170 crores but we received more than 182 crore and this operated our automobile airlock. It would have been quite difficult had we not met the 182 crores.

I also came up with BAFFACOS and we received crores for this. We were able to supply free rice for 6 months to the needy and we are quite proud of ourselves. Our expenditure on fighting Covid-19 is criticized and some protested

that the hon. Health Minister and Finance Minister should resign. However, we have the best performance according to India. The tax share of the previous Congress ministry during the 13th Finance Commission was not good and they were also quite distressed. However, the tax share during the 14th Finance Commission was quite impressive and had increased from 32% to 42%. So, the finance situation of the Congress at the end of their ministry was satisfactory and the former Finance Minister, Pu Lalsawta is also an intellectual person. We then formed the Ministry and 7th Pay was implemented. The Finance Commission reduced our one-year share by 820 crores since India faced a financial crisis and on top of that, Covid-19 came to exist. So, we have to pass this Bill not because of the quality of the hon. Finance Minister but because of the pandemic. We do not plan to sit idle and we are still carrying out the developmental works of Agriculture, Horticulture and AH & Veterinary.

Our opinions may differ but the Chief Minister of a small state like Mizoram needs to be the hon. Finance Minister as well because it is important to know all the specific details of the state finance. We do not want to stop the developmental works and we asked for funds through External aided projects where 1900 crore for Urban Transport, 1000 crore for Tourism Department and 1250 crore for Sports & Youth Services are sanctioned by the Central and Rs. 30 crores through NESIDS have also been proposed for airport despite this pandemic issue. Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass this FRBM Amendment Bill for a better financial management.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Chief Minister has windup discussion on the Bill and all those members in favour of 'The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Amendment Bill, 2020' may say, 'yes' (*MEMBERS: Yes*). The members not in favour may say, 'No'. The House has unanimously passed 'The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Amendment Bill, 2020'

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

**SPEAKER** : We will proceed to the second Bill and I request Pu T.J. Lalnunluanga, hon. Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce 'The Court Fees (Mizoram Amendment) Bill, 2020'.

**PU T.J. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I beg leave of the House to introduce 'The Court Fees (Mizoram Amendment) Bill, 2020'.

**SPEAKER** : The Minister has begged leave of the House and do we all agree? If so, I request the Minister to introduce his Bill

**PU T.J. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, there is not much to say about this Bill. The Court Fees Act that we currently implemented is 'The Court Fees (Mizoram Amendment) Act, 1996'. The Court Fees is an important state's revenue and since there are fake stamp papers, the govt. did not receive revenue as it should be. So, the High Court decided to prepare this Bill from losing revenue and preventing fake court fee stamp papers. We add the sentence 'or by law of

electronic transfer in such manner as may be prescribed' in the Court Fee Act section 13, 14, 15, 16, 25 and 27 and this is the main amendment.

Court Fees can now be paid online and it would be much easier especially during this pandemic times. Pu Speaker, the Guwahati High Court and the General Manager of State Bank of India made an agreement for electronic transfer on 2.2.2019. Therefore, I presented 'The Court Fees (Mizoram Amendment) Bill, 2020' to prevent fake stamps.

**SPEAKER** : The Minister has moved his Bill; and, each member will have 5 minutes. First, I call upon Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

**PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA** : Pu Speaker, there is not much to say and could be just pass the Bill without much discussion?

**SPEAKER** : Next is, Pu Andrew H. Thangliana.

**PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA**: Pu Speaker, I truly support this amendment. But I would like to know if it is related to the Impression Machine that was bought before?

**SPEAKER** : Anyone else to speak? If not, I call upon the hon. Minister to wind up the discussion and beg leave of the House to pass the Bill.

**PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, in response to Pu Andrew, it is not that relevant to our subject. Our subject is the stamp and of adding the word 'electronic transfer' in it. I am unaware of the machine and I did not know if we own it.

Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to pass 'The Court Fees (Mizoram Amendment) Bill, 2020'

**SPEAKER** : The Minister has begged leave of the House to pass 'The Court Fees (Mizoram Amendment) Bill, 2020'. Now, all in favour may say, 'yes' (**Members**: Yes). The members not in favour may say, 'No'. The House has unanimously passed 'The Court Fees (Mizoram Amendment) Bill, 2020'

**PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : We will proceed to the third Bill and I request hon. Minister Pu TJ. Lalnuntluanga to beg leave of the House to introduce 'The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Members of the Legislative Assembly (Eight Amendment) Bill, 2020'.

**PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I beg leave of the House to introduce 'The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Members of the Legislative Assembly (Eight Amendment) Bill, 2020'.

**SPEAKER** : The Minister has begged leave of the House to introduce his Bill and do we all agree? I request the Minister to introduce, move and beg leave of the House to pass his Bill.

**PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. We are all familiar with this Bill and GPC decided to increase MLA Housing Loan from 10 lakhs to 20 lakhs under 'The Mizoram Legislative Assembly (Grants of Loans and Advances of Members) (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2020. The duration to pay off the loan is also expanded to 15 years from 10 years. MLAs and pensioners will now pay the Housing loan from their salary.

In accordance to Sub-Section 4, clause 2 of section 14 of 'Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Members of the Legislative Assembly Act, 1999' the advanced loans taken by the MLAs and Ex-MLAs will be cut off if they are deceased and so the problematic LSC mortgage deed is not necessary anymore. Therefore we are to omit Sub-Section-2 of section 14 'on the application of a building loan, a member shall execute the deed in the form prescribed by rules undertaking to use the loan for the purpose for which it was sanctioned rendering himself and such property as may be prescribed in the deed as security including the House purchased or built with the aid of the loan liable for the repayment of the loan with interest due thereon; provided that no loan for building of the house shall be sanctioned unless the plot of land on which the house is to be built is exclusive owned and possessed by the member applying thereof and is free from all encumbrances' and Clause 2, sub section 4 of section 14 'No transfer assignment of charge made or created after the execution of the deed under Sub-section 2 under this section in relation to the properties specified therein or the house purpose or built with the aid of the loan or advance as the case may be , shall valid against the Govt. unless it has been made or create with the previous consent of the Govt. in writing'. So, our Bill is not complicated and I presented this Bill to be passed.

**SPEAKER** : The Minister has presented and moved the Bill. Each member will be given 5 minutes (**Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma:** The Minister has given clear explanation and it would be great if he proceeds to winding up the Bill) I request Pu TJ. Lalnuntluanga, hon. Minister to beg leave of the House to pass the Bill.

**PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to pass 'The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Members of the Legislative Assembly (Eight Amendment) Bill, 2020'.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister has begged leave of the House to pass 'The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Members of the Legislative Assembly (Eight Amendment) Bill, 2020' and all members in favour may say, 'yes' (**Members:** Yes) and those members not in favour may say, 'No'. The House has

unanimously passed 'The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Members of the Legislative Assembly (Eight Amendment) Bill, 2020'.

**PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Before giving a report on our businesses transacted during 6th session, the PWD took measures on this House's lighting system and a proposal is also made to upgrade the sounds. Some members are sitting at the back due to social distancing and we apologize if the sound is not clear enough.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, some points could not be heard from our area and it would be appreciated if this is inspected.

**SPEAKER** : The capacity of this House is 60 and I believe it is rearranged to 54. For the time being. Measure will be continued after the session and I hope that our next session will have no complications.

This Session is the 6th Session of the 8th Assembly and is set to last for 3 days according to the Business Advisory Committee on 19.8.2020. Our business of this session is as follows-

1. **OBITUARY**

Obituary references were made on the demise of the following former Members -

1. Pu Pranab Mukherjee, Former President of India;
2. Pu F. Sapa, Former Member of Legislative Assembly;
3. Pu J. Lawmzuala, Former Member of Legislative Assembly;
4. Pu Hiphei, Former Speaker of Mizoram Legislative Assembly;
5. Pu Rokamlova, Former Speaker of Mizoram Legislative Assembly;
6. Pu F. Lawmkima, Former Member of Legislative Assembly.

Pu Zoramthanga, House Leader delivered obituary reference followed by the following members-

1. Pu Zodintluanga Ralte;
2. Pu Lalduhoma;
3. Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister;
4. Pu BD Chakma;
5. Pu KT Rokhaw;
6. Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng;
7. Pu Vanlalhlana.

The members stood in silence for a minute.

2. **PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

The following 5 Reports were presented during this session-

1. Fifth Report of the Business Advisory Committee for the current session
2. Fifth Report on Actions taken by the government against the Recommendations contained in the Second Report of Public Accounts



Committee for the years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 relating to Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department.

3. Sixth Report on Actions taken by the government against the Recommendations contained in the First Report of Public Accounts Committee for the years 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-2016 relating to Taxation Department.
4. Seventh Report on the Report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2014-2015 relating to Labor, Employment, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Department.
5. Fourth Report of Committee on Government Assurances (2020-2021) relating to Government Assurances given by Ministers in the 2nd Session of the 8th Legislative Assembly of Mizoram.

### 3. **PANEL OF CHAIRMEN**

The following members are appointed as panel of Chairmen-

1. Pu B.D. Chakma
2. Pu Lalchhuanthanga
3. Pu H. Biakzaua

### 4. **QUESTIONS**

#### ***Starred Questions-***

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| 1. No. of questions submitted                      | - 239 |
| 2. No. of questions admitted                       | - 237 |
| 3. No. of questions rejected                       | - 2   |
| 4. No. of questions kept in List of business       | - 60  |
| 5. No. of questions answered                       | - 8   |
| 6. No of questions unanswered due to limited time- | 52    |
| 7. No. of questions not replied                    | - 5   |

#### ***Unstarred questions***

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| 1. No. of questions submitted                      | - 58  |
| 2. No. of questions admitted                       | - 58  |
| 3. No. of questions rejected                       | - NIL |
| 4. No. of questions changed from starred question- | 157   |
| 5. No. of questions not replied                    | - 3   |

### 5. **LAYING OF PAPERS**

The following 16 papers were laid-

- i) Twenty Eighth Annual Report 2018-2019 of the Mizoram Public Service Commission.
- ii) The Mizoram (Containment and Prevention of Covid-19) Ordinance, 2020 & The Mizoram (Containment and Prevention of Covid-19 (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020.
- iii) The Mizoram Epidemic Diseases (Covid-19) Regulations, 2020 & The Mizoram Epidemic Diseases (Covid-19) First Amendment Regulations, 2020.
- iv) The Mizoram Responsible Tourism Policy.
- v) The Mizoram (Registration of Tourism Trade) Rules, 2020.
- vi) The Mizoram Goods & Services Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020.
- vii) Notifications issued under the Mizoram Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (w.e.f 20.12.2019- 16.7.2020).
- viii) Samagra Shiksha and Integrated Scheme for School Education Annual Report 2018-2019, Mizoram.

- ix) Audit Report 2018-2019 Audited Statement of Consolidated Accounts of Samagra Shiksha, Mizoram.
- x) Statement of Action taken on the further Recommendation of Public Accounts Committee contained in the 4th Action Taken Report, 2020 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department.
- xi) Separate Audit Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India on the Accounts of the Mizoram Khadi and Village Industries Board, Aizawl for the year ended 31 March, 2015.
- xii) Revision of classification of Trees/timber and royalty rates for various forests produce in Mizoram.
- xiii) The Mizoram Motor Accidents Claims Tribunal Rules, 2020.
- xiv) Annual Report 2018-2019 & 2019-2020 Mizoram State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MSCPCR).
- xv) Statement on Action Taken on the further recommendations of Committee on Government Assurances contained in the 3rd Report, 2020 relating to Power & Electricity Department (Government Assurances No. 118).
- xvi) Statement on Action Taken on the further recommendations of Committee on Government Assurances contained in the 3rd Report, 2020 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department (Government Assurances No. 109 & 111)

#### 6. **BILLS**

- i) The following 8 Government Bills were presented and they were all passed-
- ii) The Mizoram (Containment & Prevention of the spread of Covid-19) Bill, 2020.
- iii) The Mizoram Goods & Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2020.
- iv) The Mizoram Goods & Services Tax (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2020.
- v) The Mizoram Shops and Establishments (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) (Amendment) Bill, 2020.
- vi) The Mizoram State Sports Council (Amendment) Bill, 2020.
- vii) The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2020.
- viii) The Court Fees (Mizoram Amendment) Bill, 2020.
- ix) The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Members of the Legislative Assembly (Eighth Amendment) Bill, 2020.

#### 7. **CALLING ATTENTION**

Pu Lalduhoma presented that Covid-19 patients with better health were discharged from quarantine facility under Revised Discharge Policy for Covid-19.

#### 8. **CONCLUSION**

We had concluded our last session without any interruptions despite the Covid-19 problems and I personally thank the Departments for their hard works and dedication during this session.

The House is adjourned, *Sine Die*. (4:13 PM)