

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR FIFTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 18th MARCH, 2019
(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 ZORAMTHANGA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House Twenty Seventh Annual Report 2017-2018 of the Mizoram Public Service Commission.
3. **PU LALCHAMLIANA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of Notifications issued under the Mizoram Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017.
4. **PU LALRUATKIMA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following :
 - i) The 12th Annual Report 2017-2018 of the Mizoram Information Commission.
 - ii) The Mizoram (Franking Impression of Stamps) Rules, 2019.
5. **ELECTION TO FINANCIAL COMMITTEES** to elect Members of the four Financial Committees.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing

6. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Maintenance of Household Registers Bill, 2019." ALSO to introduce the Bill to move that the Bill be taken into consideration AND to move that the Bill be passed.

7. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram State Legislature Members (Removal of Disqualification) (Amendment) Bill, 2019."

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

8. **PU LALCHAMLIANA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Essential Services Maintenance (Amendment) Bill, 2019."

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 Mizoram Forest Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019."

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 Motor Vehicles (Taxation) (Amendment) Bill, 2019."

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

S.R. ZOKHUMA
Commissioner & Secretary

SPEAKER : For judgement is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgement.

James 2:13

To start with Question & Answer, i invite Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga to ask Starred Question No. 38.

Dr. ZR. THIAMSANGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for AH & Vety Department be pleased to state –

Whether there is a plan for reviving Champhai Milk Processing Plant?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister, Dr. K. Beichhua to reply.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is –

Yes, there is a plan for reviving Champhai Milk Processing Plant by changing the pattern. DPR has already been submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Deptt. on 26.2.2019. It is proposed to replace the processing & pasteurising plant with that of chilling plant so that the processed milks are safely brought to Aizawl. MULCO will take up the processing and then distribute to Champhai and others places.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu C. Lalmuanpuia.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA: Pu Speaker, thank you. I think my question is related to milks.

Is there any intention to build another slaughter house at Aizawl New Market since the existing one could not accommodate the whole?

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu H. Biakzaua.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My Supplementary question are –

Is it a fact that pigs under Mampui Vety Farm are infested with PRRS? If so, what step will be taken? Secondly, if there is a plan to take up hatchery and if there is any chicklet produced from this farm?

SPEAKER : Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga.

Dr. ZR. THIAMSANGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Champhai Milk Processing Plant was established in 2007-2008 at a cost of 280 lakh. It was functioning smoothly for one to two years but being abandoned due to failure of mechanism. Yet, the Plant continued to receive large amount of milk for processing. Thus, I am thankful that the government intends to revive the Plant.

My Supplementary question are –

We import pork and piglet through Champhai. Is there any plan for prevention of PRRS?

While processing milks, is it possible to take up skimmed milks processing at the same time? May the government make a plan for that purpose?

SPEAKER : This question covers from Champhai to Aizawl, and then Lawngtlai. Let us invite the hon. Minister, Dr. K. Beichhua to reply.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, to answer hon. Member, Pu Lalmuanpuia, we need slaughter house for Aizawl New Market and plan will soon be made.

Regarding the question of hon. Member Pu Biakzaua, I have visited Mampui farm and witnesses pigs infested with PRRS. It is therefore proposed to dispose such farm animals and sterilize the farm for a new start. Regarding hatching plant, incubator is applicable so will set up after repaired.

As of the question of Dr. ZR Thiamsanga, the widespread of PRRS is known and the the government has even issued order of restriction of importing pig. We are trying our best and no formation of newly infection has yet been received.

Initiative has also been made for inspection of animal health which may be imported from the east. Regarding the content of fat in MULCO milk production, the quality is categorized in three types such as FFAI which content 3% of milk, TNF 8.5% and 1.5% in other packages. It is advisable for people with high blood cholesterol to purchase the lowest fat content.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA: Pu Speaker, will the concerned Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state –

Nos. of selected beneficiaries under NLUP who does not received the funds?
Will they receive the funds?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, there are 2,794 Nos. selected beneficiaries in various departments; they have not received the funds as yet for their applications are being scrutinized.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu ZodintluangaRalte.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is – When will the Government give back the funds of NLUP which was first credited to their account and then debited again? The people are assured ₹3lakhs under SEDP but the funds are withdrawn. Will the people be given ₹3 lakhs as assured by MNF Party?

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA: There are 2794 beneficiaries who have received 1st installment of NLUP funds. Since NLUP is terminated, is there a plan to give the 2nd installment to the beneficiaries?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding the question of Pu Zodintluanga, it is impossible to take effective step due to the coming general election. Those who are selected will continue to receive the funds through SEDP.

Regarding Pu Vanlalhlana's question, I do not have the total number of NLUP beneficiaries, yet, exit protocol is working on it and meetings will be held soon with the Chief Secretary as to whether we will continue with the NLUP funds. Anyway, any related case will be carefully examined by the SEDP Apex Body. All the initiatives taken will be considered carefully by the new leaders.

SPEAKER : The hon. House Leader.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we are all aware of NLUP system and we are not satisfied with the scheme. So, we are planning to implement a more effective project through SEDP.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, does it mean that those who have received the funds can utilize it?

SPEAKER : I believe the concerned Minister could provide a clear answer to the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the amount already been paid will not be taken back.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to starred Question No. 40 and Pu Vanlaltanpuia to ask.

Dr. VANLALTANPUIA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of Soil & Water Conservation Department be pleased to state –

The reason that the office building of Soil & Water Conservation Deptt. at Haulawng being deserted?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Soil & Water Conservation office building at Haulawng is not deserted and is still intact.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Dr. VANLALTANPUIA: Pu Speaker, we have visited the office building and it seems being deserted as the building is very poor. I believe it is not functioning properly. So, is there a way to improve this particular department?

SPEAKER : The hon. Member Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My questions are –

i) If National Hydrological Project being implemented in Mizoram; if so, for how many year it will be executed?

ii) Initiative made for the success of 20 projects of Annual Activity Plan 2018 and 3 projects of Minor Irrigation through the BAIDC (Block Agriculture and Irrigation Development Committee)?

iii) If the sanction for New MI Project 6 from RIDF NABARD being finalized?

SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Pu LalrintluangaSailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Is there any plan to renovate the office building of Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department at Republic Veng, Aizawl?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to give the answer.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I cannot provide the answer to the question of the hon. Member Pu C. Lalsawivunga since it is not my subject. Regarding godown at Republic Veng, decision will be made only after we receive the sanctions and fortunately our hon. Chief Minister is very much aware of the importance of Land resources, Soil & Water Conservation. So, necessary action will be taken to restore this department in our State.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Pu Vanlalhlana.

Dr. VANLALTHLANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs be pleased to state -

- a) Whether the State government is aware of the cost of LPG which is increased by ₹10/- at the distribution point near Ramhlun Sports Complex?
- b) On what ground does the agent sells LPG at a higher price?
- c) Why the LPG agent failed doorstep delivery as reported to the company?
- d) How much is received as Consumer Welfare Fund during 2014 – 2018?
- e) How much is allotted for strengthening the District Consumer Forum in every District from 2014?
- f) If there is any allotment during 2018 – 2019?
- g) Whether the President of Aizawl District Consumer Forum has already been appointed?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows –

- a) The State Government is not aware of this but there may be a chance of mutual arrangement between the Local Councils and the distributors.
- b) The State government is not aware of this issue.
- c) The government opined it is more convenient for the people to deliver at a common delivery point.
- d) ₹20 lakhs is received from the Central Government for Consumer welfare Funds for the year 2014 – 2015 and ₹20 lakhs for the year 2015 – 2016.
- e) To reinforce District Consumer Forum, the amounts and Districts in which it is distributed is as follows–

Name of District Consumer Association/Union	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	Year TOTAL
Lunglei	1,75,000	1,50,000	15,000	15,000	3,55,000
Siaha	1,75,000	1,50,000	15,000	15,000	3,55,000
Champhai	1,75,000	1,50,000	15,000	15,000	3,55,000
Serchhip	1,37,500	1,30,000	15,000	15,000	2,97,500
Kolasib	1,37,500	1,30,000	15,000	15,000	2,97,500
Mamit	1,37,500	1,30,000	15,000	15,000	2,97,500
Lawngtlai	1,37,500	3,20,000	15,000	15,000	2,97,500
Mizoram Consumer Union (Hqrs)	3,70,000	3,20,000	45,000	45,000	7,80,000
TOTAL	14,45,000	12,90,000	1,50,000	1,50,000	3,03,5000

During 2014 – 2016, funds received from the Central were distributed but for 2016 – 2018, it is done from departmental budget.

- f) During financial year of 2018-2019, ₹1.50 lakhs was distributed from the department budget provision on behalf of World Consumer Rights on the 15th March, 2019.
- g) As per the office memorandum No.A.12013/2/2014-FCS&CA, the post of the President of Aizawl District Consumer Forum is advertised on 14.1.2019 but no application is received and alternative step is so taken to fill up the post.
Thank you.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Dr. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Is there any intention to set up more LPG bottling plants so as to meet self-sufficiency?

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Vanlalhlana.

Dr. VANLALTHLANA: Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are –

i) An extra amount of ₹10/- is charged at the distribution point of Ramhlun Sports Complex area which is against LPG Regulation of Supply & Distribution Order, 2000 clause 9(d). So, may the department refund the extra charges to the consumers so made?

ii) The Distributors have given a report to the company that LPG as being distributed home delivery and online booking as being practiced which is not so. May the hon. Minister clarify the fact? Apart from this, the distributors do not issue cash memo on a new connection and that purchase of a new gas stove is regarded as mandatory in every new connection. May the government assure the House that such practices will be stopped?

iii) On 27.4.2015, FCS & CA issued a notice that consumer card photocopy should not be demanded but they did so. And, on 2.6.2015, it is notified that every gas cylinder should be weighed before giving out but it has not been followed. May the government take action against such conducts? How far law & order should involve in such case?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, to answer the question of Pu F. Lalnumawia, meeting was held with the Distributors and the Companies to alleviate the problem of LPG supply and introduction of home delivery system. It had also been discussed as to how to motivate the distributors and instill a sense of competition among them.

Pu Speaker, the Government is not aware of the incident at Ramhlun Complex; it seems mutual arrangement is made between the Local Council, the consumers and the Distributors. So, I do not think extra charge of ₹10/- will be refunded.

As of online booking, I believe there are some distributors who have not yet ready with the application. Anyway, we will take a closer look and also to the case of cash memo, photocopy on consumer's card and weighing of gas cylinders. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Starred Question No. 42 to be

asked by Pu F. Lalnunmawia.

Dr. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of Power & Electricity Department be pleased to state –

- a) If there is any intention to set up 132 kV sub-station for Melriat and the nearby villages, MIMER and Kaihlet?
- b) If so, when will this be executed?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. The answer is –

- a) Yes, there is a plan for power supply to the mentioned areas.
- b) After completing the ongoing project, it will be given to the aforementioned areas.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, when will the State Govt. sign purchase agreement of the solar projects?

SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Pu LalrinsangaRalte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, is there a way to renovate Serlui ‘B’ Hydel Project and if it is possible to change the name “Hawla Island” by a more appropriate name?

SPEAKER : Pu F. Lalnumawia.

Dr. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. May the govt. install transformer at 132 kV sub-station and Melriat and if MR employees from the locality of Melriat be recruited for donating a land for this purpose?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, to answer the question of Pu Lalduhoma, tender will be floated regarding the purchase agreement and restoration of Serlui ‘B’ Hydel Project is in process. Since the rules prohibited naming any Govt. project after a living name, it is possible to change the name ‘Hawla Island’ by another name as being suggested by many.

We have a plan to put two transformers at Kaihlet and Melhriat and tender has already been floated; the project of 11kV line has been completed for Melriat and 132

kV sub-station. For 11kV line of MIMER, the work has now been postponed as Health Department could not issue “Right of Way”. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 43 from Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Thank you, Pu Speaker, will the concerned Minister be pleased to state –

The estimate time for completion of Tuipang Hydel Project?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the estimated time for completion of Tuipang Hydel Project is March, 2012.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, due to 300 meters pipeline destroyed by a landslide which occurred in October, 2012 and also for the absence of SDO and JE to watch the work progress on the spot, it is difficult to make a progress. Whether the contractor being selected for pipeline work and what is the proposed megawatt for this project?

SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Pu Vanlaltanpuia.

Dr. VANLALTANPUIA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My questions are –

- i) Is power sub-station at Mualthuum North in a state for commission?
- ii) If a hilly state like ours has more potential for solar power?

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA: Pu Speaker, I believe MoU for hydel project on Tuivai, Tlawng, Mat and Chhimtuipui etc. had been signed with various companies. What is our achievement in this regard?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Many of our rivers are surveyed and many believed that our land is rich in natural gas. But for hydel projects tend to destroy land and the animals in it, it is believed that we may give more concentration on hydel projects except on a few rivers like Tuirini which can produce 24 megawatts and Tuivai of 210 megawatts. So, survey to that effect is in progress and permission of Finance Department being obtained to avail loan from BRICS. Hopefully the project will be started by the next financial year.

Regarding Mualthum sub-station, we too are willing to open this sub-station but could not be done instantly for lack of manpower; there are other sub-stations which cannot be put to function for the same shortage of staff. So, it is crucial that our leaders provide us with more manpower so that our sub-stations are functioning accordingly.

Regarding the prospect of solar energy, the Central Government expects self-sufficiency from us and produces 80 megawatts at the least. But like hydel project, the area which would be covered by the project is vast and thus takes careful consideration. Anyway, plans have been prepared for implement of this project at Vankal and North Lungpher. The Government is with the idea to install solar plate at each household's rooftop which may be acquired at 75% subsidized. Tuipang Lui project is renovated on modernization which will be completed next year; the electro-mechanical work contractor is MS Amazon Engineering Vaivakawn and will be funded by sharing of the state government and MNRE; ₹38,22,000 has already been received from MNRE and the State Government too has released ₹75 lakhs. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over. We will now move on to Laying of Papers with the hon. Chief Minister, Pu Zoramthanga to lay on the Table of the House, "Twenty Seventh Annual Report, 2017-2018 of the Mizoram Public Service Commission".

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay "The Twenty Seventh Annual Report, 2017 – 2018 of the Mizoram Public Service Commission" on the Table of the House.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. I will now call upon the hon. Minister, Pu Lalchamlia to lay "the copy of Notifications issues under the Mizoram Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017" on the Table of the House.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay, 'A copy of Notifications issues under the Mizoram Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017" on the Table of the House.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Now, the hon. Minister, Pu Lalruatkima to lay, 'The 12th Annual Report, 2017 – 2018 of the Mizoram Information Commission," and "The Mizoram (Franking Impression of Stamps) Rules, 2019" on the Table of the House.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay, 'The 12th Annual Report, 2017-2018 of the Mizoram Information

Commission,” and “The Mizoram (Franking Impression of Stamps) Rules, 2019” on the Table of the House.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. As we may all aware that last week, the hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Pu TJ. Lalnuntluanga lays a Motion for members of the 4 Financial Committees and nominations had been filed in this regards. The under-mentioned names are appointed for Members of the following Committees –

I) Public Accounts Committee:

- 1) Pu Vanlalhlana
- 2) Pu KT. Rokhaw
- 3) Pu Lalduhoma
- 4) Pu H. Biakzaua
- 5) Pu F. Lalnunmawia
- 6) Pu Laltanpuia
- 7) Pu LalrinsangaRalte

II) Committee on Estimates:

- 1) ZodintluangaRalte
- 2) Dr. ZR Thiamsanga
- 3) Pu C. Lalsawivunga
- 4) Pu K. Pachhunga
- 5) Pu H. Lalzirliana
- 6) Pu C. Lalmuanpuia,
- 7) Pu Vanlalhlana

III) Committee on Public Undertaking:

- 1) Pu C. Ngunlianchunga
- 2) Pu Ramthanmawia
- 3) Pu V.L. Zaitanzama
- 4) Dr. Z.R. Thiamsanga
- 5) Pu LalrintluangaSailo
- 6) Pu Andrew H. Thangliana
- 7) Pu LalrinsangaRalte.

IV) Committee on Local Fund Accounts:

- 1) Pu NiharKanti Chakma
- 2) Pu LawmawmaTochhawng
- 3) Pu Lalchhuanthanga
- 4) Pu C. Lalmuanpuia
- 5) Pu L. Thangmawia
- 6) Pu Vanlaltanpuia
- 7) Pu LalrindikaRalte

We will now move on to the Legislative Business and I will now call upon the hon. Chief Minister, Pu Zoramthanga to move that “The Mizoram Maintenance of Household Register Bill, 2019” be introduced in the House.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I move that “The Mizoram Maintenance of Household Register Bill, 2019” be introduced in the House.

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister has appealed to introduce the Bill. Do we all agree? Since there is no objection, he may now introduce the Bill in the House.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I introduce, “The Mizoram Maintenance of Household Register Bill, 2019” in the House.

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister introduced the Bill and the copy may be distributed. He may now move the Bill for further discussion.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. We may be aware that there are many people coming in to settle in our State. So, in order to identify them easily, we need to implement this Bill and it is also important for us in the protection of our boundaries. Every householder or landlord of such immigrants should provide all the necessary information such as, passport size photo etc. to the registering authority and the designated officials from the Village Council or Municipal Body and the Town Committee will keep the record. He will then obtain countersignature of the local branch President and State level NGO and official appointed for such accountability. The record will then be handed over to the State Government and will be updated in every three months. The recorded documents can later be used for administrative purposes, law & order, detection of crime, central and state law welfare schemes etc. The Registering Authority will submit the updated Household Registers to the Deputy Commissioner or the Superintendent of Police or the District concern officials. The copy will also be given to the Secretary or Executive Officer or Town Committee or Municipal Council. It will be updated four times every year and those who wants to check on such documents will pay ₹25/- to access to the names of the registered households. The Registering Authority will certify it and enter it in the Register book. Corrections may also be made regarding the entry if needed and will be maintained carefully.

If any incorrect statement is found, the person responsible will be fined ₹3,000/- and will serve his/her time in jail; such crime will also be cognizable and bailable. This is of an important matter for our present situation and I appeal that this Bill be passed in this august House. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister has moved the Bill and we will now start our discussion. Each member will be allotted 5 minutes. Pu Lalduhoma will start.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, today we have 1 bill along with 4 others which needs to be amended. Within a short period of the given time, it is hard to go through the bill thoroughly. So, I suggest extending our session so we may have more times to study our business.

SPEAKER : It is true that we do not have enough time to study the bills we are about to discuss today. Anyway, we will move on with our business and I will call upon Pu Lalruatkima, the hon. Minister.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am glad that the hon. Minister has laid this Bill. As each party has a manifesto in every election, this is so done in pursuance of such manifesto which is laid today on the Table of the House today.

Back in 1992 during the time of Pu Lalkhama, the then Chief Secretary, in 1999 during the time of Pu Tawnluia, the hon. member and the then Home Minister and in 2007, residence registers were maintained which consisted Register Book-I and II. This Bill may not be satisfactory but it can be amended from time to time and plans for non-citizen residence of the village area/town and maintaining of register 'A' and register 'B' for the Registering Authority is very sensible. 'Offences and penalty' under section 9 also is quite rational. Since we are in the international boundary, it is very crucial for us to have households register in every villages. This will help us enforcing law and order effectively and will further resolve problems in the selection of beneficiaries of various projects of the government.

Thus, it is important that we pass and implement this Bill for the safety of our tribe and our State. I express my support in passing this Bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, I am glad this Bill is laid in the House. I believe the only reliable registration we now have is the YMA Census. At present, our main problem is illegal immigrants as 25 villages had been established without approval. Thus, it is necessary to carry out the process of residence register carefully particularly in the North and the Southern areas.

I am glad that actual citizens and tenants will be classified and unauthorized villages be abolished with the help of this Bill. Finally, I suggest that this Bill be executed with due care. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Pu K. Pachhunga.

Dr. K. PACHHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am glad this Bill is laid on the table of the House. As we have seen, this Bill will be much helpful in the administrative purpose, maintenance of law & order and prevention and detection of crime. And, at the same time, it is hopeful that this bill will minimize the rate of foreign influx. Thus, I support passing this Bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA: Pu Speaker, from what the hon. Chief Minister has stated, this Bill will be much helpful in detecting foreigners within our State but it does not highlight in details. Yet, the content is of maintenance of law & order, prevention and detection of crime, its implementation and Central Welfare Schemes.

Due to religious beliefs, some citizens may not want to register their names in Register A or B but it is wise to notify them by any means. Lastly, this bill does not mention regarding penalty to those who may fail to furnish the required information.

SPEAKER : Pu H. Biakzaau.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Regarding the objects and reasons of this Bill, I did not find any error. If we could follow this carefully, we will be able to overcome many problems regarding foreign influx and illegal immigrants. So, I believe this will serve a great deal in protection our tribe and state boundaries. With this, I will conclude by supporting this Bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlaltanpuia.

Dr. VANLALTANPUIA: Pu Speaker, I am glad that “The Mizoram Maintenance of Household Register Bill, 2019” is laid on the table of the House. With the proposal to amend Citizenship Act, we can see the problems faced by the neighboring States. With a small population like ours, this kind of Bill is important for our own protection. I am glad that the Government is taking initiatives in this regard. So, I express my support and I am positive that many projects of the government can be processed by means of this Household Register Bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu LalchhandamaRalte, the hon. Minister.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am glad to be a part of the discussion of this important matter for the State. As we may all aware, our State has been facing many problems due to foreign influx. With the economical development, railhead will reach our State in the near future and Kaladan

multi modal transport projects will soon be completed and such advancement will certainly set doorways for foreigners. So, we need to take precautionary measures while we can. So, this bill will prevent illegal immigrants from foreign countries and protect its citizens. Apart from this, this bill will help us in the implementation of many projects for the development. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. This Bill is very important and I have gone through it many times. I believe there can be a loophole in this the process unless the registering authority is judicially fair. There can also be instances where one needs to leave his/her villages for work. There are also people in my constituency who declined enrollment of their names though true citizens of India themselves; we have filled up Form VI to enroll them but in vain. So, I request the hon. Chief Minister to clearly explain the process. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Dr. Vanlalhlana.

Dr. VANLALHLANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Under Clause 3, section 2, the role played by the designated officials is highlighted and we are aware of the foreign influx in the Southern belt as such foreigners claimed they were all welcomed by the govt. officials. So, I suggest we need to reflect our actions carefully at the official level.

It is also questionable if section 9, sub-Section 9 include those false citizenship statement. Anyway, let us expect to be finalized in Rules. Pu Speaker, I give my support to this bill.

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. member, Pu LalrintluangaSailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, thank you. The Mizoram Maintenance of Household Registers Bill, 2019, introduced by hon. Chief Minister makes me glad and it is a remarkable bill. We are fortunate to have a leader who is truly dedicated to the well being of the people of Mizoram.

I would like to speak in general, Pu Speaker. If development is to occur, it has to be well planned. Statisticians plays vital role. Due to unavailability of household register, we need to cover every village for planning. Even churches have member registration but it is unfortunate that the State Govt. does not have. Therefore, this bill required to be passed for it will help us in isolating foreigners. It will further prevent ownership and transfer of land.

There are many points to highlight; however, I will not go into detail. Today,

we should thank the hon. Chief Minister for the bill and I request the House to pass this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call hon. member, Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga.

Dr. ZR. THIAM SANGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. It is a privilege to have House leader who is dedicated to the people of this state. I would like to say few words in regard to this bill as well.

We have a tiny land and so is our duty to safeguard it. Tourism Deptt will take steps in development in the near future and many foreigners will enter. Thus, this bill will prove crucial. If we are dedicated to this land and the sons of the soil, we should not hesitate to get registration.

Pu Speaker, it is fortunate that the opposition members support this bill and everyone who spoke about the bill speak for the bill; there is no contradiction. In fact, this bill will prove crucial once healthcare scheme is introduced; I therefore, give my support to this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call Pu Robert RomawiaRoyte.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER: Pu speaker, thank you. I would like to say few words.

This bill is unique and has its originality. The registering authority of this bill will be at village level but not the state or national. This bill moved by the hon. Chief Minister will be remembered in legislative history; it has significant value. Attempts may be made previously but now it is fortunate that it will be legislated. It is significant to highlight that it was MNF Party manifesto and proves that manifesto is meant to be accomplished and not just to be written; I wanted to highlight this in few words. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Pu H. Lalzirliana.

Er. H. LALZIRLIANA: Pu speaker, it is an important bill; thus, I would like to speak few words.

From what have been discussed, we have learned the importance and necessity of this bill. Registration is required in the just concluded election. We spoke of Western belt where number of voters exceeds the electoral roll. We have various identifications like Pan Card, Voters ID and UID. But we have to consider if this bill will prove our identity as the sons of the soil. It may require rectifying the family definition. I therefore give my support to “The Mizoram Maintenance of Household

Registers Bill, 2019". Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call Opposition group leader.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, if we look into foreigner issue, it could be one of the biggest issues of our tribe. This is due to the fact that it begins from the period of District council and the cause is our politicians; they include foreigners in the electoral roll for wants of power. We have foreigners Act, Passport Act, but Pu Speaker, none of our politicians are willing to wipe out foreigners. Way back in 1992, the then Chief Secretary, Pu Lalkhama once tried but could not accomplish.

The reason for the introduction of this bill is very clear in the objects and reasons. Pu Speaker, it is because of the initiative of the Supreme Court on various pending cases of registration. It is only due to this reason that this bill has been introduced.

There are certain points in the bill which is not satisfactory like in clause 3 which stated "it shall be the responsibility of every household". Pu Speaker, what if there are persons who does not wish to register? Therefore, this should be marked and the clause should be enhanced by Rules.

Then, the definition of family which stated, "Family means a family of permanent or temporary of a state". There is no clear cut definition, even non-tribal could register as well. Thus, we should remember that there are loop holes as well in the bill.

There will be 'A' and 'B' and 'A' is for sons of the soil. But, we have to be careful in regard to identification like baptismal certificate. There could be cases in which the official themselves are foreigners. Thus, we have to consider how to deal with such cases? Therefore, clause 9 which stated the punishment for provider of wrong information should be implemented strictly.

I would also like to be clarified if Multipurpose National Identity card will be issued. When names are entered, there will be non-citizen residents. Register 'B' should not enjoy the privilege of Register 'A'. Thus, in order to implement accordingly, Rules should be enhanced. If not, amendment should be made immediately.

If these points as we are concern do not happen, then, I believe this could prove a beneficial bill. Therefore, I support that the bill to be passed.

SPEAKER : Let us now call hon. House leader.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, “The Mizoram Maintenance of Household Registers Bill, 2019” is a significant bill and all members know its value. Bills in its first form may not be perfect; we have introduced the bill knowing it is the needs of hour and it may not be perfect as hon. members have mentioned. What we should remember is it can be amend from time to time and enhance in the Rules. The central govt introduced various identification proofs; it is made perfect with amendment. Pu Speaker, the Constitution itself is amended from time to time as and when required.

Hon. Members mentioned their concern of those who refuse to register themselves. (SPEAKER: It is time to recess, should we let him complete?). Pu Speaker, I will make it short. As per No. 2 (1), it is responsibility of the householder to declare information, and as per No. 2, it is the duty of every designated official to regularly maintain household register in respect of all residence whether permanent or temporary. Therefore, let us expect that there will be no huge problem.

Register-A indicates residence of the village whereas B is non-residence of the village. This will be enhanced in Rules and amendment may also be made if required. Thus, as of now, I request this august House to pass the bill as it is the immediate need of our land.

SPEAKER : Alright, the hon. Chief Minister has wound up the discussion; those who agree to pass “The Mizoram Maintenance of Household Register Bill”. May say, ‘yes’ and those who disagree may say, ‘no’. The House has unanimously passed “The Mizoram Maintenance of Household Register Bill”. We will now have recess and meeting will be resumed at 2 pm.

2:00 PM

SPEAKER : We will now move on to the next bill, “The Mizoram State Legislature Members (Removal of disqualification) (Amendment) Bill, 2019”. Let us now call hon. Chief Minister to introduce the bill.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I introduce “The Mizoram State Legislature Members (Removal of disqualification) (Amendment) Bill, 2019”.

SPEAKER : Do we all agree? Alright, let us now call the hon. Chief Minister to move the bill.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. The amendment is short as it is only the insertion of clause 1, 8(a). Clause 1, 8 states “The office of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Member of any committee, Board or

authority appointed by the Government of India or the Government of any state or Union Territory Specified in the 1st schedule to the constitution of India.” Pu Speaker, as time passes, we felt the need to amend by inserting Article 8 (a) which the office of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Deputy Chairman or member of any board or committee as may be constituted by the Government of India or the Government of any state or union territory specified in the first schedule to the constitution of India from time to time as may be constituted by the state or Union Territory. I therefore request the House to support in amending the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, that the hon. Chief-Minister has introduced the Bill and we will now have discussion. 5 minutes will be allotted to the members and Pu Lalduhoma will start.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, one suggestion. Since 8 and 8(a) are the same, why don't we substitute 8(a) in 8? Then, I support to pass the bill.

SPEAKER : Pu H. Biakzaua.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Principal Act 8 will still remain where as 8(a) will be inserted, which is more appropriate. Thus, I give my support to pass the Bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Rinawma, Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pu Speaker, thank you. We usually do not discuss amendment bill except point of clarification if any. So, I suggest if we pass the bill without further discussion.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, schedule 4 is remains omitted till date; I request the present govt to insert the omitted schedule 4 as per Gauhati High Court ruling. Then, I support the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call hon. Chief Minister to move the House that the bill be passed.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF-MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I agree with point mentioned by the hon. Group leader, but according to experts, the original Act should remain and insertion will be made in the stead. If required, it may be deleted as the only difference is the wording, 'from time to time'. I request this august House to pass this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now that the hon. Chief Minister has moved the House to pass the bill. All those who agree to pass 'The Mizoram State Legislature members

(Removal of disqualification) (Amendment) Bill, 2019' may say, 'yes'. (*None object to pass the Bill*) Alright, the House has unanimously passed "The Mizoram State Legislature embers (Removal of disqualification) (Amendment) Bill, 2019".

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to the next bill, "The Mizoram Essential Service Maintenance (Amendment) Bill, 2019". Let us call hon. Home Minister to introduce the Bill.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission, I introduce 'The Mizoram Essential Services Maintenance (Amendments) Bill, 2019'. Pu Speaker, this bill is not so controversial. The Act was first made in 1968 and had been revised with ordinance; then, in 1995, Essential Service Maintenance Act was amended. The reason for amendment of the bill as per the Civil Aviation Ministry is to include any Service connected with the operation or maintenance of aerodromes, ground handling at Airport or with operation repair or maintenance of Aircraft in Sub clause 10.

Law Department felt the need to amend the principal bill of section 7 and suggested the amendment as "Notwithstanding anything contained in the code of criminal Procedure, all offences under this act shall be tried summarily by the Chief Judicial Magistrate of the district concerned as per the procedure stipulated in the code provided that in case of conviction for any offence in a summary trial under this section, it shall be lawful for the Chief Judicial Magistrate to pass a sentence of imprisonment for any term for which such offence is punishable under this Act."

Pu Speaker, since there is no financial involvement, I, request the House to pass this amendment as proposed. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now that the Ministry has moved the bill, we will start discussion and 5 minutes each is allotted to each member. Pu Lalduhoma will start.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Due to requirement ordinance has been made, we should pass the bill. But there seems to be mistake; it seems like clause (b) of section 2 is what we are supposed to amend, but from the copy that we received, it looks like (b) should (a) from the content whereas clause (a) is the definition of essential service. Also, the Act quotes, "Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1990, Act 5 of 1990". Here Act is 15 and not 5. Thus, it seems it is wrongly being referred. The required amendment is regarding inclusion of aerodrome and trial. So, Pu Speaker, I support the Bill.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, I request the hon. Chief Minister to please take note of Section 7 which we are to amend. In the clause, it is mentioned that Chief Judicial Magistrate of each district will be given authority. But each district has only one Chief Judicial Magistrate. Thus, the work load will be heavy for one person. Therefore, if the 1st class Magistrate could be included, I believe there could be more efficiency.

SPEAKER : Let us now call the hon. Minister to clarify and wind up discussion of the bill.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu speaker, thank you. Hon. Group leader, Pu Lalduhoma is a person who studies bill carefully; the error he pointed out is correct and is of the official mistake. The copy that was distributed was a copy of 1990 Act. I apologize for the mistake.

Pu Speaker, I request that the House will accept clerical error as patent error which is at clause 2 (b) of section 2 of the Mizoram Essential Services maintenance Act, 1990, it should be “Service Maintenance amendment Act, 1995”. Then, in the bracket, it is still ‘Act 5 of 1990’ which should be ‘Act of 1995’.

As for the point of hon. Member, Pu C.Lalsawivunga, I am not much fluent with the Court procedure, but according to Law deptt, it should be designation that the authority of trial is invested.

If hon. members wish to have the copy of essential Service Maintenance Amendment Act, 1995, we will be able to distribute within this session. I, now therefore request this august House to pass “The Mizoram Essential Services Maintenance (Amendment) Bill, 2019”. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now that the hon. Minister has moved the House to pass the bill, all those who agree to pass, “The Mizoram Essential Service Maintenance (Amendment) Bill, 2019” may say, ‘yes’ and those who disagree say, ‘no’. Alright, the House has unanimously passed “The Mizoram Essential Services Maintenance (Amendment) Bill, 2019”.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : As per rules 104, patent error will be corrected.

We will now move on to the next bill, “The Mizoram Forest Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019”. Let us call hon. Minister, Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga to introduce “The Mizoram Forest Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019”.

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I move to introduce “The Mizoram Forest Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019” in this august House.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister has requested the House to introduce the bill. Now, let us call the hon. Minister to introduce and move the bill for discussion.

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. I will directly highlight the reason for amendment of “The Mizoram Forest Act, 1955”.

In section II (17), there is definition of ‘tree’ under which bamboo is included. This causes problem for bamboo farmers thereby which they approached the central Govt for omission of bamboo from tree definition of Forest Act. Thus, bamboo was omitted. This amendment is to omit the definition of tree from Mizoram Forest Act, 1955 from section 11(17). There is no financial implication but is intended to resolve bamboo farmers’ problem. So, I request the House to support the bill for amendment.

SPEAKER : The mover has introduced the bill for discussion. As usual, 5 minutes will be allotted to each member. Pu F. Lalnunmawia will start.

Dr. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Pu Speaker, thank you. The Mizoram Forest Act, Amendment Bill, 2019 is an important bill. Like we have heard, bamboo is included under timber product which necessitated royalty on the product and transportation charge like it is done on timbers. If this bill is amended, it will help in the steps that the govt is about to take in bamboo development. I therefore give my support to this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next is, Pu Duhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, Central govt has issued the order for one year and now, we are going to implement as well as notified by the Central Govt.

I also request clarification regarding issue of permit and as to whether royalty will be collected from those who grow bamboos for their purpose.

SPEAKER : Let us now call hon. House Leader.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF-MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. Like the hon. Group leader has mentioned, we are going to omit the term ‘bamboo’ from the definition of tree as per instruction of Central govt and I support the amendment. In future, the necessity could compel the House to pass the same for identification of specific area of forest. Thus, support this amendment.

SPEAKER : Let us now call hon. Minister to wind up the discussion and appeal that the bill be passed.

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. Regarding the question of Pu Lalduhoma, since we are dealing today only with truth, it is difficult to give the answer as bamboo falls under other category and it may be taken care under Forest Act as of now. So, I request this august House to pass “The Mizoram Forest Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019”. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now that the Minister has requested the House to pass “The Mizoram Forest Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019”. Those who agree to pass may say, ‘yes’ and those who don’t may say, ‘no’. The house has unanimously passed “The Mizoram Forest Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019”.

PU TJ. LALUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now move onto the next Bill, “The Mizoram Motor Vehicles (Taxation) (Amendment) Bill, 2019”. Let us call hon. Minister, Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga to introduce the bill.

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I request for the permission to introduce “The Mizoram Motor Vehicles (Taxation) (Amendment) Bill, 2019”.

SPEAKER : If the House permits, let us call the hon. Minister to introduce the bill.

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. The parent Act is “The Mizoram Motor Vehicles (Taxation) Act, 1996. The Act had been amended three times as in 2011, 2015 and 2016; this will be of the fourth. The required amendment is section 3 of the proviso. As we are aware, commercial vehicles pay lifetime tax on installment whereas for private vehicles, it is one time lifetime tax. Knowing the burden of the people, the hon. House Leader decided to make amendment by making life time tax payment for private vehicles, on three installments for newly purchase vehicles.

Pu Speaker, since there is no financial implication, it may affect the revenue of govt to decrease at the beginning but it will be paid in three installments for 15 years. If one wishes to pay in one installment, it is 6%; 4.2% on two installments for 10 years and the rest 5 years in 2.2%. The benefit of the govt will be 0.4% higher than lifetime tax. If one wishes to pay in three installments, it will be paid after every five years by 2.2%. Then, collection of revenue for the govt. will be higher by 0.6%. Hence, there is no financial loss for the govt.

So, Pu Speaker, I request this august House to pass “The Mizoram Motor Vehicles (Taxation) (Amendment) Bill, 2019”. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister has introduced the bill for discussion; each member will be given 5 minutes and Pu Lalduhoma, Group Leader will start the discussion.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I am grateful that this new ministry has brought up this amendment. I suggest we should pass it right away.

SPEAKER : Let us call hon. Chief Minister.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. As we are aware, payment of tax is done on installment for commercial vehicles whereas for private vehicle, it is one time payment of a lifetime tax. So, to alleviate the burden of the buyer, it is decided to make the payment on 3 installments. Yet, with a view to lessen the payment further, the hon. Minister comes up with proposal of 3 installments amendment. This will be a new step and I give my support to pass it. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now call hon. Minister to wind up the discussion of the bill and appeal to be passed by the House.

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. I thank hon. Group Leader for appreciating our flagship programme; also the hon. House Leader for willing to alleviate the burden of people. Pu Speaker, we hope to feature taxation rate in our Rules. I now request this august House to pass “The Mizoram Motor Vehicles (Taxation) (Amendment) Bill, 2019”. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister has moved the House to pass “The Mizoram Motor Vehicles (Taxation) (Amendment) Bill, 2019”. Now, those in favor may say, ‘yes’ and those who disagree may say, ‘no’. The House has unanimously passed “The Mizoram Motor Vehicle (Taxation) (Amendment) Bill, 2019”.

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, we have come to the end of today’s business. Meeting will be resumed tomorrow, 19.3.2019 (Tuesday) at 10:30 am.

(Sitting is adjourned at 3:13 pm)