

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SEVENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 20th 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. **Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following :
 - i) A Statement of Correction on the reply given on the 18th March, 2019 to Starred Question No. 122 Ballot No. 45 asked by Pu Lalchhuanthanga regarding Mizo Carbon Product chungchang.
 - ii) A Statement of Correction on the reply given on the 18th March, 2019 to Unstarred Questions No. 6 Ballot No. 19 asked by Pu Lalduhoma regarding Higher & Technical Education Department hmalakna.

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

3. **PU LALCHAMLIANA**, Minister to move an Official Resolution in the following form : “That this House resolves to impress upon the Government of India its unequivocal opposition to the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2019 already passed by the Lok Sabha that seeks to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955 to make illegal migrants eligible to be given Indian Citizenship on the basis of religion and that this House urge upon the Government of India not to re-introduce the bill in any form in future”.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

4. **Discussion and Voting on Supplementary Demand for the year 2018-2019 and Vote on Account (April – July, 2019).**
 - i) Discussion and Voting on Additional Demand for Grants 2018-2019.
 - ii) Discussion and Voting on Vote on Account (April-July, 2019).
 - iii) Discussion and Voting on Additional Grant for Regularization of Excess Expenditure for meeting expenses during 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS*Bills for introduction, consideration and passing*

5. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2019."

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

6. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (Vote on Account) (No. 2) 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 Appropriation (No. 3) 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 Goods and Services Tax (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 LALCHAMLIANA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (Second 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 LALRUATKIMA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Indian Stamp (Mizoram 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.

11. **PU LALRUATKIMA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Registration (Mizoram 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.

12. **Dr. K. BEICHHUA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition) Bill, 2019.”

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

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Commissioner & Secretary

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- **i) Please see Bulletin Part-II Sl. No. 35 dated 18.3.2019 regarding Official Resolution.
- ii) Please see Bulletin Part-II Sl. No. 45-47 dated 19.3.2019 regarding List of Demands for Grants for April – July, 2019, Additional Demands for Grants for 2018-2019 & Regularization of Expenditure.

SPEAKER : “Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God”

Psalms 20:7

The Hon. Deputy Chief Minister, Pu Tawnluia and Hon. Members, Pu V.L. Zaithanzama and Pu BD Chakma are granted leave for today.

We shall now begin with Question Hour. Let us call upon Pu ZodintluangaRalte to ask Starred Question No. 58.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 58- Will the Hon. Minister of Education Department be pleased to state:

When rationalization of teacher will be implemented?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister may answer.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, vacant posts of teacher are set to be filled as soon as possible along with implementation of rationalization of teacher.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Questions from the Questioner.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, what is the plan of the government for rationalization of teacher?

SPEAKER : Pu Andrew H. Thangliana.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My questions are:

- 1) Will lump sum grant in aid for Lungdai High School amounting to 2.5 lakh per year be continued?
- 2) Will measure be taken against those who violate direction of the Hon. Minister on transfer & posting of teachers?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister may answer.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we are trying our best for rationalization of teachers. At the same time, we face many problems due to insufficiency of teachers. There is a proposal going on for recruitment of teachers as well.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 59 from Dr. Vanlalhlana.

Dr. VANLALTHLANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 59 - Will the Hon. Minister for Education Department be pleased to state:

- a) Whether enquiry being held for false signature so made for withdrawal of TA/DA of retired DIET teachers of Kolasib?
- b) What actions are taken in this regard?
- c) If there is any proposals to prepare norms for transfer and posting of teachers?
- d) If so, what is the present status?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister may answer.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows:

- a)&b) Enquiry has been prevailed by the Government in the case of DIET, Kolasib and explanation has been received from the Principal of the institution which is currently under scrutiny.
- c) Norms for transfer and posting of teachers is proposed to be made.
- d) The Mizoram Education (Transfer & Posting of School Teachers) is set to be laid in the meeting of Council of Ministers.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Dr. Vanlalhlana.

Dr. VANLALTHLANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. As far as my knowledge is concern, the only action taken regarding the foul play in DIET, Kolasib is transfer of its Principal. Is this considered as enough action from the part of the government?

There is also a suspicious thing relating to “Training on Rights to Education for PS Teachers under Global Circle” in Champhai. I would like to ask if the government is trying to take action against such action.

Lastly, what is the direction of the government on how the Other Expenses head in the Budget should be spent?

SPEAKER : Pu K.T.Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Thank you, Pu Speaker. There is a huge shortage of teacher at Zawnling and Chakhang Govt. High School. Could the government made an appointment for the said schools? Secondly, in the proposed recruitment of school teachers, will priority be given to the local candidates?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister may now answer.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: The case of Kolasib has been going on for a long time even during the previous ministry. The transfer of DIET

Principal is only meant to have fair and smooth enquiry of the case. We will try our level best in resolving the matter not only of Kolasib but also other places.

Regarding the problem faced by Zawngling and Chakhang High School, it may be noted that they are not the only schools who are facing such problems. With several retiring teachers in the near future, there is a plan to recruit as much as teachers to alleviate the problems but could not be expedited the process due to the coming general election. Yet, we are planning to seek special permission to the ECI so that we may continue with the recruitment process. We are also planning to give priority to any local candidates for teacher post which has even been planned for inclusion in the cabinet memorandum.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 60 from Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 60 - Will the Hon. Minister for Home Department be pleased to state:

- a) Is Commando Unit still functioning under the Mizoram Police?
- b) If so, how many personnel are deployed under the unit?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalchamliana, hon. Home Minister to answer it.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows:

- a) There is no unit by the name of Commando unit.
- b) However, there is a Commando Platoon under the 5th IR Battalion consisting of 26 personnel.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

Dr. VANLALTANPUIA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. How many alcohol related deaths are there after the implementation of MLPC Act till date? How many police personnel are facing alcohol related problems and if there are any who could not perform their duties due to alcohol?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister may give the answer.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, there is no alcohol related death among the commandos as far as my knowledge is concern. However, we are aware that there are some with alcohol problems and measure will be taken in this regard.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 61 from Pu Andrew H. Thangliana.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 61- Will the Hon. Minister for Tourism be pleased to state:

Is there any proposal to continue with construction of Guest House at Kawnpui Hmar Veng?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister may answer.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, construction of the said guest house could not be continued as the project ended in 2015-2016.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from the questioner.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. The said guest house had been left uncompleted for around two years. It is much desirable if it is continued as there is no other guest house in the areas around.

Besides, I would like to add that there are several historical sites at Kawnpui but are not accessible at the moment. I beg the Hon. Minister to take necessary steps for construction of approach roads of such important sites. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Dr. F. Lalnunmawia.

Dr. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Is it possible to renovate several historical sites in the southern outskirts of Aizawl? Besides, will it be possible to renovate the old house of chief of Lungleng, Pu Khamliana?

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to ask how many tourist lodges are there in Mizoram and if there is a plan privatized them. How many had been privatized and how many of them remain under the Government?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister may answer.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the question of unfinished work mentioned by Pu Andrew H. Thangliana is true and the government too is much aware of it. However, nothing much can be done at the moment as the project had been delinked. We are in search of another source of fund for its continuation and we do hope a positive result shortly. The case of historical sites also is important one and will be noted.

There is the same problem in the southern areas as mentioned by Prof. F.

Lalnunmawia and they are under the taken care of PIDCC. It could not be renovated immediately unless the scheme is revived.

Regarding numbers of tourist lodge being privatized, I could not answer it exactly as it differs from the original question. However, it is a fact that there are some lodges which had been privatized due to financial reasons.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 62 will be skipped as Pu VL Zaithanzama, the questioner is absent today. So, we shall move to Starred Question No. 63 to be asked by Pu ZodintluangaRalte.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 63 - Will the Hon. Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department be pleased to state:

- a) The estimate amount of fund to be allocated for the cost of blood during financial year 2019-2020?
- b) How much was spent for the same during 2018-2019?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister to answer it.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows:

- a) There is no estimate for the cost of blood. However, ₹200 lakh is proposed in the budget estimate as blood processing fee.
- b) Blood is donated by voluntary donors free of cost. There is no money spent for the cost of blood.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga to ask Supplementary Question.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, will private hospitals also be covered by the donated bloods?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister to answer it.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, private hospitals could not be included at the moment.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 64 to be asked by Pu Ramthanmawia.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 64 - Will the hon. Minister for Health Department be pleased to state:

- a) If Farkawn, Khawbung and Bungzung PHC are proposed to be upgraded to CHC? If so, when will it be implemented?
- b) Whether there is a proposal to upgrade Sesih PHC to a full-fledged PHC and, if so, when?
- c) If there is a plan to place a sub-Centre at Leisenzo, and, if so, when?
- d) Whether there is a plan to open PHC at Vaphai; and, if so, when?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister concerned to answer it.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows:

- a) At the moment, there is no proposal for upgradation of PHC of Farkawn, Khawbung and Bungzung.
- b) Sesih PHC is already being upgraded to a full-fledged PHC. However, it could not fully function due to shortage of staff but we hope to put into function very soon.
- c) There is no proposal for establishment of sub-Centre at Leisenzo at the moment.
- d) There is no proposal for establishment of PHC at Vaphai.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo to ask Supplementary Question.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, I would like to ask if it is possible to post a doctor at PHC of Marpara and Phuldungsei.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. We have all necessary equipments at Thenzawl Hospital for dental department except dental doctor. May such doctor be posted if we could find one?

Besides, the proposed buildings for Nursing School and Nursing Hostel have been constructed at Tarpitlang at Serchhip. When will such be put to function?

Lastly, the existing building of Serchhip Hospital has now becoming old. May this be reconstructed soon?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister may now answer.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Regarding Pu Lalrintluanga's Question, I would like to inform him that one AYUSH doctor was posted recently at Phuldungsei; I could not say when doctor will be posted at Marpara. Meanwhile, recruitment for 31 doctors is in process.

We will look into the point mentioned by Pu Lalduhoma. I had visited nursing school and nursing hostel at Serchhip and proposal for renovation has been submitted to the 15th Finance Commission. I do hope it is successful. I would also like to add that all possible efforts will be made for the establishment of a good and advanced hospital at Serchhip.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalhlana may now ask Starred Question No. 65.

PU VANLALHLANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 65 - Will the Hon. Minister for Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation be pleased to state:

- a) Number of beneficiaries under PMAY during 2018-2019?
- b) The amount given as the 1st installment?
- c) If this scheme planned to be continued?

Pu Speaker, with your kind permission, I would like to add that some people started constructing their houses through this scheme and yet not completed. So, the 2nd installment is eagerly awaited. However, there is a rumour of delinking the scheme. So, I beg that the scheme be continued.

SPEAKER : The Hon. House Leader may answer.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the PMAY scheme is meant for during 2015-2022. Therefore, there are no beneficiaries selected for 2018-2019 in particular. It is a Central Government Scheme and it will be continued as long as the central government continues the scheme.

SPEAKER : The Question hour is now over. We shall now move on to another business. Let us call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana, hon. Minister to lay statement of correction regarding his answer to Starred Question No. 122, Ballot No. 45 and Unstarred Question No. 6, Ballot No. 19.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your kind permission, I lay the following Statement of Correction on the table of this august House:

- i) A statement of correction on the reply given on the 18th March, 2019 to starred Question No. 122, Ballot No. 45 asked by Pu Lalchhuanthanga regarding Mizo Carbon Product.
- ii) A statement of correction on the reply given on the 18th March, 2019 to unstarred Question No. 6, Ballot No. 19 asked by Pu Lalduhoma regarding Higher & Technical Department.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. Let us now call upon hon. Home Minister Pu Lalchamlhana to move the official resolution received from him,

which runs as follows:

“That this House resolves to impress upon the Government of India its unequivocal opposition to the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2019 already passed by the Lok Sabha that seeks to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955 to make illegal migrants eligible to be given Indian Citizenship on the basis of religion and that this House urge upon the Government of India not to re-introduce the bill in any form in future.”

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is a fact nowadays that The Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 is an issue which struck the whole of our community. It is evident that our society is really concerned about the dangers imposed by this proposed act. Even though there is a resolution passed in this connection already during the 7th Assembly, I opined it is necessary to move this resolution in the new 8th Assembly as well.

Pu Speaker, as we may aware, the Citizenship Act of India was passed in 1955 which provides aliens a way to become citizens of India through registration and naturalization. According to this proposed amendment, the illegal immigrant as stated in the Act of 1955 is amended. According to the amendment, the people belonging to religious minorities viz. Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsis and Christian living in Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan who came to India and admitted under ‘The Passport Entry into India Act, 1920’ Section 2, Sub-Section 2, Clause C or Foreigners Act, 1946 or other laws made under this act shall not be treated as illegal migrants.

Besides, it also requires the illegal immigrants to stay only for 6 years so as to apply for Indian citizenship which used to be 11 years before the amendment. There is a huge opposition from the civil societies and political parties from the North East also.

So, I hereby move the resolution “that this House resolves to impress upon the Government of India its unequivocal opposition to the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2019 already passed by the Lok Sabha that seeks to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955 to make illegal migrants eligible to be given Indian Citizenship on the basis of religion, and that this House urge upon the Government of India not to re-introduce the bill in any form in future” in this august House. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We shall now have discussion on the resolution. Let us call upon Pu Zodintluanga to start the discussion.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. We are all aware of the negative effects of Citizenship Amendment Bill. Meanwhile, it seems unnecessary that this resolution has been moved for the second time after being passed recently in this same house.

What is more important for our government is not to cooperate with the party who is in favor of this Bill. As stated earlier, the political parties of North East India as well as civil societies are opposing the bill. However, the BJP party is trying to pass the bill. It is very unfortunate that the party who is in power in our state is still cooperating with BJP which seems to be more serious than merely passing this resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am really happy that this resolution has been moved by the Hon. Minister. This government has extended its opposition to the central government during this short period in power indicating the government takes the matter very seriously.

The contents of the amendment have been already stated. It imposes a threat to the secular as well as the equality principle contained in the constitution of India. We sent delegates to the central government so as not to pass the bill. I hope this resolution may serve as an important measure opposing the bill and I am supporting the resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalhlana.

Dr. VANLALTHLANA: Thank you, Pu speaker. It is my opinion that the present party who are in power should first withdraw from NEDA after which we should only discuss this resolution. The Citizenship Bill has been amended five times in the past. There is no other time it has been opposed as this time for its intention is separation in the name of religion.

BJP takes measures by giving refugee status to illegal immigrants and the increasing of Parsis where as Buddhists and as of Christians is just a cover. We are about to adopt Hindu religion apart from this citizenship and the BJP will also seek rules for the non-Hindus which means the Christians in particular will face many more challenges. Our constitution will become vulnerable due to religious fanatic, our cohesion will be powerless and we could be easily assimilated and that is why we need to work together in harmony. We must join forces so that the RSS, BJP and its allied do not win this Lok Sabha election as this issue is bigger than our party politics and our pride.

We are a free and peaceful state but they are trying to seize us with this CAB and that is why we need to oppose this CAB with our votes. Pu Speaker, I support this bill to be passed.

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister, Pu Lalchandama Ralte.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is impressive that our Home Minister presented this Resolution. When CAB, 2016 circulated, the rivalry between the parties did not emerge and we had one voice as a society. It was also unanimously passed during the previous and the present MNF Ministry under the leadership of Pu Zoramthanga and has made persistent effort to oppose this Bill.

On the other hand, MP election is approaching and I feel that we are trying to play the blame game. As a matter of fact, no one can withdraw themselves and escape the blame. We are told to withdraw from NDA/NEDA while Congress helped formed a BJP Govt. in CADC and ZNP openly joined a common force with BJP during bye-election of Aizawl North-III seat the year before last.

If this impacts our ethnicity, should not we put aside our party feelings and stride together as one and even our House Leader does not hesitate to step down from power for the cause of the ethnicity. So, I want this Resolution to be passed unanimously so that the Parliament would not reintroduce the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Andrew H. Thangliana.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, political party stand changes according to the political issues. AMC election held 3 years back was of a different issue and the present issue is CAB. We know that BJP led government NDA propagates it and it is clear that NEDA alliance attempts to include CAB in their policy. So, it is surprising that NEDA, a political coalition formed by BJP declared they oppose CAB.

NEDA was formed by BJP with Shri Amit Shah as the Chairperson and Hemanta Biswas Sarma as its Convener. There are 11 members and MNF is the only member from Mizoram. It has 10 MPs of Lok Sabha and 3 of Rajya Sabha.

Lastly, the resolution moved by Pu Chama emphasizes the safety of our land, religion and ethnicity and so is hopeful that it will bring us in one. I appeal to all the people and the members to vote in favor of only those who are not involved in NDA so that BJP doesn't win the coming election. (SPEAKER: Get to the Bill; it is not allowed to campaign from here). The ruling party should also have the courage to cut themselves from the allied group so as to make impression to the central. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Today's resolution is quite important because it can affect our future generations. However, there are many other Official and Govt. Business to take care of and I was wondering why this resolution is

emerging as it has already been passed by the House and the Cabinet last year. MP election is approaching and it seems like this resolution is a cover up to win more votes. Thus, passing this resolution is pointless as long as the ruling ministry is member of NEDA. So, if we seriously want to unite as one ethnicity and defend our religion, it is important to break the bond with the party who wants to introduce this Bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister, Pu Robert Romawia.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, firstly, it is important to know that all the Mizo people oppose this Bill. Though it has already been passed by the House and the Cabinet, it is a must for the ruling party to move the same in the 8th Assembly.

Secondly, clause 5 of the Assam Accord of 1985 signed by the Govt. of India and the leaders of the Assam Movement contains detection of foreigners in Assam and how to deal with them. There will be major havoc in the North-East if this accord is ignored even by the Parliament. However, there are many in Assam who supports CAB while there are also some who do not. So, we are quite different from them for opposing this bill by 100%.

The Mizoram Peace Accord concluded by the Govt. of India and the Mizoram National Front too contains safeguarding our religion, cultural and social practices, customary laws and procedures, land ownership and transfer of land, criminal law etc. This House is given special provision as seen on the 53rd Constitution Amendment.

Lastly, we have dealt with certain ethnic issues as this CAB could easily assimilate us. So, I support this Resolution to be passed.

SPEAKER : Pu LalrindikaRalte.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. This House is not a place to play political games but a place to discuss which concern our land and ethnicity. As for me, I support to pass this official Resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. The Mizo society and the North-East states strongly oppose CAB since it is controversial and is quite harmful particularly for Mizoram and Assam. So, the BJP and its alliances need to be defeated which is the only mean to stop CAB from introducing once again in the central. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Pachhunga.

Dr. K. PACHHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to show my gratitude towards all NGOs and the political parties who oppose CAB. However, I would like to clarify that NDA is not the BJP Govt. and there are many Christian members apart from Hindus. Those members of NDA have their respective religions and none are invited to join BJP. It is the same with ZPM working with Congress party who passed the anti-conversion law and also a party who won the election by the votes of Bangladeshi foreigners. So, no party can point at the other party and withdraw themselves from the blame. Anyway, we truly oppose CAB and I support this resolution to be passed for the welfare of our future. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. This is indeed an excellent resolution indicating persistent effort of this Ministry against introduction of CAB anytime, anywhere and any place as necessary.

Secondly, it seems that the members on your left are not much concerned about this bill as no private resolution concerning this issue is received from them.

Thirdly, this bill has already been passed during the previous Ministry and the present Ministry passed 'The Mizoram Maintenance of Household Registers Bill' on 18.3.2019 indicating the persistent effort and preparations about CAB.

Lastly, I appeal to all the members to not use this issue as a political vendetta and take advantage out of it. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu TJ. Lalnuntluanga.

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I opine this is an ideal time to introduce this resolution and the hon. Chief Minister also met with the Prime Minister, Home Minister and other official right after forming the Govt. to discuss this issue.

The present Ministry gives importance to this resolution and does not want CAB to be introduced once again. As we all know, Mizos are a minor community that needs to be safeguarded and it is not the time for a political feud.

I want the members to know that we have a reliable Govt. under the leadership of Pu Zoramthanga and the Govt. has also made persistent effort to oppose this Bill and protect its people from ethnic issues. Thus, I support this Resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu K.T. Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I truly support this resolution to be passed; yet, i wonder if the members on your right are brave enough to oppose CAB since NDA is pro-BJP. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. When the news of CAB is circulated, we instantly took measures as ZNP and submitted a memorandum to the Chairman of Joint Parliamentary Committee. The President of MPC also submitted a memorandum and the NGOs also called for a community service. So, it seems that this resolution is a cover up for the ruling party to gain more votes in the upcoming MP's election.

I believe it is not the time to accuse of one party as joining NDA as we already have withdrawn ourselves from it due to the hidden agenda, Hindutva, rewriting Hindu history, education saffronization etc.

The major issues like selling liquors during the Assembly election are now irrelevant and the CAB, Tax Deduction at Source and Uniform Civil Code are the issues that are now in front of us.

Our missionaries in the mission fields are afraid of BJP and its alliances and also by the Church communities. Thus, we need to overpower BJP and it is certain that this party alone cannot form a Govt. unless it is backed up by its alliances. So, the best is to withdraw ourselves from NEDA (**Pu LALRINTLUANGA SAILO**: Is NEDA included in our Resolution?) It is connected as NEDA is a political coalition formed by the party who propagates CAB. (...*Interruption*...)

It is obvious what we must do or not if we claimed ourselves a Mizo and a Christian. Thank you, and i support this resolution.

SPEAKER : We will have recess and continue with our business at 2:00 PM

2:00 PM

SPEAKER : We will continue with our business and i request the Hon. House Leader, Pu Zoramthanga.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we introduced this Resolution so as to prove that we oppose the Lok Sabha on passing CAB. We had

opposed this bill many times before and that is why the previous Ministry too had passed the Resolution.

Just to be clear, this Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha and was adjourned by the Rajya Sabha. However, the BJP leaders insisted to pass to it and we, as its alliances even raised questions. NEDA and NDA is the same and MNF joined NDA branch in 2014 together with ZNP, MPC and MDC. That is our only connection with BJP till today and it is the first time we heard when Pu Lalduhawma claimed we had withdrawn from NDA. (PU LALDUHOMA: We published a Press Release on Aug, 2016 that the MNF separately joined NEDA)

NEDA and NDA is the same. Anyway, we are busy pointing one another and it is obvious who works with during by-election and who helps BJP formed a Govt. at CADDC.

Anti-conversion Law is what we the Christians disliked the most but we all know it was passed during the Congress Ministry. So, no one is safe from the accusations and i even told the Home Minister that we would withdraw from NDA if CAB is passed. We, along with other leaders of the North-east states made persistent effort to oppose this Bill and MNF doesn't want to be in alliance with those parties of pro-CAB. So, I support this Resolution to be passed unanimously. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I request the Hon. Minister, Pu Lalchamliana to windup discussion of the Bill and beg the House to pass it.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is impressive that the official Resolution moved by me had been discussed by 15 members. I request the House to pass the Resolution, "That this House resolves to impress upon the Govt. of India its unequivocal opposition to the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2019 already passed by the Lok Sabha that seeks to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955 to make illegal migrants eligible to be given Indian Citizenship on the basis of religion and that this House urge upon the Govt. of India not to reintroduce the bill in any form in future"

SPEAKER : We will take a vote. Those in favor of the Resolution may say, "Yes" (*Members: Yes*). Now, those not in favors may say, "No". The House has unanimously passed this Official Resolution. (PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker)

We will proceed to Financial Business and i request the Hon. Chief Minister to move for discussion -

- i) Supplementary Demand for the year 2018-2019
- ii) Vote on Account (April-July, 2019)

iii) Additional Grant for Regularization of Excess Expenditure for meeting expenses during 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Supplementary Demands for Grants 2018-2019 is the Appropriation No.1 Bill, 2019. As we know, sometimes the actual expenditure incurred exceeds the approved grants of the House and the grants authorized by the House falls short of the required expenditure and so an estimate needs to be presented before the House for Supplementary or Additional grants. The total is ₹29,265,583,000. So, it would be appreciated if the House passed the Supplementary Demands.

SPEAKER : We have heard about the Supplementary Demands and Vote on Account from the Chief Minister. Any question?

PU VANLALHLANA: Pu Speaker, the figure of the Supplementary Demand written on the Budget Speech and on the Bulletin is not the same and the Regularization of Expenditure is ₹813 crore on the Budget Speech while it is ₹357.46 crore on the Bulletin. So, which is the correct figure?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, it is a serious matter to miscalculate ₹2,926 crore in a year and it would be appreciated if the Supplementary Demand is decreased.

Excess Expenditure is also for 4 years and it was regularized by PAC after the concerned departments could not resolve it. The departments knew their budget and it is regretted that the expenditure highly exceeds the budget. So, we need to be more careful.

SPEAKER : I request Hon.e Chief Minister, Pu Zoramthanga.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in response to Pu Vanlalhlana, the total doesn't match because it is the additional grant. In response to Pu Lalduhoma, our development will be tampered if there is no Supplementary Demand and that is why we are willing to have as much as possible. I request the House to pass the Supplementary Demand for Grant 2018-2019 with a total of ₹29,26,55,83,000/-

SPEAKER : The Hon. Chief Minister has begged the House to pass -
 i) 1.Supplementary Demand for the year 2018-2019,
 ii) 2.Vote on Account (April-July, 2019),

iii) 3. Additional Grant for Regularization of Excess Expenditure for meeting expenses during 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016.

Those in favor may say, "Yes" (Members: 'Yes') and also those not in favor may say "No". The House has unanimously passed the Demands. **(Pu ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** I have not brought out the Excess Expenditure and Vote on Account as yet)

We need to pass the Bill so that the Supplementary Demand that we passed can be initiated. I request Pu Zoramthanga, Hon. Chief Minister to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2019" in the House.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I beg the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2019".

SPEAKER : Do we all agree? Let it be introduced.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I hereby introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2019" in the House.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. The Bill is introduced and I request the hon. Chief Minister to move the House for discussion.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I move the House to pass "The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2019"

SPEAKER : Any member in favor say "Yes" (*Members: Yes*) and any member not in favor may say "No". The House has unanimously passed "The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2019"

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

SPEAKER : I request Pu Zoramthanga, Hon. Chief Minister to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (Vote on Account) (No.2) Bill, 2019"

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (Vote on Account) (No. 2) Bill, 2019".

SPEAKER : Do we all agree? If so, let the copies be distributed. The Bill is introduced and I request the hon. Chief Minister to move the House for discussion and pass the Bill.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Vote on Account is used but since the Election Commission denied as an expenditure, it is functioning as Vote on Account for now. The Charge Expenditure is ₹2,34,19,57,000 and the total to be voted is ₹35,88,85,53,000. Though the total is ₹35,88,85,53,000, the charge expenditure is ₹2,34,19,57,000 and so we do not need to vote. I beg leave of the House to pass the voted expenditure i.e., ₹35,88,85,53,000.

SPEAKER : Members who are in favor may say, “Yes” (*Members: Yes*); any member not in favor may say “No”. The House has unanimously passed “The Mizoram Appropriation (Vote on Account) (No. 2) Bill, 2019” (**CHIEF MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker.)

I request Pu Zoramthanga, Hon. Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “Additional Grant for Regularization of Excess Expenditure for meeting expenses during 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016”

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2019, ‘Regularization of Excess Expenditure”

SPEAKER : Do we all agree? If so, I request the Hon. House Leader to proceed.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I hereby introduce “Re-appropriation Bill No. 3, 2019”.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. I request the Hon. Chief Minister to move the Bill and beg the House for a pass. (**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I have something to say) Let him introduce first.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. Regularization of Excess Expenditure which started during our absence from the ministry consequently affected this Ministry. The PAC, under the chairmanship of Pu Duhoma and Pu Ruatkima had taken up the revise and developing the paper works. Since it was already introduced, we have no choice but to adopt it. As such is the case, I present this paper to this House.

SPEAKER : Let us invite our hon. Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. I have never been more excited and grateful for the passing of a budget during my 21 years of serving the public. I have to give credit where credit is due and thank our hon. Chief Minister

for making good his promise and declaring Saitual, Khawzawl and Hnahthial as a full fledged District.

As promised during election, 450 lakhs has been set aside during Vote on Account for the development of these three districts and I would like to thank our hon. Chief Minister for making this happen. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Dr. R. Lalthangliana

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I would like to thank our hon. Chief Minister for his achievements on declaring the new three districts and the allocation of funds for the development of these three districts. Thank you.

PU L. THANGMAWIA: Pu Speaker, we have seen tremendous development at the border village of Sialkal and I thank our hon. Chief Minister for creating a budget that includes all the people of Mizoram. I personally would like to thank our Chief Minister on behalf of Sialkal and SDIDC. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Duhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to take this opportunity to point out that the Fifteenth Finance Commission will be coming to Mizoram shortly and would like to urge our Ministry to advocate for separate allocation of funds for our Village Councils. This is our golden chance and as such I would like this ministry to make this their priority. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us invite our Chief Minister to beg the House to pass his Bill.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. We will put our best effort to materialize the suggestion made by Pu Duhoma. However, I do want to mention that the timing of their visit will clash with election and as such there will be issues on some levels.

I would also like to mention that this budget is not up to par due to time constraints and I would like to apologize in advance for any omission, mistakes and oversight on our part.

Allocation of funds for different departments will come later as we have deposited 3000 lakhs at Finance.

Lastly, I would like to request this House to pass “The Mizoram Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2019”.

SPEAKER : Those who are in agreement for the passing of “The Mizoram Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2019”, please say ‘Agree’. (*MEMBERS: Agree*). Is there anyone who does not agree? No. This House has unanimously agreed to pass “The Mizoram Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2019”.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall now invite Pu Lalchamlia, Minister to beg this House to introduce “The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2019”.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. With your permission and of this House, I would like to beg for the introduction of “The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2019”.

SPEAKER : Do we agree? Let us invite our hon. Minister to introduce the Bill.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of this House, I introduce “The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2019” before this House.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. Let us now invite our hon. Minister to move his Bill.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, first of all I would like to mention that this “Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment Bill)” will replace the current ordinance “The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment Ordinance, 2019)”.

Pu Speaker, it was decided that India should be under ‘One Nation, One Tax under One Law’ and as such “The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017” came into effect. After a year of function, it was decided by the Goods and Services Tax Council that an amendment was needed which is the reason for the submission of this amendment today.

I beg this House to accept this Bill and the amendments suggested within. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Our hon. Minister has introduced the Bill and we shall start with the discussion with a time of five minutes set aside for each member. Let us invite Pu Lalduhoma to start.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. We are now discussing the Amendment Bill for this Act and will be discussing the Second Amendment Bill for this same Act. Is it not possible to discuss and amend this Bill together? Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us invite our hon. Minister to beg this House for the passing of this Bill.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in answer to our respected member Pu Duhoma, the nature of these Bill is different which the reason why it is presented separately. Also, I would like to beg this House to pass “The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2019”. Thank you.

SPEAKER : All those who are in favor of passing this Bill, say agree. (*Members: Agree*). Are there any members who do not agree? No. This House has unanimously agreed to pass “The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2019”.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall move on to our fifth business and invite Pu Lalchamlia to ask for the introduction of “The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019”.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, “The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019” will impact two subjects. The first is the changing of designation for tax officers and the second will be the modification of Value Added Tax which is an important function. This is why I would like to beg this House to pass this important Bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed, and we shall start with our discussion for this bill with a set time of five minutes each. Pu Andrew H. Thangliana will start.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to make one suggestion regarding GST which is providing training, education and awareness for business owners so that they can benefit from it and save capital on filing for tax. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now invite our hon. Minister to beg this House to pass this Bill.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in answer to Pu Andrew, we have constructed Help Desk at several Taxation offices and have provided training for business owners. However, GST Council has made several changes and as such there is no stability at this moment. We will keep that in mind and arrange more training programmes.

Pu Speaker, I would like to beg this House to pass “The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019”. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall now take a vote, all those who are in agreement for the passing of “The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019”, say agree. (MEMBERS: Agree) Are there any members who do not agree? No. The House has unanimously agreed to pass “The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019”.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall move on to our 6th Legislative Bill and invite our hon. Minister Pu Lalruatkima to ask this House to introduce “The Indian Stamp (Mizoram Amendment) Bill, 2019”.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. As we all know, ‘Indian Stamp Act, 1899’ of the Mizoram government was under the jurisdiction of Finance Department until 2014 and was moved to the jurisdiction of Land Revenue & Settlement Department after the introduction of ‘Mizoram Allocation of Business Rules, 2014’.

Amendments for this Act have been made four times and are amended according to the demands of the government and the public. It was decided to have this amendment to have better and accurate stamp duty to benefit the public and to avoid over payment of stamp duty.

I would like this House to consider the benefit of this amendment and consider this amendment favorably. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Bill has been introduced and we will start our discussion with a time of five minutes each. Let us invite Pu Duhoma to start with the discussion.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I feel that this does not require discussion and should be passed by this House as it is.

SPEAKER : Let us then invite our hon. Minister to wind up and beg the House to pass this Bill.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to beg this House to pass “The Indian Stamp Act (Mizoram Amendment) Bill, 2019” for the benefit of the public. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will proceed with the voting. All those in favor of passing this Bill, say ‘agree’. (*Members: Agree*). Is there any member who does not agree with this Bill? No. This House has unanimously agreed to pass “The Indian Stamp Act (Mizoram Amendment) Bill, 2019”.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We will move on to our 6th Bill and invite Pu Lalruatkima, Minister to ask this House to introduce his Bill.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. With your permission and of this House, I would like to introduce “The Registration (Mizoram Amendment) Bill, 2019”.

SPEAKER : Are we in agreement? Yes. Let the copies be distributed.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, this Registration Bill was introduced in 1793 to curb malpractice and mismanagement of properties in India. Our State is currently adopting “The Registration Act, 1908” and it will be the first time that it will be amended specifically for Mizoram.

It was decided this Act requires an amendment to benefit the public and to safeguard our properties.

If this Bill is passed, it will be sent to the Governor for the acknowledgement and approval of the President as it is included in the Concurrent List. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will start with our discussion for this Bill with a set time of five minutes each. Let us now invite Pu Vanlalhlana to start the discussion.

PU VANLALHLANA: Pu Speaker, our hon. Minister was coherent in his explanation and I propose that he should ask this House to pass his Bill.

SPEAKER : Let us invite our honorable Minister to beg this House to pass his Bill.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. With your permission, I would like to ask this House to pass “The Registration (Mizoram Amendment) Bill, 2019”.

SPEAKER : All those in favor of passing “The Registration (Mizoram Amendment) Bill, 2019”, say ‘agree’. (*Members: Agree*). Is there anyone who does not agree? No. This House has unanimously agreed to pass “The Registration (Mizoram Amendment) Bill, 2019”.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : We have one more business left to discuss. We will take a short break and resume our session at 4:15 PM.

Recess (4:15 PM)

4:15 P.M.

SPEAKER : We shall move onto Legislative Business No.8 and invite Dr. K. Beichhua to ask the permission of this House to introduce “The Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition) Bill, 2019”.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission, I would like to introduce “The Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition) Bill, 2019”.

SPEAKER: Do we agree? Let us invite our hon. Minister to introduce his Bill.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I am grateful that I have the opportunity to introduce this Bill which has disrupted our society on a grand scale.

When “The Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition and Control) Bill, 2014” was first introduced, this Ministry strongly protested the passing of this Bill as we could foresee its effects on our society. As predicted, it has affected every corner of our society in terms of social security, economy, health, education and work efficiency. Due to these reasons, this Ministry has made it our top priority to prohibit the sale of liquor in Mizoram which is the reason for the creation of “The Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition) Bill, 2019”.

Pu Speaker, I would like this House to recognize the adverse effects the sale of liquor has on our society and beg this House to pass this Bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now start with our discussion with a set time of five minutes each. Let us invite Pu Biakzaua to start the discussion followed by Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am grateful that “The Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition) Bill, 2019” has been put up by our hon. Minister for Excise & Narcotics Department.

This is an important Bill which will affect every corner of Mizoram. Due to the lapse in judgement made by Congress Ministry, our society has deteriorated over the past few years and we are paying the price for this error as we speak.

Liquor has a negative impact on our society and the cons out weight the pros and gave birth to many broken families and the loss of many young lives.

Considering all its negative impact on our society, I would like to express my gratitude to our hon. Minister for putting up this Bill and would like to pledge my support for this Bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalhlana

Dr. VANLALTHLANA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Our constitution has given the power of prohibiting intoxicating drinks and drugs to the States. This means that prohibition and consumption depend on the rules laid out by the States.

Studies have shown that crime and violence have gone down in States where there is prohibition of liquor. It is also shown that it has a negative impact on the economic growth and came with immense economic cost in places where there is relaxation of sale of intoxicating drinks.

In order to have a fruitful prohibition, we need to establish an effective system and an applicable rules and regulation in place.

It is also crucial to have an education policy and awareness campaigns on the adverse effects of liquors and drugs at middle and high school levels.

I would also like to emphasize on the importance of rehabilitation and develop plans in this direction.

Lastly, I would like to pledge my support for this Bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu LalrintluangaSailo followed by Dr. Thiamsanga.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, thank you. I am grateful that we will be discussing “The Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition) Bill, 2019”. On the other hand, I regret that our opposition congress leader is not present here today to participate in the discussion of this Bill.

The MLPC Act was passed by the previous Ministry against tremendous opposition from the churches, NGO’s and much of the general public. There is no argument that our society has deteriorated tremendously after this Act was imposed.

Mizoram has suffered in terms of social, economic, health, education and work efficiency. I believe that no further discussion is required except the passing of this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Dr. Thiamsanga

Dr. ZR. THIAM SANGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to thank God and my constituency (Champhai North) for making it possible to stand before this House to discuss this important Bill.

As mentioned before, the MLPC Act was passed at this House against the wishes of this current ministry. Due to the unrestricted flow of liquor, the number of users have increased exponentially according to study group.

According to this study group, prostitution has increased, number of deaths below 40 years have also increased. Number of deaths within the army and police force has also increased.

So, Pu Speaker, liquor causes liver cancer, stomach cancer and many more including hypertension. It can also cause infertility to both genders and kills the body.

Despite having limited beds in Civil Hospital, the beds are also mostly occupied by the patients under the influence of alcohol. So, this Bill is quite important for the Mizos’ health and I truly support it. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Next is, Pu Lalsawivunga, a representative of Aizawl South-I constituency.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start by saying that I support “The Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition) Bill, 2019”. The Mizo people are Christians for more than 100 years and the church communities still stand on their concept based on the Bible teachings about liquor.

It is impressive that our Minister had clearly illustrated the liquor laws and I would like to point out chapter 4, section 25- Power of Entry, Search, and Seizure & Arrest. We know that our Excise Force and Police Force are our tools to enforce the liquor laws and it would be appreciated if they are well equipped. The Govt. also needs to take expedite measures on both quantitative and qualitative enforcements. It would also be appreciated if nepotism is not involved in the process of recruitment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pu LalrinsangaRalte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. It is impressive that this Bill is laid and I am honored to be a part of it. MLTP act was implemented since 1995 but MLPC Act was then enforced in 2014 and our state suffered a lot during that short period of time.

According to the report of a study group, 2017 on MLPC Act, 2014, 19% of deaths from 4 big hospitals in Aizawl were alcohol related and there were several casualty emergency cases every day. The study group also reported that the Govt. profited 105.20 crore but had an expenditure of 229.49 crore on alcohol. It is clear that alcohol abuse has the potential to destroy families and destroys our state. So, it is impressive that this Bill is laid so as to save us from this horror. On the other hand, we also need to recruit more Excise Force.

I truly support this bill to be passed. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon. Minister, Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Liquors were sold for the past 4 years and I believe there would be a lot of profit even from spurious liquors. We are well aware of the many lives that alcohol had taken and that is why our Chief Minister had also taken extreme measures and even established a Rehabilitation Board type as well.

It is impressive to have a Chief Minister with excellent principle. It has only been 3 months and 5 days since forming a ministry and measures are taken on blood processing fees, school timings and reviving dead corporations. Assam Rifles will also soon relocate and new districts will be given. Life time vehicle tax was also passed day before yesterday.

So, we should stand firmly on our principle and move forward wisely. I would also like to request the House to unanimously pass this Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Dr. F. Lalnunmawia.

Dr. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. It is impressive that this Bill has been presented and I also feel that the people, especially the church communities and NGOs will also appreciate it.

MLPC Act was passed despite vehement opposition from the church communities which causes many lives. So, it is appreciating that the Govt. prepared this Bill so as to lift the burdens of the people and the state. Youths are also learning to enjoy festivals and Christmases without alcohol and a proposal is also made to help out the alcoholics by working alongside NGOs and church communities.

As mentioned by the members, it is necessary to recruit more police forces and well-equipped. So, I request the House Members to support this Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

Dr. VANLALTANPUIA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. We are well aware of the impacts according to the research findings and our profit was 105 crore while our expenditure was 299 crore. Our research findings also prove that there are more negative impacts when liquors are sold. We also need to be more serious on our natural settings and people orientation. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker, and I support this Bill to be passed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Thank you Pu Dy. Speaker. I was absent from this House for 15 years and I support this Resolution. In 1997, the Congress Govt. implemented total prohibition and during those 17 years of total prohibition, many lives were lost due to consumption of spurious liquors and many died from drug overdose. So, the Congress Govt. was quite anxious and then decided to legalize liquor by controlling it and issuing permit in order to save the lives of those who consumed spurious liquors. During the total prohibition years, youths often got into fights, got stabbed and had accidents. However, after issuing the permit, such incidents hardly occur.

Anyway, if the people are against it, we support the total prohibition. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pu H. Lalzirliana.

Er. H. LALZIRLIANA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. First of all, why is the word 'total' missing from "The Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition) Bill, 2019"?

According to the Financial Memorandum, the revenue will be affected by 70 crore and most of us might have concerns. However, we passed excellent Bills today like Registration Bill, Stamp Revenue etc. which are made quite useful as revenue source by several states. So, the revenue we are about to lose from alcohol could be covered by the 3 Bills that we had passed today.

We send our deepest condolences to the bereaved families and those victims who are suffering due to the influence of alcohol. The Govt. has organized programme under SEDP and Youth Development on how to generate income so that the youths could engage their time without alcohol.

Therefore, this Bill is important and I support it. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pu Ramthanmawia.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. The Bible warns us against the dangers of alcohol consumption and there are countless of problems and sufferings caused by alcohol. So, I believe the people, the Churches and the NGOs are content and appreciate this Bill.

Lastly, election is coming and I was wondering if we will have dispute between alcohol supporters and those against it. The people are against liquor sale and I believe they will vote for MNF which oppose alcohol. Thank you and I support this Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pu C. Lalmuanpuia.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. It is appreciating that 'The Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition) Bill, 2019' is introduced. God, Churches and the NGOs disapprove consumption of liquor and I believe we take a step forward to save Christian religion. Mizoram is a Christian state and our Bible condemns alcohol consumption. Many lives were lost and I send my deepest condolence to them.

Our economy status may increase after selling liquor but it is pointless if our society is not peaceful. Thank you and I support this Bill to be passed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pu Lalrindika

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. The Bills we have discussed today are quite important. Mizos are a very young tribe and it would also be very difficult for our leaders to govern the state. However, we all want what is best for us and our leaders have prepared an excellent Bill today.

On the other hand, we do not have to feel bitter against the previous Ministry. Anyway, I support this Bill and I hope it is also supported by the Mizo people. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon. Minister, Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker and I hope you could provide me more time. On 5th Oct, 1995, former MLA Pu Lalrinchhana introduced a private Bill 'The Mizoram Total Prohibition Bill, 1995' which was not passed; and, later on 24th Dec, 1995, former Excise Minister Pu Hrangthanga Colney introduced 'The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition Bill, 1995' which was passed by the House. So, the MLTP Act was implemented on 20th Feb., 1997.

However, on 10th July, 2014, 'The Mizoram Liquor Prohibition and Control Bill, 2014' was passed which led to many widows and orphans. We all know the effects of alcohol in our society and how many lives were lost.

Therefore, extreme measures are taken under the leadership of our Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga and great achievements are seen day by day. However, in order to accomplish the desired result, a powerful Govt. is not enough and the Communities, NGOs and the people also need to work in unity. Thank you and I support this Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon. Minister Pu Robert RomawiaRoyte.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER: Pu Dy. Speaker, firstly, the report of 'KTP RorelInkhawmVawi 8-na, Presbyterian Church of India' held from 1st - 3rd March, 2019 is quite respectful and this report shows how much liquor had destroyed the lives of many men. With your permission, Pu Dy. Speaker, 409 male members and 42 female members of KTP died in the year 2018 and this may have related to alcohol while there can also be other causes as well. I could not understand why men are becoming unhealthier and women are becoming healthier.

There has been a saying that we will be losing 70 crore but the people's expenditure is far more serious with lives being lost and problems faced by many families.

Our society is becoming peaceful due to the measures taken by our Excise Minister and NGOs. The Excise Outpost at Rangvamual that was established a few months ago is also becoming quite useful. So, I would like to congratulate our Excise Minister. The environment of ChapcharKut during the Congress Ministry and MNF Ministry is also quite different.

However, all the members could not attend today and it is unfortunate that only 2 members from the Congress Party are present while we have a discussion on alcohol prohibition. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pu K. Pachhunga.

Dr. K. PACHHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Many people who drinks and sell alcohol have comprised an excuse list of scriptures saying Jesus produced wine for the wedding. However, wine and alcohol is different. Wine is a fermented beverage produced from fruits and there are some wines that also has alcohol content and some alcohol free. Alcohol is the best dehydrating agent and when it is consumed the organs in our body become dry and create organ failures.

So, I support this Bill and I would like to request the NGOs, the people and church communities to support us in passing the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pu Andrew H. Thangliana.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: I support this Bill and I also believe that some members of our family are among the victims to suffer the most. During the previous MLTP Act, many youths died from different drugs and this is a big problem. The main reason that we consume alcohol is for fun and a person can still be fit and healthy till his 70s and 80s if he follows safe drinking. So, it depends on the person but overall our society cannot handle drinking.

The reality and facts we need to know is that the youths are vibrant and need to occupy their time. If not, they will get engaged with drugs to relieve their boredom and that is why the Govt. needs to take measures on entertainments, parks or safe enjoyments. Regular drinkers will soon meet problems and we need to take measures on rehabilitation as well. I believe that the Govt. has prepared programmes to tackle this problem and I fully support this Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I request our Hon. Group Leader, PuLalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, it is appreciating that the Govt. is concern about alcohol consumption and our party supports this present Ministry on alcohol prohibition. However, we support the Congress party on CAB issue.

We received tax of 50 crore in a year from selling liquor but our expenditure was more and our money flowed into the hands of other states. Not only does alcohol destroys our economy, it extremely destroys our body and soul that no amount of money can buy.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I truly support Clause 2, 5 and 6 of our Bill and I am a person who cannot stand drunkards. (Speaker at the Chair) Liquor seriously destroys our society and I support the community service as a punishment.

Clause 29 orders Village Council, NGOs, VDP etc. to give immediate information of any offence but we usually take this as defaming one another and we need to put more thought into this.

According to Section 30, NGOs have the power to arrest any person who offence the rule. Since they are not given power of search warrant to enter any house, they are often charged with house trespassing. So, it cannot be effective unless they are given warrants. We should also equip VDP with power besides our Excise Force. Thank you, Pu Speaker, and I support this Bill.

SPEAKER : I request our Hon. House Leader.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Our reason for excluding the word ‘total’ in ‘The Mizoram Liquor Prohibition Bill, 2019’ as there are some inconveniences to include the army. We will have prohibition if we implement Prohibition Act and ‘total’ is not necessary if we prohibited.

After forming the Govt. we took an oath on Saturday, called a cabinet meeting on Monday and then prohibit alcohol the next day. The vendors are still selling and some of us are prohibiting. We could not just prohibit the available liquors because they have permits till the end of March and there is a stock worth crores at Rangvamaul. So, we have no choice but to impose Dry Day as long as we could. However, the Court has allowed liquor vendors to open their shops till 31st March.

No one supports selling of liquor as we are among its victims and the number of deaths while selling liquor is between 5000-7000. So, we extremely oppose liquor sale. Our revenue from liquor may be 50-70 crore but our expenditure is more extreme and our money flows in the hands of other states.

We are planning to take extreme measures to rehabilitate drug addicts and alcoholics and we need the support of our Govt., the people, NGOs and Church Communities. To those who claimed drug abuse as rising, it should be noted that it increases when liquors are sold.

Our Ministry believes that this Bill will become more and more effective and that is why I support it to be passed. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : I request Hon. Minister, Dr. K. Beichhua to make clarification if he has any and then beg the House to pass his Bill.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. 20 members participated on the discussion and none approves liquor. We had mentioned the ill-effects of alcohol and we will take extreme measures.

It has only been 3 months since forming the Govt. and we will make sure to well-equip our Forces. The Excise Department alone cannot fulfill all the tasks that lay ahead and we need more prayers from the Church Communities and support from the NGOs.

All the Members support this Bill and I move it to be passed unanimously. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : All the members in favor to pass ‘The Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition) Bill, 2019’ may say, ‘Yes’ (*Members: Yes*); those not in favor may say, ‘No’. The House has unanimously passed ‘The Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition) Bill, 2019’ (**DR. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker)

Our current session is the 2nd Session of the 8th Legislative Assembly and it is impressive that we could end our seven days Budget Session of 2019-2020 without any difficulties.

The Governor addressed a Speech on 12/03/19 and ‘Motion of Thanks’ was moved by Pu F. Lalnunmawia which was seconded by Pu H. Lalzirliana. A discussion was held on 13.3.2019 and it was unanimously accepted. There is 1 report during this session and the Business Advisory Committee Report was presented.

Pu Ngunlianchunga, Pu Ramthanmawia, Pu V.L. Zaithanzama and Pu H. Lalzirliana are appointed as Panel of Chairman. An obituary was held in respect of the former member Pu F. Manghnuna and the House Leader Pu Zoramthanga shared a brief eulogy followed by Pu H. Biakzaua, Pu K.T. Rokhaw and Pu Lalduhoma followed by 1 minute of silence.

139 Starred Questions were submitted out of which 135 were admitted and 4 were rejected; 77 were kept in List of Business, 33 were answered and 42 were out of time. The owner of Starred Question No. 6 and 62 was sick and so were skipped. 14 papers were laid and 15 Govt. Bills were presented out of which 14 are passed while ‘The Mizoram Repeal of Enactment Bill, 2019’ is on pending since it needs to be amended. All the 44 Private Member Resolutions were admitted and 2 resolutions are adopted.

1 official Resolution by the hon. Minister Pu Lalchamlia, “that this House resolves to impress upon the Govt. of India its unequivocal opposition the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2019 already passed by the Lok Sabha that seeks to amend the

Citizenship Act, 1955 to make illegal migrants eligible to be given India Citizenship on the basis of religion and that this House urge upon the Govt. of India not to reintroduce the Bill in any form in the future” was added and adopted.

The hon. Chief Minister and Finance Minister, Pu Zoramthanga also presented the following-

- i) Supplementary Demand for grants for the year 2018-2019,
- ii) Supplementary Demand for grants for the year 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and Regulation of Excess Expenditure,
- iii) Demand for Grants for Vote on Account, 2019-2020 with allied papers,
- iv) Vote on Account for Expenditure of the Govt. of Mizoram, 2019-2020, April-July, 2019 and they were passed.

It is impressive that we reached our last session without any problem and I would like to thank the members for participating and maintaining peaceful sessions. I would also like to thank all the department officials for their hard work and contributions. Our session is now over and the House is adjourned Sine Dine.

The House is adjourned Sine Dine (6.58 PM)