

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR THIRD SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023  
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

**QUESTIONS**

1. **Questions** entered in separate list to be asked and oral answers given.

**LAYING OF PAPERS**

2. **PU TAWNLUIA**, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of each of the following :
  - i) The Aizawl Municipal Council Building (Amendment) Regulations, 2019.
  - ii) The Aizawl Municipal Corporation (Control of Parking and Collection of Parking Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020.
  - iii) The Mizoram Municipalities (Ward Committee and Local Council) (Amendment) Rules, 2022.
  - iv) The Mizoram Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) (Amendment) Rules, 2021.
  - v) The Mizoram Municipalities (Facilities to Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councillors) (Amendment) Rules, 2021.
3. **DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA**, to lay on the Table of the House a copy of Statement on Action Taken by the Government on the Further Recommendations contained in the 2nd Action Taken Report of Subject Committee-V relating to Mizoram Engineering College under Rashtriya Uchchater Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) under Higher & Technical Education Department.

**PRESENTATION OF REPORT**

4. **ER. H. LALZIRLIANA**, to present to the House Eighth Report Relating to Government Assurances given by Ministers in the Fifth & Sixth Session of the Eighth Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

*Bill for introduction, consideration and passing*

5. **PU LALRUATKIMA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to Introduce “The Mizoram (Restriction on use of Transferred Lands) (Amendment) Bill, 2023.”

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

LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE  
Commissioner & Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : “To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his”.

*Job 12:13*

### **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

We will start with the question hour. Hon. member Pu Lalduhoma.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, will the concern Minister of Higher & Technical Education Minister be please to state –

- a) The status of the amount of ₹1000 lakhs promised by the hon’ble Chief Minister for the construction of administrative building before Serchhip bye – election in the month of April 2021 where the concept note was submitted to NEC?
- b) The present status of ₹650 lakhs promised by the hon’ble Chief Minister on Dt.14.4.2022 at Govt. Serchhip College Grade -A status celebration.

**SPEAKER** : The concern Minister may answer the questions.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon. member questions are –

- a) NEC does not give approval to the concept note submitted regarding the ₹1000 lakhs for the construction of administrative building at Serchhip before the bye-election.
- b) The Govt. of India had approved the amount of ₹650 lakhs and at present it is under the State Government for administrative approval and the funds is under PWD and we hope tender will soon be floated for this purpose.

**SPEAKER** : Hon. member Pu Lalchhuanthanga to ask *Supplementary questions.*

**PU LALCHHUANTHANGA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Is there a possibility to provide college bus for Govt. Aizawl College since they have only one bus at the moment? Is there a possibility to extend Boys and Girls hostel and also to furnish their buildings?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, Serchhip Govt. College Administrative Building needs renovation and the post of science lecturer is vacant and can the hon’ble Minister please take note on at least our minimum requirements for us? When will the construction work of Govt. Serchhip College start and can work be done by floating a tender for this purpose?

**SPEAKER** : Hon. member Pu B.D.Chakma.

**PU B.D. CHAKMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Have Govt. Kamalanagar College acquire NAAC Accreditation?

**SPEAKER** : The concern Minister may answer the questions.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, on the questions raised by Pu B.D Chakma, we are trying our best for Govt. Kamalanagar College to acquire NAAC Accreditation. On the matter of bus service at Aizawl College, we will try to make arrangements by hiring busses and as for the extension of the hostel, I believe projects will need to be drafted for the purpose.

As for the questions raised by Pu Lalduhoma, as mentioned earlier, funds for reconstruction are transferred to PWD, so, I am unable to state the timing of when or where work will be started, but we will try to look into the dripping part of the building as soon as possible.

Regarding the requirement of lecturers, college data had been collected and as advised by the hon'ble Chief Minister, many vacant posts will be filled up. So, we will take note on the requirement of Serchhip Govt. College. Thank you.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, regarding Serchhip College, as mentioned earlier, an amount of ₹650 lakhs had been allocated under SASCI which is now in PWD. Plans had already been made for the laying of foundation next Saturday.

**SPEAKER** : Pu C. Lalsawivunga to ask *Starred question* No.22

**PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA :** Thank you Pu Speaker. Will the concern minister of Planning, Programme & Implementation Department be please to state –

- a) The number of beneficiaries for SEDP?
- b) The amount received per family under SEDP?
- c) The rules under which SEDP funds are distributed?
- d) If trainings are conducted for the purpose?

**SPEAKER** : The concern minister may answer the questions.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member questions are –

- a) At the moment there are 59,996 nos. of beneficiaries and these are family oriented SEDP Phase – I. 4 nos. of family selected under Tourism Department had not been given since they did not attend the Tourist Guide training, and we hope it will be conducted again very soon.

- b) As per the Notification NO. A.45011/2022-SEDP Dt 30.8.2022, Para-V, Section 2, Part-B, each family is allotted ₹50000/- which should be distributed in two installments. The 1<sup>st</sup> installments had already been distributed.
- c) As per the Notification No.A.45011/1/2022- SEDP Dt 30.8.2022 family oriented SEDP (Phase – I) Para- V, Section – 2, Part – A, from the family oriented SEDP Budgetary Allocation under Planning & Programme Implementation Department, expenditure sanction will be submitted to Finance Department and from the expenditure sanction, the implementing department will then transfer it to the beneficiary.
- d) There are 9 implementing department for Family Oriented SEDP and they are –
- 1) Agriculture Department
  - 2) Horticulture Department
  - 3) AH & Veterinary Department
  - 4) Fisheries Department
  - 5) Sericulture Department
  - 6) Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department
  - 7) Commerce & Industries Department
  - 8) UD & PA Department and
  - 9) Tourism Department.

**SPEKAER** : Hon. member Pu C. Lalsawivunga to ask *Supplementary questions.*

**PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. The rules of SEDP states that the amount allotted should be enough to generate a resourceful income for the beneficiaries, so, is the amount of ₹25000/- or ₹50000/- sufficient to establish a resourceful income for them? Who will be the beneficiaries of Phase – II? How will social audit be conducted? How many families are selected for the pilot project and how much is given to them?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Zothantluanga to ask *Supplementary questions.*

**PU ZOTHANTLUANGA :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Is there a possibility to select more beneficiaries for the next phase?

**SPEAKER** : Hon. member Pu Vanlalhlana.

**PU VANLALHLANA** : Pu Speaker, the training was conducted by the MNF Party and not the SEDP Implementing Agency, it is clearly shown in the certificate provided.

**SPEAKER** : The concern minister may answer the question.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, on the questions raised by Pu C. Lalsawivunga, the amount released in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> installment will not enough be to generate a resourceful income for the beneficiaries, but we will continue to provide more installments in the future. Regarding selection of new beneficiaries, yes, we will select more beneficiaries in the coming financial year.

Training will also be given as and when needed.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon... (*interruption*)

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I haven't finished yet. As for the number of families selected for the pilot project, I will provide the information after collecting more data.

**ER. H. LALZIRLIANA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Higher & Technical Education Department be pleased to state-

- a) Which government college in Mizoram have science degree stream?
- b) Any plan to establish one in Mamit District?
- c) If so, when will this be?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Dr. Lalthangliana to answer.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

- a) Champhai College, Govt. Kolasib College, Lunglei Govt. College, Govt. Serchhip College and Zirtiri Residential Science College are the colleges with science degree stream.
- b) Currently, there is no plan to establish science degree college at Mamit District.
- c) Our fiscal situation will be taken into consideration first.

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question-* Er. H. Lalzirliana.

**ER. H. LALZIRLIANA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Firstly, we only have one art degree college at Zawlnuam and Mamit with limited subjects. We have been employing geography teacher for three years using MLA fund. When will this post be regularized?

Secondly, will it be possible to establish at least commerce subject at these colleges?

Thirdly, transfer order was given our political science lecturer, can this order be reversed?

Xavier College was established at Lengpui by Roman Catholic Church. Due to the pandemic and other issues, they were unable to sustain themselves. However, there are several students who are still studying at the college. Will the government be able to revive this college?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* – Dr. L. Thangmawia.

**PU L. THANGMAWIA :** Pu Speaker, thank you. Theology students have not been unable to receive scholarship. Will it be possible to make some provision for them to receive scholarship?

**SPEAKER :** *Supplementary question* – Dr. K. Pachhunga.

**DR. K. PACHHUNGA :** Pu Speaker, thank you. We have shortage of lab technician at Lunglei Govt. College, can we recruit more staff? Also, when will establishment of Thenzawl College be realized?

**SPEAKER :** Let us call upon Dr. Lalthangliana to answer the questions.

**DR.R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, in answer to Dr. K. Pachhunga, we do plan to address this issue during the next financial year.

In answer to Pu Thangmawia, it is true that there is no provision for scholarship for theology students. We are currently thinking of ways for them to enjoy provision for scholarship.

In answer to Er. Lalzirliana, St. Xavier College did send a letter to the government and request a takeover of the college, However, this is not possible at the moment. In regards to posting of lecturers, the government still stand by its decision. However, we will resolve any issues that may arise due to this. Also, in order to establish science degree college at Mamit District, at least 88 lakhs will be required annually which is unattainable at the moment.

**SPEAKER :** Let us call upon Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo to ask *starred question* no. 24.

**PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO:** Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister for Public Health Engineering be pleased to state-

- a) When will water connection be completed for Reiek village?
- b) When can Ailawng have water connection?
- c) If they can, where will the water be sourced from?

**SPEAKER :** Let us call upon the hon. Dy. Chief Minister Pu Tawnluia to answer the question.

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

- a) Water connection has been completed for Reiek with the people having received water already.
- b) Pipe fittings for water connection is ongoing for Ailawng.
- c) Water will be sourced from Reiek.

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question – Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.*

**PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO:** Pu Speaker, thank you. The pump machine for Reiek is not satisfactory and have not been able to pump as much water as expected. Can this be investigated?

The department were unable to provide an attendant for Tuahzawl water pump. I have been employing an attending using my private funds for many years now, can the department take over the employment of the attendant? Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question – Pu K.T. Rokhaw.*

**PU K.T. ROKHAW** : Pu Speaker, will it be possible to install solar water pump at Serkawr? Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question – Pu B.D. Chakma.*

**PU B.D. CHAKMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. The hon. Minister has mentioned that using PVC pipe for distributor line was allowed by central government. Is there an approval letter for this?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon the hon. Dy. Chief Minister Pu Tawnluia to answer the question.

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we will look into Tuahzawl solar water pump. Every village have Water Committee to look after water connection and other issues. We do encounter maintenance issues at every village. We will look into this issue as a department.

As for the question posed by Pu K.T. Rokhaw, we will pursue this matter as soon as possible.

As for the use of PVC pipe for distributor line, this was agreed by the central government.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu Vanlalhlana to ask *starred question no. 25.*

**PU VANLALHLANA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister for Transport Department be pleased to answer *starred question no.25.*

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon the hon. Minister to answer.

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



- a) 11,313 traffic rule breakers were arrested by Transport Department in 2022
- b) Section 158 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 includes-
- c) Certificate of Insurance
- d) Certification of Registration
- e) PUCC
- f) Driving License
- g) The following are also included under Transport Vehicle-
- h) Fitness Certificate
- i) Plying Permit

### **LAYING OF PAPERS**

**SPEAKER** : Question and answer hour has ended. We will move on to laying of papers. Let us call upon the hon. Dy. Chief Minister to lay his papers.

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission and the permission of the House, I lay the following papers-

- i) The Aizawl Municipal Council Building (Amendment) Regulations, 2019
- ii) The Aizawl Municipal Corporation Control of parking and collection of Parking Fees (Amendment) Regulations, 2020
- iii) The Mizoram Municipalities (Ward Committee and Local Council) (Amendment) Rules, 2022
- iv) The Mizoram Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulations of Street Vending) (Amendment) Rules, 2021
- v) The Mizoram Municipalities (Facilities to Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman, Vice- Chairman and Counsellors) (Amendment) Rules, 2021

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Dr. Z.R. Thiamsanga, Chairman, Subject Committee-V to lay his paper.

**DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA :** Pu Speaker, with your permission and the permission of the House, I lay –

“Statement on Action taken by the government on the further recommendations containing the Second Action taken Report on Subject Committee-V relating to Mizoram Engineering College under Rashtriya Uchchater Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) under Higher & Technical Education Department”.

### **PRESENTATION OF REPORT**

**SPEAKER** : We will move on to presentation of reports. Let us call upon Er. H. Lalzirliana, Chairman, *Govt. Assurances Committee* to present House “*Eighth Report of Committee on Govt. Assurances relating to Govt. Assurances given by Ministers in the Fifth & Sixth Session of the Eighth Mizoram Legislative Assembly*”.

**ER. H. LALZIRLIANA** : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the permission of the House, I present before the House

*“Eighth Report of Committee on Govt. Assurances relating to Govt. Assurances given by Ministers in the Fifth & Sixth Session of the Eighth Mizoram Legislative Assembly”.*

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**SPEAKER** : We will move on to *legislative business*. Let us call upon the hon. Minister Pu Lalruatkima to ask the permission of the House to introduce his bill *“The Mizoram (Restriction on use of Transferred Lands) (Amendment) Bill, 2023”*.

**PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I ask the permission of the House to introduce my Bill, *“The Mizoram (Restriction on use of Transferred Lands) (Amendment) Bill, 2023”*.

**SPEAKER** : Does the House agree? (*House agrees*). Let us call upon the hon. Minister to introduce his Bill.

**PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER:** This amendment bill is made due to the vision of the government. It includes the utilization of the area after Assam Rifles evacuate their base.

Section-4 include the provision that private owners of land is not allowed and is punishable by law.

Section-5 states that the area will solely be used for public purpose by the government. Section-7 states that those who disregard the law stated in Section 4&5 will be punishable with a fine of ₹5000 instead of ₹2000 and ₹5000 daily thereafter.

**SPEAKER** : We will now start discussion for the bill with 5 minutes allotted to each member. Dr. Vanlalthlana to start the discussion.

**DR. VANLALTHLANA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Hopefully, paying a fine of ₹5000 plus ₹500 daily until LSC is surrendered will prove beneficial. This is because there are several people who have not surrendered their lands.

I wholeheartedly am in favor of this Bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. B.D. Chakma.

**PU B.D. CHAKMA** : Pu Speaker, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Acts & Commencement states that ‘it extends to the whole of Mizoram’. I suggest changing to ‘it extends to the whole

of Mizoram (except Autonomous District Councils) as we have our own land rights. It could contradict with State Revenue Department. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, an agreement for relocation of Assam Rifles outside Aizawl was signed in 1998, yet they still remain in the same place as before.

Bill for the proposed amendment was submitted in 2002 by Pu Lalrinchhana. Land owners within the Assam Rifles area were required to submit their land pass to the collectors, failing to do so will result in cancellation of the pass. Does this mean they are to surrender their land pass? Can the hon. Minister give clarification on this?

Section-5 of the amendment provides strict penalty for defaulters but does not specifically mention about cancellation of pass. What we want the most and the most important is cancellation of LSC allotted within this area. Does the government not able to do this? Will taking it to court prove more fruitful?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, I support the amendment but have one point I would like to mention. Instead of carrying a fine of ₹500 daily, ₹1000 daily might prove to be more advantageous.

**SPEAKER** : Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

**PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA:** Pu Speaker, the Parent Act which includes 'punishable by confinement' was not included in the amendment. I believe including the original clause will prove to be more beneficial.

Also, how many LSC holders issued by Revenue Department are there?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Vanlalhlana.

**PU VANLALHLANA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I was a member at this House when the Bill was passed in 2002. I have no complaints regarding this Bill and I pledge my support to this Bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. K. Pachhunga.

**DR. K. PACHHUNGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I believe we all are at the same page in wanting the Assam Rifles to move out of Aizawl. On that note, I would like to voice my support to this Bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Chief Minister and House Leader, Pu Zoramthanga.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Many areas previously occupied by Assam Rifles are now in the hands of the government of Mizoram. There are some who have yet to move and we are hopeful that it will be sooner rather than later.

It would be problematic if all those government institutes from the Secretariat shifted to Treasury Square. It is a great relief that the Assam Rifles left that place and vacant space for us to establish the New Capital Complex there.

An agreement was also made for shifting the Assam Rifles; the Home Ministry had also issued an order. However, COVID-19 coupled with various other reasons makes the process slow and they cannot leave immediately.

We even requested that the Union Home Minister, Pu Amit Shah, visit and inaugurate the new Assam Rifles headquarters. We assured each other that he would come and visit us in November. But Gujarat was busy with its elections by that time and he was unable to visit.

We proposed Laldenga Cultural Centre in which around ₹100 crores were allotted from the Smart City project. We spoke twice with their Brigadier reminding them to keep leaving as we wanted to start some projects in the vacant space. He then told us that he would tell the matter to the Director General and so he did. We also tried our best in Delhi to push this side.

Just as our old CM, Pu Denga used to say, “It is important to exercise caution when restating the Central's remarks to prevent giving them any unnecessary weight”. Whoever comes as the government, when Delhi says anything, we must distinguish what and what not to say to prevent unreliability. Since we cannot simply blame each other as we could lose trust, the Mizoram government also tries its best.

The Central said that regarding the Act, it must be less stringent since we are celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> independence. If fines were imposed, it must be ₹5,000/-, in addition, ₹ 500 may be fined daily for continuous ignorance of the law. Hon. member Pu Zodintluanga suggests increasing the number of fines. As good as it sounds, ₹500 daily would also be a lot at the end of the day for the one found to be guilty.

Pu Speaker, we all agree regarding the shifting of the Assam Rifles. I recommend that we all pass it today, and if any amendment is needed, I hope we can agree on it quickly. Therefore, I am in favour of passing this.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call the Minister now. I call upon the hon. Minister, Pu Lalruatkima to wind up and add some points if needed.

**PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. I am happy to see those 8 members including our House Leader, stood up in support of the Bill.

As we know, the Mizo people eagerly await the Assam Rifles to relocate. We are slowly seeing the results of the actions taken by our senior leaders, but we need proper regulations for this. As India sees developments in its 75<sup>th</sup> year, cases that do not qualify for imprisonment are given relaxation. Various departments might have their own set of rules and regulations. All these are amended with the help of the Law Department.

The meeting of the Lushai Hills District Advisory Council on 29.6.1951, under the chairmanship of the Aizawl Governor stated, “The Assam Rifles cantonment which is located in the heart of Aizawl City must be relocated”. They decided that the cantonment must be shifted to either Zemabawk or Maubawk or the outskirts of the city having desirable space to settle. Before that, on 18.01.1948, when the first Assam Governor, Sir Akbar Hyderi visited Aizawl, the different party leaders submitted a letter stating the need to relocate the Assam Rifles.

As mentioned in the Act, the 1<sup>st</sup> Assam Rifles Bn. The Headquarters office & Main Barrack are 16 hectares wide, merit line and kacha line area at Khatla are 81.8 hectares wide. The DIG, AP & Commandant Complex is 1.2 hectares wide, and the Nursing Staff Quarter at Mc Donald Hill is 0.20 hectares wide. The firing range at Chite River is 25.08 hectares wide, and in total, 124.28 hectares are reserved by the Act. Even if they relocate to a new place, the Act states that these empty areas shall be protected and make the best use of it.

Pu Speaker, one fascinating development that the Mizo people have been keeping an eye out for is the relocation of Assam rifles to Zokhawsang. In 1987, the then Chief Minister at that time, Pu Laldenga gave his priority for the same. On 14.07.1987, an order was issued to relocate the Assam Rifles to Zokhawsang. Since, the then Chief Minister, Pu Denga was in a rush, he continued pushing the Assam Rifles. Then, on 11.09.1987, the then Mizoram Chief Secretary and Brig. S.C. Goswami and the DIG Range Assam Rifles met and discussed measuring the Zokhawsang land properly. After thorough surveys, ₹92,59,156 of compensation was given. Then, the process kept going. On 31.05. 1988, the Order that included the handing out of Zokhawsang to the Assam Rifles was given. The then Aizawl DC, Pu Dengchhuana and Col. Gul Saran Singh from the Assam Rifles handed over the certificate followed by a land lease agreement. The Assam Rifles were also keen on revamping the Zokhawsang lands. Unfortunately, Pu Laldenga’s government was suspended due to the imposition of the President’s Rule and everything was at a halt.

Around that time, the government's notification on 28.05.1992 recommended the relocation of the Assam Rifles from Lammual to Khatla Range Hqrs and not Zokhawsang. Later, the Cabinet meeting announced that it would be shifted to Khatla, which shocked the people.

Nevertheless, the Assam Rifles DIG Range had a great Secretariat in place. When the MNF government came to power in 1998, with the government's initiative, the Civil Secretariat was shifted from Treasury to Khatla. The government then did all the necessary legal work and so did the Assam Rifles. The Revenue Department then sent a letter of acceptance to the Assam Rifles, but till today, it has not been signed. This Bill came to existence in 2002. The main motive was that if not for this Act, we would not have realised the importance for the government as well as the general public. People's selfish desires must have gotten involved and this is why this act proves useful. Hon. Member, Dr. Vanlalhlana said Rajiv Gandhi came to Aizawl in 1998, he must have meant to say 1988 because Pu Rajiv Gandhi died on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1991 at Sriperumbudur. I think he made a mistake.

Then, the new government under the leadership of Pu Zoramthanga tried their best to push out the Assam Rifles from Aizawl. The sitting of the Council of Ministers on 08.03.2019 decided to take action to cancel the lands occupied by the Assam Rifles. While that was processed, there arose a court case. The Central YMA submitted a writ petition case PIL No.31/2020 and some individuals filed a case as well. Since it was a main 'sub judice', the department could not cancel it straight away. It was decided that the 52 lands be cancelled and the Central YMA also requested the pass owners to surrender their passes for the benefit of everyone. Till today, 8 people have surrendered their land passes.

This Act comes with many other things. As per the office memorandum, dated 19th February 2019, by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Police 2nd Division, the Under Secretary handed over a letter titled, "Shifting of Assam Rifles Unit from Aizawl to Zokhawsang". There it mentions, "...Assam Rifles is directed to shift the battalion headquarter from Aizawl to Zokhawsang by 31st May, 2019 and submit action taken and report to this Ministry". Later on the 11th March 2020, Sudesh K. Sahi, Jt. Secretary, 2nd Police Ministry of Home Affairs, Delhi again stated, "Given the above confirmation by the State Government shifting of Assam Rifles Unit Sector Headquarter, Battalion headquarter from Aizawl city to a new location, Zokhawsang, Mizoram may be intimated by 31st March 2020 and completed before the onset of monsoon in May 2020". Meanwhile, with all the efforts taken by our Chief Ministers and the important letters received from the Centre, the Assam Rifles remaining in the same place portrays their level of stubbornness. For all these reasons, people are waiting for them to relocate to a new place and it also brings a sense of fear regarding the land.

That is why "*The Mizoram (Restriction on use of Transferred Lands) (Amendment) Bill*" turned into an Act and it needs amendment. I have archived The

Zozam Times issued on 1st December 2005 which mentioned that one party passed a resolution not to hand over the land passes to individuals. What is the need of the hour is that we all must support the government in its initiatives to let the Assam Rifles relocate to a new place and if there is anyone with a house pass and LSC, I request them all through the House to surrender their possessions.

On the other hand, the Assam Rifles are also taking advantage of this. In relation, hon. member Pu C. Lalsawivunga also mentioned the penalties as mentioned by the Act and how the '75th year' has made relaxations for offences. In any case, it is a relief for the Mizo people. As the government already took a big plot of land at the New CAPITAL Complex, MINECO, they will keep going.

I request the House to pass "The Mizoram (Restriction on use of Transferred Lands) (Amendment) Bill, 2023". (**Speaker:** Please hold on. While you are standing, there is one question. Is it better for LSC holders not to receive tax? Is there any way to automatically cancel by them?)

There is a provision for them to cancel. However, as mentioned before, there are some who possess permanent land settlement pass. Since they possess these passes rightfully, it is difficult to cancel their passes. (**Pu Lalduhoma:** If anyone possess LSC or land lease, does the government have the authority to cancel their LSC or land lease?)

Pu Speaker, lease and temporary pass have a limited time period, if there are not utilized properly, they can be cancelled. However, LSC is a permanent pass. If they are to be cancelled, it has to be done using Land Acquisition Act. (**Pu Vanlalhlana:** How long is the validity period of land lease?)

The validity period is 99 years according to 'Assam Gazette, 1952'. The validity period has not yet ended.

Pu Speaker, I ask the permission of the House to pass my Bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister has asked the permission of the House to pass "*The Mizoram (Restriction on use of Transferred Lands) (Amendment) Bill, 2023*". All those in favor say 'agree'. (**Members:** 'Agree').

The House has unanimously passed "*The Mizoram (Restriction on use of Transferred Lands) (Amendment) Bill, 2023*". (**Pu Lalruatkima, Minister:** Pu Speaker, thank you.)

We have concluded our business for today. Session will resume tomorrow 10.2.2023 at 10:30 AM.

*Sitting is adjourned. (12:34 PM)*