

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR SEVENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023  
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

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Commissioner & Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : *For by wise counsel, thou shalt make thy war; and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.*

*Proverbs 24:6*

### **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

We will start with question and answer. Let us call upon Pu Lalchhuanthanga to ask *starred question* no. 81.

**PU LALCHHUANTHANGA:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

Is there any plan to accelerate the construction of Bazar New Market?

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

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, currently, there are two buildings constructed under new market Aizawl. ACC Annexe Building is constructed by Commerce & Industries Department and is 50% completed. ACC New Market Main Building is constructed by Smart City Project Ltd and construction for this building has just been started.

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

**PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO:** Pu Speaker, thank you. A project is planned under NEC at a cost of 300 crores for West Phaileng Market, when will this project be started?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Dr. Vanlalhlana.

**DR. VANLALTHLANA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. My *Supplementary questions* are-

Venus Bamboo Product Limited is owned by the government. It is established by paid-up capital and as such the government of Mizoram is a majority shareholders and thus the owner of the company. What is the opinion of the government regarding this?

DIC Aizawl Office at Ramhlun Venglai is planned to include market and hall. This was mentioned to me by the hon. Chief Minister. Is there any progress regarding this?

Has Mizoram State Logistic Policy and Real Housing Felicitation Cell been created as provided in the Mizoram State Logistic Policy, 2022? What action has been taken so far through the cell?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

**PU LALCHHUANTHANGA:** Pu Speaker, according to the hon. Minister, one of the two New Market buildings which started construction on 4.10.2018 is to be completed within 3 years. However, only 60% is completed till now. My questions are-

- i) Where does the money come from for the construction?
- ii) Will all plot owners in the old building be accommodated in the new building?
- iii) Will fresh advertisement be floated if there is extra plot?
- iv) What about vendors driven out at the start of the construction, are they accommodated elsewhere or were they simply driven away? If yes, why?

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

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we are fortunate to receive funding from NEC for Lunglei market.

Phaileng market was first selected by Sectoral Empowered Committee but Ministry of Finance, Government of India issued a new instruction. Accordingly, replies to their queries were sent. We expect to start the work when NEC, central nodal agency makes their sanction.

Coming to Aizawl new market and Sobji Bazar, we all agreed to reconstruction of the market, vendors and stall owners alike. An agreement was made to accommodate all of them when the market is ready. In the meantime, sellers are shifted to various markets.

Lunglei Engineer Ltd was selected to take up the construction work at the cost of ₹3641.59 lakhs. An agreement was signed and the work is to be started after two months of signing the agreement, with 3 years for its completion.

There are many formalities to go through with AMC and Mining Department when construction started. Then the pandemic started which also attributed to delay in the construction. We are doing our best to speed up the work and 50% of the work is now completed.

**PU LALCHHUANTHANGA:** Pu Speaker, in reply to my query through RTI, shortage of fund was said to be the reason and that it was not possible to draw fund from K-Deposit.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the funding source is from NEDP through UD&PA. It was aimed to be a smart city market. The market itself will generate more revenue for the State. (**Speaker:** What about the stall owners who had earlier availed loans?)

Pu Speaker, we have not specifically considered about this. But we assured them to be at peace.

In regards to Dr. Vanlalhlana question about DIC (District Industry Centre), we plan to include not only market and community hall but a training place for entrepreneurs. As we often said, fund flow from central is not always as desired, which does not mean we should abandon our well-planned projects.

About Venus Bamboo, as it is not relevant to the questions, I will have to do more research at a later date. (**Dr. Vanlalhlana:** Pu Speaker, why does the government have no ownership to Venus Bamboo project and neglect it? Project report can be seen only till 2013 and it is a project the government have had taken.)

Pu Speaker, there is some critical issue here. As much as I would like to reply to the question, I am unable to do so. Members are cordially welcomed to give advice and logistic support in writing for the wellbeing of the State. (**Pu Zoramthanga, Chief Minister:** As I have had a previous discussion with Dr. Vanlalhlana regarding this issue, I would like to answer a few of his queries. A mistake committed by both the government and individuals is not foreseeing problems that could arise from not getting enough raw materials. Venus Bamboo plant could not function properly due to insufficient raw material even though it has the finest machinery.

The area around DIC (District Industry Centre) is wide and convenient and it is also a part of my locality. I have personally requested the respected member to give thought to what would be best to utilize the plot. If there is a specific idea that could be materialized, we could look for a good funding source.)

**SPEAKER** : I would like to request members and the hon. Minister to be specific in their question and answers to that it would be less time consuming.

Let us call upon Pu C. Ngunlianchunga to ask *starred question no.82*.

**PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA:** Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister for Rural Development be pleased to state-

- a) Is there maintenance work for Sabualtlang to Pilar No.10 road?
- b) If yes, who did the work and what is the amount sanctioned?
- c) Has the work been completed?
- d) If not, what is the reason?

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

**PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answers are-

- a) Maintenance work will be started in a short time.
- b) It is a departmental work under BDO, Lawngtlai. The amount sanctioned is ₹15 lakhs.
- c) It is not yet completed.
- d) It is under the supervision of BADP. Fund is credited in SLIA account only by the end of December, 2022.

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

**PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA:** Pu Speaker, the said road is about 7 kms and its maintenance is done under Job Card Scheme. Why do another 15 lakhs is sanctioned for its maintenance? Is 25% to be deducted from 15 lakhs? The executioner is BDO Lawngtlai and it is a departmental work. If our work and fund allocation does not tally, I am afraid our officers will have an ACB case. We should be careful in our handling of BADP.

DRDA staff working before 2008 are all absorbed in the department whereas 25 are yet not absorbed. Will they too be absorbed?

Will Nghalim field bridge constructed at the cost of 10 lakhs which collapsed a week after to be repaired or reconstructed?

Can T. Dumzau Community Hall and its deteriorated roof and wooden structures be repaired/reconstructed before the end of this term as I was earlier assured by the Minister?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Dr. Thiamsanga.

**DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA :** Pu Speaker, rainy season is coming and as such can we be allotted a good number of silpouline? Is there any proposal to acquire corrugated iron roofing for the poorer section of the people? Lastly, is it possible to construct community hall for Murlen, my constituent village? It is the only village which has no such hall.

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu Lalduhoma.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, several central minister and officials have voiced their concerns regarding the performance of this ministry. A visiting Union Minister in charge of Rural Development, Mrs. Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti does not seem to be well pleased with our performance. She said that fund will not be released if what was allocated is not fully utilized. What does this mean? Housing fund under PMJY was released from central government for 15674 families whereas only 8500 families have received it in Mizoram. Is this how we should implement housing for all policy?

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

**PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the road mentioned by Pu Ngunlianchunga is in a sensitive area. Arakan army establish a camp at Pillar No.10. To safeguard the area, Assam Rifles made a proposal according to which work was executed with the government's approval.

We have the government's approval for the absorption of 92 staff under DRDA. 87 staffs were absorbed while the rest are retired and deceased. After 2008, there are 25 appointees who are currently fighting for absorption in the court. DRDA is changed to DRDO as instructed from the ministry. The case is subjudiced and as such nothing can be said now.

The retaining wall of Nghalim bridge collapsed. Proposal was made for repairing but due to financial constraints, work cannot be executed. The same goes for T. Dumzau community hall. As assured, the committee will pursue this.

I believe silpouline will be made available through Rural Development Department. Aiduzawl community hall which is under construction is expected to be completed before election.

Pu Lalduhoma mentioned the comment made by the union minister in charge of Rural Development. I am afraid the member might be confused by the working of RD and PMGSY in our state. PMGSY is under the Ministry of RS but RD is not a nodal department. In Mizoram, PMGSY executes works under the supervision of PWD.

PMAY-Gramin is a rural oriented scheme whereas PMAY-urban is under UD&PA. works in rural areas are under RD whereas it is under the jurisdiction of UD&PA in towns and cities.

**PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA:** Pu Speaker, *point of order*. There was a hearing on 14.3.2022 for DRDA staff fighting for absorption. Judgement was out on 17.3.2022 and they won the case. Is the hon. Minister not aware of this?

**SPEAKER** : As we have often mentioned, *Point of Order* should be raised while the member's speech is focused on the subject. If *Point of Order* is raised as and when we want, it degrades the dignity of the House.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, the union minister did not differentiate PMAY-Gramin or Urban. PMAY covers them all. Will the hon. Minister inform us whether the sanctioned funds have reached the beneficiaries?

**PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, 25 DRDA staff who went to the court are said to be winning their case. An appeal was made from our side.... (**Speaker:** That is subjudice, a court case, not to be discussed here. )

Pu Speaker, thank you. In her press conference, the hon. Minister does not seem to have clarity in the functioning of RD or PMGY. The problem is she was unable to speak English and as such we could not fully understand what she said. However, if the ministry does release those funds, it will go to the beneficiaries by direct benefit transfer. **SPEAKER:** Starred question No. 83 jointly from Pu Ramthanmawia, Pu C. Lalmuanpuia and Pu Zothantluanga. Pu Ramthanmawia will stand on their behalf.

**PU RAMTHANMAWIA :** Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister in charge of LAD be pleased to state-

Is there any project/scheme initiated for the wellbeing of common people under RSGA?

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

**PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, RSGA is a scheme initiated for the welfare of the public through local village council. Under the scheme, 150 VC House was constructed and 98 was repaired. 243 computer sets was given to VC's and Common Service Centre was given to 20 village councils. 23 VC House is to be constructed. Handloom design cum production project is initiated at Thenzawl and Rural Home Stay at Tuipui Darzokai is under implementation and so does Area Leaf Plate Production project at Bilkhawthlir.

**SPEAKER :** *Supplementary question* from Pu Ramthanmawia.

**PU RAMTHANMAWIA :** Pu Speaker, thank you. Is there any hope from central to get fund for improvement of graveyards in rural areas? It is truly important.

**SPEAKER :** *Supplementary question* from Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, can we get assurance from the House for renovation and proper maintenance of Laldenga Park situated at the birth place of MNF party founder, Pu Laldenga at Pukpui, Lunglei?

**SPEAKER :** *Supplementary question* from Pu Lawmawma Tohhawng.

**PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the government initiate remedial measures for settlers of Lungpuizawl, Lunglei East? They had settled



there since 1980 engaging in masonry and gardening with proper demarcated village council boundary and now they have an issue with Forest Department.

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

**PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to assure Pu Ramthanmawia that there will be provision for renovation of graveyard as we give much importance to it.

Not only Laldenga Park, other parks we have in Mizoram needs to be renovated and maintained. Outsourcing is done to take up such work. However, there is no tenderer till date. The committee is now considering extending the year in the terms and conditions laid out earlier.

We acknowledged the problems faced by Lungpuizawl masonries from Forest Department. We are trying to find a solution. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : *Question hour* is now over. We will move on to *laying of papers*. (**Pu Lalduhoma:** Pu Speaker, the answers are not uploaded.)

#### **LAYING OF PAPERS**

**SPEAKER** : Instruction was given to upload the answers. Please check again. Let us call upon the hon. Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana to lay his paper.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission I lay on the table of the House a copy of, "*The Mizoram State Human Immune Deficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (Prevention & Control) Rules, 2022*".

**SPEAKER** : Let the copies be distributed. Let us now call upon the hon. Minister Pu Lalchhandama Ralte to lay his paper.

**PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission I lay on the table of the House a copy of "*The Mizoram Code on Wages Rules, 2022*".

**SPEAKER** : Let the copies be distributed. Let us now call upon the hon. Minister Pu Lalrinawma to lay his paper.

**ER. LALRINAWMA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission I lay on the table of the House a copy of "*The Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition) Rules, 2022*".

**PRESENTATION OF REPORT**

**SPEAKER** : Let the copies be distributed. We will move on to *Presentation of Reports*. Let us call upon Pu Zothantluanga to present the report.

**PU ZOTHANTLUANGA**: Pu Speaker, with your permission, I present “*Second Report of action taken by the Government against the recommendations contained in the First Report of Committee on Petitions relating to School Education Department*”.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**SPEAKER** : Let the copies be distributed. We will go to the next business which is *Legislative Business*. Today, we have three bills for discussion.

Let us call upon the hon. Chief Minister to ask the permission of the House to introduce his Bill.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER**: Pu Speaker, with your permission, I beg leave of the House to introduce “*Sinlung Hills Council (Amendment) Bill, 2023*”.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Chief Minister has asked to introduce his Bill, are we in agreement? Let us call upon the hon. Chief Minister to introduce and move his Bill.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER**: Pu Speaker, it is thought that Sinlung Hills Council Act, 2018 is thought to be needing some minor amendments after being implemented for some years. There is not many additions or removal of the provisions except small alterations of some sub-sections and sections.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Chief Minister has stated his reason and objective of his Bill. We will now start discussion on the Bill with 5 minutes allotted for each member.

Let us call upon Pu Lalduhoma to start the discussion.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, the hon. Chief Minister has clearly defined the aims and objectives of his Bill. Nevertheless, some clarifications are required for some provisions.

Firstly, if a nominated member should be from within the constituency, clarification may be required for sitting member who is not from the constituency.

Secondly, DC is allowed to cast a vote when there is a tie to draw. Is it better to not get the DC involved in the voting? Should it not be better to decide by tie draw?

Thirdly, the recommended age is 25. Why are the MLA's not included? Careful considerations have to be made while the amendment is under processed.

**SPEAKER** : Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

**PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA:** Pu Speaker, would it be fair if DC is given voting right to the election of Protem-Chairman since he is not an elected member. Non-elected person casting vote among elected members will be undemocratic.

Staff appointment is now in the Council's hand. The required qualification to be a member is enrollment in the council area electoral roll. I believe time-bound enrollment should be there as a preventative measure. It is 180 months enrollment prior to election in our Autonomous District Council.

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

**PU B.D. CHAKMA** : Pu Speaker, under section-16, 'disqualification for membership of General Council', sitting MLA's and MP's are disqualified. Does this mean they are not permitted to contest at all? I once had a high court case in similar situation and won the case. If I am not mistaken, there is a provision in the Representative of People Act that allows sitting MLA's or MP's to contest on the condition that they resign from their portfolio within 14 days.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon the hon. Chief Minister to wind up.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I am grateful for getting a good response from the members.

I assure Pu Lalduhoma that member qualification will be put into force from the next term even if the amendment Bill is through.

Introduction of tie-draw for DC and qualified age of 25 in the Act may be looked into as and when necessary. Also, if the district councils have an issue with voting right for all in the electoral roll, another amendment motion may be submitted.

So far, we have not had any issue and I kindly request the House to support and pass my amendment Bill.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Chief Minister have asked the House to pass his Bill. Those who agree may say agree. (**Members:** 'Agree').

'*The Sinlung Hills Council (Amendment) Bill, 2023*' is passed by the House. (**Pu Zoramthanga, Chief Minister:** Pu Speaker, thank you.)

The hon. Chief Minister has to leave the House to attend video conferencing for North-East Chief Ministers.

We will move on to the next Bill and call upon the hon. Minister Pu Lalchamliana to ask the permission of the House to introduce his Bill.

**PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission and the permission of the House, I beg to introduce '*The Mizoram Scheduled Tribe and Scheduled Castes (Regulation of Issuance and Verification of Community Certificates (Amendment) Bill, 2023*'.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister may move his Bill.

**PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the main objective of the amendment bill is a slight upgradation of Chairman of Scrutiny Committee. This is to help solve problems often faced by students intending to study outside the state requiring verification/validity certificate immediately. With this amendment, the chairman or the member with the approval of the Scrutiny Committee will be able to issue the required certificates immediately. It is intended to help protect scheduled tribe and scheduled castes living in Mizoram.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister has moved his Bill. We will now have a discussion on this Bill with 5 minutes allotted to each member. Let us call upon Pu B.D. Chakma to start the discussion.

**PU B. D. CHAKMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Under '*the composition of members and quorum*', it stated that '*provided that the Chairman and Members of the Scrutiny Committee shall be an indigenous person of Mizoram belonging to Scheduled Tribe or Scheduled Caste*'. If this is the case, why not only '*Scheduled Tribe*' be inserted for, '*Scheduled Caste*' is not tribal.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. Vanlalhlana.

**DR. VANLALTHLANA** : Pu Speaker, in some states 'OBC' is inserted in the bill whereas 'nomadic tribes' were inserted in some areas. I am confused as to the reason behind this but we hardly have any OBC in Mizoram.

Under Section-6 to be amended, there is 'Joint Secretary by designation'. If we insert 'active government service', it will prevent unfair appointment. Accountability of the person appointed needs to be ascertained.

I would like to emphasize that we have to be very cautious in the manner of verification of community certificate and procedure to be followed. Thank you.

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

**PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, as mentioned by Pu B.D. Chakma, it is true that majority are scheduled tribe in Mizoram. The provision may be useful when persons from such tribe could contest. We do agree with the statement made by Dr. Vanlalhlana, unfortunately, it was not written in the Bill.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass my Bill '*The Mizoram Scheduled Tribe and Scheduled Castes (Regulation of Issuance and Verification of Community Certificates (Amendment) Bill, 2023*'. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister has asked the permission of the House to pass his Bill. All those in favor please say agree. (**Members:** 'Agree') The House has passed '*The Mizoram Scheduled Tribe and Scheduled Castes (Regulation of Issuance and Verification of Community Certificates (Amendment) Bill, 2023*'. (**Pu Lalchamlia, Minister:** Pu Speaker, thank you.)

The hon. Minister has requested and with the power vested in me, we accept his apology for patent errors.

We will move on to the next bill and call upon the hon. Minister Pu Lalruatkima to beg to introduce his Bill.

**PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission and the permission of the House, I beg to introduce '*The Indian Stamp, Mizoram Amendment Bill, 2023*'.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon the hon. Minister to introduce and move his Bill.

**PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. '*The Indian Stamp, Mizoram (Amendment) Bill, 2023*' is based on '*The Indian Stamp Act, 1899*'. This Bill has been amended a number of times.

Its main objective is to help the people in general by reducing fees levied on them in conveyance, housing, acquiring land etc. I, therefore, beg the House to consider and pass my Bill.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister has introduced his Bill and we will start with the discussion. Five minutes will be allotted to each member.

Let us call upon Pu Lalduhoma to start the discussion.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, I do stand with the hon. Minister in the need for amendment of the Bill.

On the other hand, stamp duty is our source of state income. If the fee is to be reduced from 2% to 1%, on what basis will it be calculated? Frankly speaking, our collection on stamp duty fee is not very realistic, be it in fishery, farming, housing or in other fields.

It is also necessary to have regular revisions. I would also like to request the hon. Minister to explain on what basis fixation of market value is done.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, when 'The Indian Stamp Act' was to be implemented in Mizoram, I was in the ministry. The practice and norms of other states was widely studied beforehand. The stamp fees collected from other larger states is very high. In Mizoram, since it was the first time such act was introduced, it was decided that fees will be collected at a minimal rate. And as such, percentage of fees to be collected proposed in the amendment is not high. We might even need to increase further according to the need of the state. I, therefore, support the amendment bill as moved.

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

**PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. As we know, Land Revenue and Settlement Department is a revenue earning department. To enhance the much-needed state's revenue, 'The Indian Stamp Act' is proposed for amendment. It is not advisable to lay heavy burden on the people, but in view of the pace of development taking place, tax increase is inevitably necessary.

I, therefore, request the House to support and pass my Bill.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister has beg the House to pass his Bill. All those in favor, say agree. (**Members:** 'Agree'). 'The Indian Stamp (Mizoram Amendment) Bill, 2023' is unanimously passed by the House. (**Pu Lalruatkima, Minister:** Pu Speaker, thank you.)

I thank the members for their active participation in the discussion of the three bills we have for today. We have concluded our business for today. Sitting is adjourned for today and will resume on 16.2.2023 at 10 AM.

*Sitting is adjourned. (12:51 PM)*