

**SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(FIFTEENTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR FOURTEENTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 2nd APRIL,
2018 (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 PAPER

2. **PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a Statement of correction on the reply given on the 28th March, 2018 to Starred Question No. 529, Ballot No. 173 asked by Pu K. Sangthuama regarding "Transport Department Bus chungchang".

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

3. **PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA**, to present to the House the Eighth Report of Committee on Estimates (2016-2018) relating to State Investment Programme Management Implementation Unit (SIPMIU) under Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department, Government of Mizoram.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill for introduction, consideration and passing

4. **PU LAL THANHAWLA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce THE CHITE LUI (Prevention and Control of Water Pollution) Bill, 2018.

ALSO

to introduce the Bill

to move that the Bill be taken into consideration

AND

to move that the Bill be passed.

5. **PU LALSAWTA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce The Mizoram Protection of Interests of Depositors (In Financial Establishment) (Second Amendment) Bill, 2018.

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

6. **PU R. ROMAWIA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Members of the Legislative Assembly (Sixth Amendment) Bill, 2018.

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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SPEAKER : Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

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We will now move on to question hour, Er. Lalrinawma may ask his questions.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of Sericulture Department be pleased to state: –

- a) The amount of cocoon harvested during 2016 – 2017 and the rate per kg?
- b) The number of family engaging in cocoon farming as the main source of income?
- c) The amount spent for assistance to those who are engaging in cocoon farming as the main source of income?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister, I call upon Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu to answer the question.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to the question of Hon. Member is as follows –

- a) The amount of cocoon harvested during 2016 – 2017 is 58,277.24 Kgs. The rate per Kg is ₹250/-
- b) There are 5,479 families engaging in cocoon farming as the main source of income generation and 3,200 families as their source of regular income.
- c) During 2016 – 2017, ₹1,908.66 lakh is spent to assist cocoon farmers.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, we have a good prospect of cocoon farming and it is important that the farmers are supplied with good quality mulberry. So, is there any financial assistance for cultivation of mulberry leaves as well?

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, the rate of which quality is ₹250/- per kg?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we have various schemes in which aid may be provided as many beneficiaries received under such schemes. I am unable to provide answer to the question of Hon. Member Pu Zothansanga yet may be provided later.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Question No. 209 to be asked by Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Department be pleased to state –

- a) The total Nos. of labourer from outside being deployed in Mizoram during 2015-2016 and 2016-2017?
- b) The number of labourer being deployed during this year?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to the Hon. Member is –

- a) The total Nos. of labourers from outside being deployed in Mizoram during 2015-2016 is 1903 Nos. and 1886 Nos. during 2016-2017.
- b) This year, there are 2540 Nos. labourers from outside being deployed in Mizoram.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, is it a fact that such labors after completing the work remains freely in Mizoram and search for another works without permission?

SPEAKER : Pu V.L. Robiaka is next.

PU LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, construction of ITI building at West Phaileng is completed. So, when will it be put to function?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, to answer Er. Lalrinawma's question -

- i) I believe the case of such labourers is taken care but we are not aware if they remain in Mizoram looking for another work. It may be noted that such labourers were deployed as per the Interstate Migrant Workmen Act and we assume they leave our state after the work is completed.
- ii) Regarding ITI building of West Phaileng, it is not clear when this will be put to function.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Does the concerned department maintain record of the progress of the deployed labors, conduct and health condition?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is – We are not aware if the record of their health condition etc. is maintained.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, what about the fortnightly report as of their toilet and where they sleep etc?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister mentioned that he cannot give a report of such detail. We will now move on to Question No.211.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of District Council & Minority Affairs Department be pleased to state –

- a) If sanction for construction of SMBT road from Utal Thana to New Secretariat amounting to ₹120.59 lakhs and Bojesora to Borapansuri road amounting to ₹199.41 lakhs are diverted for other purpose?
- b) If so, what is the reason?
- c) If not, why is the work remain not started?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla may answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to the Hon. Member's questions is –

- a) The amount sanctioned for construction of these roads is not utilized for other purposes.
- b) The answer is Nil as it is not utilized for other purposes.
- c) The work was started in 2014.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, such works are funded by SPA but from what I have heard, it has not yet been started. May the concerned Minister give us a clear answer?

SPEAKER : We have to know that the answer which may be provided in the House is more reliable than the information we receive from other sources. I now call upon Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, who is the contractor of Session Hall of the CADC funded by the 13th Finance Commission? How much is released for the work which remains uncompleted and what is the reason for the delay? Pu Speaker, how about the transfer order of DC Lawngtlai which allegedly was not approved by the concerned people?

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua to ask the Supplementary Question.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, what are the physical and financial achievements of the said contract work?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the transfer of DC Lawngtlai was initiated as permitted by the rules and a Mizo DC was posted in his place.

Pu Speaker, regarding construction of roads, we have to know that the District Council & Minority Affairs Department does not know all the details regarding their financial status. The District Council faces financial problem and borrowed an amount of ₹30 lakhs due to the fact that the State Government cannot release their funds on time. As they were facing financial crisis, Lawngtlai DC was appointed to take the charge of the administrative authority since the Governor cannot have direct control. He had called a meeting with the Accountant General several times for a better fiscal management. Pu Speaker, such steps were taken to improve financial management of this Council.

Regarding the salary component, it is funded from NEC, DoNER and from the State Govt. also and we even consider that they should have a direct funding from the Central Govt. and without any involvement from the State Govt.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Question No. 212 of Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, will the concerned Minister of District Council & Minority Affairs Department be pleased to state: –

- a) If the funds received for construction of Longpuighat - Kukurduleya road under CADC is utilized for another purpose?
- b) If so, for what purpose?
- c) If not, why is the work remain not started even today?

SPEAKER : Before I call the Hon. House Leader, I want to point out that the Autonomous Districts are preserves with high autonomy and this suspension is due to financial issue.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, my questions were submitted before it was suspended.

SPEAKER : Then, I will call upon the Hon. Chief Minister.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I saw the questions only after the suspension. Anyway, my answer is: -

- a) Pu Speaker, funds for construction of Longpuighat - Kukurduleya under CADC is not utilized for other purpose.
- b) Since it is not utilized for other purpose, the answer is Nil.
- c) The work was started on 25.11.2010.

SPEAKER : Since the case is related to suspension of CADC, we will now move on to another question.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, if the work had been started, what are the physical achievements? Did the Governor issue an order of suspension due to misappropriation of fund this work?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, may the Hon. Member repeat the question which involves the Governor?

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, Did the Governor issue an order of suspension due to misappropriation of fund this work?

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I did not ask the Governor regarding this issue but if the Hon. Member insisted to know, I will ask him and provide the answer later on.

Construction of Longpuighat - Kukurduleya road of 36 kms was funded by DoNER, NLCPR and the approved cost is ₹1,152.45 lakhs and the work is divided into three packages such as: -

1. Package 1 & 12 kms - Pu Lalmachhuana Fanai, Kulikawn.
2. Package 2 & 13 kms - Pu Biakliana, Mission Veng.
3. Package 3 & 11 kms - Pu Labindro Chakma.
4. The construction was started on 25.11.2010 and was estimate time of completion on 31.2.2013. But due to monsoon and the unavailability of stones,

there cannot be much progress and it was resettled to be completed in the month of December in which 85% of the work has been completed.

SPEAKER : Question No. 213 and Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of LESDE be pleased to state starred Question No. 213 –

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is –

1. The amount of payment made to NIAS, Kolkata is as follows –
 - i) ₹66,09,900/- on 8.8.2014
 - ii) ₹4,40,660/- on 15.9.2014
 - iii) ₹57,68,640/- on 16. 9.2014

Total - ₹128,19,200/-
2. 3 years course amounting to ₹4,00,600/- will be given to 32 students and an advance payment of ₹4,40,66, /- was made on 15.09.2014 and ₹57,68,640/- on 16.09.2014 with the total amounting to ₹62,09,300/-.
3. The amount received from NIAS on 21.02.2017 is ₹42,00,000/- by means of 10 Nos. cheque of ₹42,0,00/- each from the Chairman, NIAS and was received by the Chief Ministers office and the same day, it was sent to the Commissioner, LESDE. On 3.03.2017, the Commissioner, LESD sent a letter to the Chairman, NIAS stating that all the cheques being received were invalid. Such cheques had not been returned and the money had not been received.
4. There is no fund to put in the Govt. revenue.
5. There is no fund being delayed; one student who was hospitalized was given an amount of ₹12,156/- I believe it is not included in the MoU.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, it is written in section 1.2 of the MoU that installment payment will be made within 3 years but is cleared-off within 2 months. So, what is the reason and what about the missing computer hard disk in which important documents of the Welfare Board were backed up? Does the department follow the suggestions of the Inquiry Commission regarding the annual budget, annual report and annual account audit?

Secondly, what is the reason for the sudden decreased of registration of the Mizoram and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board? Whether there is any

membership drive being held and if there is any renewal of such registration?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding clearing the said installment within 2 months, it is calculated for 30 students but the actual Nos. of the students is 32 which caused a slight change in the total amount. As of missing computer hard disk, we will look in to the matter more tactfully.

Tactful

If the suggestion of the Inquiry Commission is found to be better, it will be followed. As of sudden decrease of registration in Mizoram Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board members, I believe it is due to re-arrangement of staffs within NIAS which makes it difficult to go for a strong membership drive.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, regarding the bounce cheque, I believe forwarding letter is available and we may send it back.

SPEAKER : Pu K.Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, is it possible that the cheques becomes invalid due to delay in credit?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the cheque sent by the Chairman of NIAS was a post dated cheque and after it is received, the chairman informed us it was not valid. So, it is suggested that we should think over this issue carefully; and, since another cheque had not been received, we think it is best that we keep the bounce cheque before receiving another cheque. We have even informed them that we will return their cheques after we received a new one from them.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, I, with the Hon. Member Pu Zawma visited the institution and came to learn that the amount collected from charge of the prospectus is ₹1,48,000/- and ₹4.6 lakhs is spent for 32 students indicating the Govt. of Mizoram spent in excess to the course fees. My question relating to this is the progress of a bounce cheque sent by the Director NIAS.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I have no knowledge of the course fees or other details but we are taking the best possible steps to refund the bounce cheque. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Question No. 214, Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of AH & Veterinary Department be pleased to state –

- a) Nos. of piglets purchased under NLUP and RKVY during the period of 2013 – 17 and the rate per head?
- b) Nos. of beneficiaries of piggery under NLUP, the material component per beneficiary and Nos. of piglet given to each beneficiary?
- c) How many piglets have died of PRRS and how much is spent for their compensation?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister, Pu C. Ngunlianchunga may answer the question.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is–

- a) Nos. of piglets bought during 2013 – 2017 is as follows: -

NLUP:

2013 - 2014	-	NIL
2014 - 2015	-	11,734 Nos.
2015 - 2016	-	14,972 Nos.
2017 - 2017	-	17,762 Nos.
2017 - 2018	-	25,921 Nos.

RKVY:

2013 - 2014	-	5250 Nos.
2014 - 2015	-	2950 Nos.
2015 - 2016	-	NIL
2016 - 2017	-	NIL

Rate of piglets:

2013 - 2014	-	₹6,500/-
2014 - 2015	-	₹5,000/-
2015 - 2016	-	NIL
2016 - 2017	-	NIL
2014 - 2015	-	₹5,000/-

- b) There are 20,382 Nos. beneficiaries under NLUP piggery and the material component give per beneficiary are as follows: -

1. Under 1st phase, the material component is Nil and ₹1,00,000/- is given to each beneficiary.
 2. Under 2nd phase, 4 Nos. piglet is given to each beneficiary in 7 Districts (excluding Champhai District) at the rate of ₹5,000/- and ₹80,000/- is paid in cash. In Champhai District, 6 Nos. piglets is given at the rate of ₹5,000/- and ₹70,000/- in cash.
 3. Under the 3rd & 4th phase, ₹38,000/- for setting up pigsty and another ₹3,378/- was for medicine and utensils; pig feed and water tank have also been provided.
- c) As per report of the Department, 8,505 Nos. piglets died of PRRS and ₹30 lakhs compensation being given to each beneficiary during 2013; 3,806 Nos. piglet died of PRRS during 2016 and compensation has not yet been given to the death of 4,699 Nos. piglets.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. What is the monthly demand of pork estimated by the Department? Despite numbers of piglets being distributed, why are we remains not sufficient in the supply of pork?

SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, from which source such piglets were purchased and what is the process of medical checkup of such piglets?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I suppose market survey is the purview of Commerce & Industries Department. We, the Mizos consume pork a lot as in our religious festivals, events and celebrations and the supply of pigs under NLUP trade contributes larger portion of our demands. It is obvious that the rate of our consumption is quite high but no survey is being prevailed on the markets.

Regarding the source of piglets, we have not enquire the suppliers specifically but as of the process of their medical checkup, it is conducted with the help of PRRS kits on need base.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, fund utilized for purchase of piglets under RKVY and NLUP during 2015 is stated here as ₹489/- lakhs where as answer for the same provided in 2015 was ₹60.56 crores. Why is the answer not the same?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is possible as there are instances where it is given in cash and in kind. Thank you.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, I think the difference is too much to ignore it and I insist to clarify such differences?

SPEAKER : Question hour is over.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, I saw on the newspapers this morning the Mizoram PWD Engineer Welfare Association demanding SP Lunglei to be inflexible with the discipline, and at the same time, we have heard of the pervading rumors that the Police as inflicted injury to JE one MR employee of PWD and that the two victims as being hospitalized. On the 15th of April, I believe a group of youth persuaded our two Hon. Ministers and MLA to sign a papers assuring to renovate Lunglei road.

SPEAKER : We will look into the rules action will be taken accordingly. Our fellow members Pu R. Lalziriana, Pu S. Laldingiana and Pu H. Zothangiana cannot be present in the House today. There are corrections to be made on the answer provided on the 28th March and Pu John Rotluangiana will take his time.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I hereby present the statement of correction on the reply given on the 28th March, 2018 to Starred Question No. 529, Ballot No. 173 asked by Pu K. Sangthuama regarding “Transport Department Bus.”

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed, and, I will now call upon Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, Chairman of the Estimate Committee to present the report on Estimates Committee.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: With your permission, Pu Speaker, I present the report on Committee on Estimates, Eight Report relating to State Investment Programme Management Implementation Unit(SIPMIU) under Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department, Government of Mizoram. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. I will now call upon the Hon. Chief Minister to move the House to introduce, “The Chite Lui (Prevention and Control of Water Pollution) Bill, 2018”.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I move to introduce, “The Chite Lui (Prevention and Control of Water Pollution) Bill, 2018”.

SPEAKER : Do we all agree? Yes, the Hon. Chief Minister may now move his Bill for discussion.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: With your permission, Pu Speaker, I introduce, “The Chite Lui (Prevention and Control of Water Pollution) Bill, 2018” and move the same for further discussion in the House.

Pu Speaker, ‘Save Chite Lui’ was established by some environmentalists and the government gives importance to this issue. I personally believe we should also give attention to other rivers in Mizoram. Many dump garbage are found in the river banks and should thus be banned. Pu Speaker, I request this august House to accept mistake made on the Bill as patent error such as the wording ‘Bill’ which is still in used after using the word ‘Act’.

SPEAKER : We will start our discussion and each member will be allotted 10 minutes. Pu K. Sangthuama will start.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is important to know that the river bank of Chite Lui rises during monsoon. If we acquire 50 meters on each side of the river banks, it is a vast area which is estimated as deserving compensation of not less than ₹2.6 crores. If we look at 8 (a) and (b), there are penalties that the ordinary people could not afford. So, I suggest we should consider all the details very carefully or I think we should put in the hands of the Select Committee. I believe it will also bring many problems to those land owners in the area of Chite unless this bill is reexamined. So, I suggest we should review this Bill more carefully. Thank you.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As stated by my fellow member, it is important that we should reexamine this carefully. As seen in this Bill, section 2, it is clear that all the wastes we have seen in Chite River are brought by us. There are also penalties in which fine can be imposed on the general people unless this bill is carefully examined by the Coordination Committee. I support the idea that initiative should made to save Chite Lui but I am afraid the rules and regulations become a burden for us in the future. So, I suggest it is best to refer this Bill in the hands of the Select Committee. Thank you.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. First, I want to state that we are the legislators who can adopt and enact a law since we are the elected

representatives of the people. We also have to know that the ‘punishable offence’ mentioned under this Bill is only ‘liable to be punished’ which means one may not be punished at all. As the Hon. House Leader mentioned regarding the wording in ‘Act’ and ‘Bill’ it is partly my fault as the concerned Minister and may therefore be accepted as a patent error. We may not form a perfect law, but it is our duty as legislators to make laws and which will be amended in the future as necessary. So, with that, I will conclude by requesting my fellow members to pass this Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Col.Z.S. Zuala.

Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Speaker, regarding acquiring private lands on the riverbanks as mentioned by Pu Sangthuama, I want to say that like Clean Mizoram, the rivers banks will be included while taking care of Chite River which does not necessarily mean it should be acquired by the government. I think we should also include conservation of trees near the riverbanks and I am sure it will be good initiatives in prevention of pollution and passing this Bill will also be a good stepping stone and awareness is highly needed in the outskirts of Aizawl. In case such rules need amendment, it will be amended in the future. I believe land owners along Chite Lui will also be gratified if the area is cleaned. So, I will conclude by stating that I give my support in passing this Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K.S. Thanga.

PU K.S. THANGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I think it is important to pass this Bill and make amendment later as necessary. I am sure we are all aware that it is difficult to draft a perfect law in the first attempt. In order to make Chite River and the nearby area free from pollution, it is important to pass this Bill and if we the Legislators who are the elected representatives of the people cannot enact this Bill, it means we fail in our objectives in representing our people. With the initiatives taken by SIPMIU and AMC, we now have a garbage collection centre which also is a great improvement. The concerned official will give their best in implementing the law, and if any point is found unsatisfactory, it will again be amended. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. It is heartening to know that ‘Save Chite Lui’ project comes into being out of concern of our environment. Since the aim and objective is protection of our environment, I do not think it will bring any kind of problems for the landowners on the river banks. As we are all aware, many waste flows into Chite Lui which is estimated to be more than

1000 Mlds. This Bill may not be perfect but I suggest we pass it and make amendment later if necessary. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu John Rotluangliana.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I will try to stress only on a very few important points. I have recently visited Chite and witnesses tons of waste products laid in the river and I find preserving Chite Lui is necessary.

This bill may be completed as we wish but I would like to support Prevention and Control of Water pollution Bill, 2018. Pu Deputy Speaker. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R. Romawia.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, it is fortunate that we are aware of prevention and reservations. It is a privilege that we will start with Chite Lui. This Rule will be taken up by the Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department and 'Save Chite Lui' co-ordination committee will be constituted. At present, political leaders are not included in the committee, however in the future I expect that they would be included. As for the boundary, there is a well definition that it should be 50 meters from the river. Thus, there is no intension of removing the farmers. Therefore, I would request this august House to pass this bill unanimously. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Zawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is not that I do not support the bill, but in my opinion, there are few changes which needs to be done like the name of the committee and the definition of the distances of boundaries from the river. It is my opinion that tributaries should be added otherwise, the purpose of the rules will be missed out if waste is thrown in its tributaries. Likewise, the name of the committee does not cover the purpose 'tributaries' should be added. And the bill highlighted that financial memorandum is not required. However, if there is any financial involvement, then it will not be able to materialize as the purpose of the bill. Therefore, in my opinion, the bill should be referred to the select committee for review. Pu Speaker, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I request to state that, while discussing bill, we come with definite mind set, which hampers the growth and development of the state. In the previous ministries, we were unable to pass 'Mizoram Area Rent Control Act' and was being referred to the select committee which lay dormant till date. Pu Speaker, we are unable to have Urban Area rent Control Act. We are the representatives of the people and it is our duty to make rules and regulations. We are a very young State, we need to have sufficient amount of rules and regulations; most of our rules are amended and adopted from other States. We need to make rules for the future of the State. Pu Speaker, otherwise, the next generation will blame us.

Pu Speaker, we know that there will be problem in Chite River in the future. The bill may not be well equipped at present, however if it is passed, amendment can be made in the next budget. Thus, it required to make as much as rules we can to avoid mob rule. Therefore, I give my support to this bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Ruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to highlight few points in spite of group leader having delivered his speech. The constitution of select committee is done with the approval of the House. The first time it was constituted, it was for Land Acquisition Act. The matter is now taken up in Court which proves that every steps which may be taken needs carefully precaution. The next being Urban Rent Control Bill; it was passed but referred to the select committee. The committee has only one sitting so far. It was referred to the select committee for review. It is not that we are against any Bill but what we are keeping in mind is how it will affect the people and what problem it can cause to the people.

Pu Speaker, 'Chite Lui prevention and control of water pollution Bill' is required especially. But, what we should keep in mind is the river bank as of soil erosion and its beautification. Thus, if referred to the select committee, we can discuss more meaningfully in the next session.

The Bill is the first bill in this Session. We are here to make rules and Law Department is responsible in this concern. We are to make responsible rules/law and there are rules which require amendment. Therefore, we should make rule and law to safeguard the people. Thus, at the present status, select committee should review and examine the bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have passed two bills during the session such as the Mizoram Appropriation Number 1 & 2 Bill. Next is Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for allotting me time to speak. I am a member of 'Urban Area Rent Control Act' select committee. Last year, committee was called in December.

Pu Speaker, in today's bill, it is stated that there will be no financial implication but MLA's are requested to contribute ₹200,000/-. What is the meaning?

Today, we are discussing a positive bill, but as some members before me have mentioned, there are provisions which needs to be reviewed. Thus, it would be best suitable if referred to the select committee. Pu Deputy Speaker, once a bill is passed, it is difficult to amend. Therefore, while it can be referred to select committee for revision, I too would suggest the same. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Anyone else to speak?

PU LALRINLAIANA SAILO: Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to give my support to the bill 'Chite Lui Prevention and Control of Water Pollution Bill, 2018". The opposition members also highlighted the need for the bill; we therefore should pass the bill.

Rejuvenation of Ganges and Indus Rivers are done by various committees of Parliament. It is a requirement. The hon. House Leader, during introduction of the bill has requested the House to except as patent error. Therefore, if there is so, we should pass the bill as it is and if requires, the bill may be amended from time to time. I give my support to the bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will have a break now. There will be GPC sitting at 1:00 PM. Meeting will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us continue with our discussion and Pu T. Sangkunga will start.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we are discussing a bill which interest the elites and younger generation. Like members before me have mentioned, in the actual implementation of the bill, there may be provision which are not applicable at present. However, as said before, it can be amended from time to time according to requirements. Pu Deputy Speaker, it is more appreciative than it sound that the House has shown keen interest in passing the bill. Therefore, the bill is referred to the select committee. I give my support to the bill. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will come towards the end of the discussion. Hon. House Leader has requested the House to accept as patent error for typing mistakes and error. We will accept it as patent error. Let us now call Hon. Chief Minister to wind-up the discussion of the bill and seek permission of the House to pass the bill.

PULAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, the reason the bill has been originated due to the fact that initiative has been made by an active group under the leadership of Governor. There is an intention that we will start with Chite Lui than move on to other surrounding rivers of the city. Chite Lui is just the beginning.

Chite Lui has around 20 tributaries and is running through 6 MLA constituencies. The question of contribution of fund by Hon. Member, Pu Lalthanliana thus, is for these 6 MLA to contribute from their MLA fund if they please. Pu speaker there is no restriction.

The aim and objective is beautification and preservation Aizawl and the surrounding areas. As we are all aware, the river is mainly filled with waste plastic and polythene bag. The parliament have passed environment Protection Act, 1986. And there is provision in the 42nd Constitution Amendment, Article 88 and 51(G), which has stated regarding this matter. And, in Article 48(A), we have Directive Principles of State Policy which underlines, "The State shall endeavour to protect the environment and to safeguard the forests and wildlife of the Country". Pu Speaker, we also have fundamental duties of citizens that "It shall be the duties of every citizen of India to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers

and wild life and to have compassion for living creatures". Therefore, it is our duty to preserve and beautify our surrounding environment.

Pu Speaker, this bill is created with clean and pure intention and there is no intention of taking away lands from the farmers. The main objective as stated is our duty to preserve and beautify and make it eco-friendly. All members agreed to pass this bill and there is not much to clarify. I will therefore request this House to pass, "The Chite Lui Prevention and Control of Water Pollution Bill, 2018". Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Chief Minister has requested the House to pass "The Chite Lui Prevention and Control of Water Pollution Bill, 2018". Those who agree to pass may say, 'Yes' and those who do not may say, 'No'. The House has unanimously passed "The Chite Lui Prevention and Control of Water Pollution Bill, 2018".

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to the next Bill by Hon. Finance Minister, Pu Lalsawta, "The Mizoram Protection of Interest of Depositors (In Financial Establishment) (Second Amendment) Bill, 2018". Let us call him to introduce the Bill.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I introduce "The Mizoram Protection of Interest of Depositors (In Financial Establishment) (Second Amendment) Bill, 2018".

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister has introduced the bill. We may now let him move the bill and also request the House to pass it.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, time goes by and banking and non-banking transaction have spreads all over the world which further compels amendment of our rules from time to time. The present amendment bill which was passed in 2002 is proposed following instruction received from the Central Finance ministry for regularization of our financial loop holes. The term 'çhiahpuam' is known to all in Mizoram. Thus, we need some rules and regulations to protect such kind of illegal practices. It may be the desire of many people to earn profit by depositing money in some financial establishments. In such case, one may be exploited unless we have appropriate rules and regulation. Pu Speaker, we may have heard in the National news of cases like Nirav Modi aka 'Diamondaire' who allegedly is making a huge profit out of Punjab National Bank as the Bank authority have no rules or power to protect itself from such activity. The Central Finance Ministry thus decided to make amendment.

Pu Speaker the amendment we have to make is replacement of clause (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k) as it no longer serve the purpose and the term 'scheduled bank' will be added under the competent authority, sub-section 5 of section 4. Section 4 of the principle Act stated that "the following in sub-section 5 may be inserted as follows; namely", this will be as "for the purpose of crediting and dealing with the money realized by the competent authority, he shall open an account in any scheduled bank". This is the main amendment which concerns the safety of

bank depositors and is done so as urged by central finance ministry. I request the House to pass this Bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : This is not much to discuss, however 5 minutes will be given to those who wishes to participate in the discussion. Now let us start the discussion.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister has requested to pass the bill. In short title extent and commencement, "this Act may be called the Mizoram Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial establishment, Amendment Bill' which in my opinion is supposed to be 'Act' instead of 'bill'. I therefore think it is patent error.

SPEAKER : Besides the Hon. Law Minister, our Deputy Speaker is of Law expert we have here in the House. So, without further ado, let us call upon the Hon. Minister to move the House that the bill be passed. Pu Rinawma raise his hands.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I think it is inappropriate to pass the amendment without discussion for the people would like to know the context as well. Today, in Mizoram, the business of lending money with interest increases immensely. Therefore, it is my opinion that this amendment has come in the appropriate time.

I appreciate if the Hon. Minister could clarify the high court case which involves the govt. In section 2, the term 'depositor' is not defined but it is seen in the amendment portion that a depositor should be of any financial establishment. My question therefore is if depositors under 'Chiahpuam' are regarded as a depositor. I request the Hon. Minister to clarify if this amendment exempted Chiahpuam Depositors Association from the depositor.

Pu Speaker, it may as well be explained section 4 regarding scheduled bank accounts and if the rules concern the ongoing court cases which i think is difficult to understand. It may as well be wise for the Hon. Minister to inform the people of the present situation of Chiahpuam business through this House today as it is a problem which pervades the entire Mizoram. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Only in few words, Pu Speaker. If it is a subject of the House as to give permission to introduce the bill, I would request the Hon. Minister to clarify as so requested by Pu Rinawma. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, we are discussing 'The Mizoram Protection of The Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment, 2nd Amendment Bill, 2018'. It is a bill which will safeguard the welfare of depositors as we are aware of 'chiahpuam' case is going on. It is subjudiced and despite the willing people, no

question is thus raised in the House regarding 'chiahpuam'. I believe Ministry of Finance must have given instruction as it is brought forward in the House. Pu Speaker, there is not much to discuss in the bill and the bill itself clarifies the position of the depositors and competent authority. I would also request the Hon. Minister to clarify the present status of 'chiahpuam' case.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Pu Speaker, I, at the outset gives my support to the Bill. The statement of object of reasons clearly stated that the object of the amendment is to strengthen the Act as well as reduce the incident of financial frauds.

Pu speaker, money lending is not permitted. Company Act, 1956 stated that it should be registered. Then, it is bind by Banking Regulation Act, 1949. The people need to be given awareness against these register financial institution. In fact, the Hon. Minister should invite some reliable institutions and give awareness. Though, corporation credit society and staff have their own jurisdiction.

Pu Speaker, this bill from hon. Finance Minister is of much important as it is the need of the hour. I therefore, give my support to the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I made a mistake stating that Deputy Speaker is the only lawyer that we have here among us. We have Pu John Siamkunga and Pu T.T. Zothansanga as well.

Now let us call the Hon. Finance Minister to clarify and wind-up discussion of the bill.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. I, First of all would like to request the Hon. Members to accept replacing the wording 'this bill' by 'this Act' in the sentence 'This Act may be called 'The Mizoram Protection of Interests of Depositors, in Financial Establishment, Second Amendment, Act''. Then, in clause 'b' after "but does not include" there is a question mark, which is typing mistake.

SPEAKER : Please repeat, Second amendment 'Bill' or 'Act'.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: It should be 'Act' and not 'Bill'. Therefore, it is "The Mizoram Protection of Interests of Depositors (in Financial Establishment) Second Amendment, Act". Then, next line is important, i.e., 'The Mizoram Protection of Establishment', it is not individual banking system but financial establishment for the Govt. protect, it is voluntary action. Previously there was no definition for depositors but now there is. Then, there is a clear cut definition that, "it should be deposited in schedule bank". Therefore, the Govt. is safe guarding as far as its capacity.

As the Hon. Member, Pu Rinliana has suggested, our Chief Secretary held a meeting with banks every month as so do I. But what should we remember is all banks are not scheduled Bank. In regard to sub-justice mentioned by the members, the

act is not sub-judice but is distribution of fund by money lenders which is in court case. Even if we passed this bill, there is no connection.

For information of the people of Mizoram, money should not be deposited in any financial institution other than Govt. financial institution. It should be deposited only in financial institution which deposited at scheduled bank.

Pu Speaker, I now request the House to pass "The Mizoram Protection of Interests of Depositors (in Financial Establishment) (Second Amendment) Bill, 2018".

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister has requested the house to pass, "The Mizoram Protection of Interests of Depositors (in Financial Establishment) (Second Amendment) Bill, 2018". All those who agree, say, 'yes' and those who disagree, say, 'no'. The house has unanimously passed the bill (*PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.*)

We have another bill. Let us call Hon. Parliamentary Affairs Minister, Pu R. Romawia to introduce the Bill.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and the house I introduce "The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Members of the Legislative Assembly (Sixth Amendment) Bill, 2018".

SPEAKER : Now let the Hon. Minister move the bill for discussion.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, before I move the bill, I would like to clarify in support of the amendment bill that the copy of Compilation of Salaries Act & Rules for Legislators of Mizoram, 2012 edition is here enclosed.

In 2011, amendment, section 6 (a) is added since the need for computer for Hon. Members was felt, with one computer operator at the salary of ₹10,000/-. But as time goes by, there is the need to amend the amount of salary like ₹10,000-₹20,000/-. I therefore request the Hon. Members to pass this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER : If anyone has anything to say? Alright. let us call Hon. Minister to move that the amendment is passed.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I request this august house to pass "The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Members of the Legislative Assembly (Sixth Amendment) Bill, 2018".

SPEAKAER : Now, the Hon. Minister have requested the house to pass, "The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Members of the Legislative Assembly (Sixth Amendment) Bill, 2018". All those who agree say 'yes' and those who disagree say 'no'. the house have unanimously passed the bill. (*PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Thank you.*)

This is a Session of the 7th Mizoram Legislative Assembly, 15th Session. As decided by Business Advisory Committee (BAC), the Session lasted for 17 days with 13 sittings. However, since three Govt. Bill were received, BAC decided to extend with one more day. Thus, the Session lasted for 21 days with 14 days sitting. Today is the last day of our sitting. For information of the House, followings are the business conducted during the Session:

QUESTION

Starred Questions

i)	Question entered	-	53
ii)	Question admitted	-	43
iii)	Question rejected	-	30
iv)	Enter in the List of Business	-	218
v)	Question answered in the House	-	83
vi)	Questions which are not answered in the House-		135

Unstarred Questions:

i)	Question entered	-	586
ii)	Question admitted	-	557
iii)	Question rejected	-	29
iv)	Starred Question converted to Unstarred Question-		298

The Governor addressed the House on 13.3.2018. Pu H. Zothangliana has submitted Motion of Thanks and was supported by Pu R.L. Pianmawia. The Motion of Thanks was discussed on 14.3.2018.

Panel of Chairmen for this Session are:

- i) Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.
- ii) Pu T. Sangkunga.
- iii) Pu Lalruatkima.
- iv) Er. Lalrinawma.

Obituary was observed on Hon. Former Members -

- i) Pu J. Kapthianga, Ex-MLA
- ii) Pu Lalchunga Chinzah, Ex-MLA

The Hon. House Leader, Pu Lal Thanhawla observed obituary and the following members delivered the speech:

- i) Pu Vanlalzawma
- ii) Pu C. Ngunlianchunga
- iii) Pu H. Zothangliana
- iv) Pu R. Romawia

One minute silence was then observed as mark of respect to the departed Members.

Special Mention was submitted by Hon. Member, Pu Lalruatkima regarding construction of Zofate Chawlhbuk by MZP.

Zero hour was observed by hon. Minister, Pu Zodintluanga. He informed the House on the fund sanction released by the Central Sanctioning & Maintaining Committee for PMAY-HFA (Urban) first installment of 57 crores.

The hon. Finance Minister, Pu Lalsawta present the following budgets in the House:

- i) Supplementary Demand for Grants for the year 2017-2018.
- ii) The Annual Budget for the year 2018-2019 with allied papers.

There are 11 reports that are presented during the Session and 19 laying of papers.

The following are the Govt. Bills received during this session -

- i) The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2018
- ii The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2018
- iii) The Chite Lui (Prevention and Control of Water Pollution) Bill, 2018.
- iv) The Mizoram Protection of Interests of Depositors (In Financial Establishment) (Second Amendment) Bill, 2018.
- v) The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Members of the Legislative Assembly (Sixth Amendment) Bill, 2018.

These Bills are passed by the House.

RESOLUTION

There are 81 Nos. Private members Resolution, all are admitted and 2 Resolutions are discussed and passed by the House.

i) Pu K. Sangthuama's Resolution: "That we are content with measures taken by the government to solve the problem of road communications which has been started since long time back"

ii) Pu Vanlalzawma's Resolution: "That intensive effort may be made to alleviate the problem of drugs and alcohol which immensely affects every churches, society, families and individuals.

All the Demands of the Ministers, after seriously discussed by the Members are unanimously passed by the House.

Today, we are able to conclude the Session without any hindrance of list of business. Only two Departments were unable to answer the questions. I will not name them for they will know themselves. Next time we should make keen effort.

I order to run the Session smoothly; there are various departments such as Police, Parliamentary Affairs and Legislative Assembly whose staff working day in and day out so that our Session is concluded successfully. So, on behalf of the House, I thank everyone; the House Leader makes his presence every day and I thank him specially.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, you have mentioned that there are 53 Unstarred questions, 43 admitted and 30 rejected, but it should be 10.

In regard to answers which had not been furnished by the concerned departments, this should not be repeated in the future as it degrades the status of the House. Pu Speaker, i appreciate that you showed mercy in your words.

SPEAKER : I have showed mercy since it is the first time. The Hon. Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana and Pu S. Laldingliana are absent due to illness.

I thank every one of you. I have been in Parliament for 12 years and I am proud of Mizoram Legislative Assembly. Now that we have come to the end of our business, I declare that the house is adjourned.

The House is adjourned, Sine Die. (3:30 PM.)