

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**FOR SECOND SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 28th JUNE, 2018
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)**

LAYING OF PAPERS

1. **PU LALSAWTA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House the following :
 - i) Notifications under the Mizoram Goods & Services Tax Act, 2017. (Rules Notified up to 31.5.2018).
 - ii) Notifications under the Mizoram Goods & Services Tax Act, 2017. (Rates Notified up to 31.5.2018).
 - iii) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on State Finances for the year ended 31 March 2017.

2. **PU LALRUATKIMA**, to lay on the Table of the House the following Statements on Action Taken Reports of Public Accounts Committee :
 - i) Statement of Action taken on the Further Recommendations of Public Accounts Committee contained in the 23rd Action Taken Report, 2018 relating to Public Health Engineering Department.
 - ii) Statement of Action taken on the Further Recommendations of Public Accounts Committee contained in the 24th Action Taken Report, 2018 relating to Power & Electricity Department.
 - iii) Statement of Action taken on the Further Recommendations of Public Accounts Committee contained in the 25th Action Taken Report, 2018 relating to Public Works Department.

3. **PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA**, to lay on the Table of the House a copy of Statement on Actions taken by the Government against Committee on Local Fund Accounts (COLFA) further recommendation contained in the Third Report on Technical Inspection Report on Urban Body and Rural Local Bodies

for the year 2013-2014 relating to Local Administration Department.

4. **PU R. VANLALVENA**, to lay on the Table of the House a copy of Statement of Action taken on the further recommendations of Committee on Government Assurances contained in the Seventh Report, 2017 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department, School Education Department and Fisheries Department.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

5. **PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA**, to present to the House the Third Report on Actions taken by the Government against the recommendations contained in the Second Report of Subject Committee-I relating to Excise and Narcotics Department.
6. **PU LALRUATKIMA**, to present to the House the following Reports of Public Accounts Committee :
- i) Thirtieth Report on Actions taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Twenty Sixth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2011-2012 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department.
 - ii) Thirty First Report on Actions taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Twenty Seventh Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2012-2013 relating to Transport Department.
 - iii) Thirty Second Report on Actions taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Twenty Ninth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2012-2013 relating to Transport Department.
7. **PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA**, to present to the House the Sixth Report on Actions Taken by the Government against the recommendations contained in the Fifth Report of Committee on Local Fund Accounts relating to Local Administration Department.

8. **PU R. VANLALVENA**, to present to the House the Eighth Report of Committee on Government Assurances relating to Government Assurances given by Ministers in the Twelfth Session of the Seventh Legislative Assembly of Mizoram.

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

9. **PU R. LALZIRLIANA**, Minister to move an Official Resolution in the following form :

“That this House resolves to impress upon the Government of India its unequivocal opposition to the proposed Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 that seeks to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955 to make illegal migrants eligible to be given Indian Citizenship on the basis of religion”.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill for introduction, consideration and passing

10. **PU LALSAWTA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Public Demands Recovery (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.***

S.R. ZOKHUMA
Commissioner & Secretary

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SPEAKER : Now the God of Patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one towards another according to Christ Jesus: that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5-6

The Hon. Member Pu S. Laldingliana is granted leave for today. We shall start with Laying of Papers. Let us now call upon Pu Lalsawta, Hon. Finance Minister to lay his papers.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your kind permission, I hereby lay the following papers on the table of this august House:

- 1) Notifications under the Mizoram Goods & Services Tax Act, 2017. (Rules Notified up to 31.5.2018)
- 2) Notifications under the Mizoram Goods & Services Tax Act, 2017. (Rates Notified up to 31.5.2018)
- 3) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on State Finance for the year ended 31 March, 2017.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. Let us now call upon Pu Lalruatkima, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee to lay his papers on the Table of the House.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, with your kind permission sir, I hereby lay the following Statements and Action Taken Reports of Public Accounts Committee on the Table of the House.

- 1) Statement of Action Taken on the Further Recommendations of Public Accounts Committee contained in the 23rd Action Taken Report, 2018 relating to Public Health Engineering Department.
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- 3) Statement of Action Taken on the Further Recommendations of Public Accounts Committee contained in the 25th Action Taken Report, 2018 relating to Public Works Department. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. Let us now call upon Pu H. Zothangliana, Chairman, Committee on Local Fund Accounts to lay his papers on the Table of the House.

PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, with your permission, I hereby lay on the Table of The House the Statement of Actions taken by the Government against Committee on Local Fund Accounts (COLFA) further recommendation contained in the Third Report on Technical Inspection Report on Urban Body and Rural Local Bodies for the year 2013-2014 relating to Local Administration Department. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. Let us now call upon Pu R. Vanlalvena, Chairman, Committee on Government Assurances to lay his papers on the Table of the House.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Pu Speaker, with your permission, I hereby lay the Statement of Action Taken on the further recommendations of Committee on Government Assurances contained in the Seventh Report, 2017 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department, School Education Department and Fisheries Department on the Table of the House.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. We shall now move to Presentation of Reports. Let us call upon Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, Chirman, Subject Committee-I to present their report.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, with your permission Sir, I hereby present the Third Report of Subject Committee-I, Action taken by the Government against the recommendations contained in the Second Report of Subject Committee-I relating to Excise and Narcotics Department. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. Pu Lalruatkima, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee may now present their reports.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. With your permission, I hereby present the following reports of Public Accounts Committee:

- 1) Thirtieth Report on Actions taken by the Government on the recommendation contained in the Twenty Sixth Report of the Public

Accounts Committee on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2011-2012 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department.

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SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. Let us now call upon Pu Zothangliana, Chairman, Committee on Local Fund Accounts.

PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. With your permission, I hereby present in this august House the Sixth Report on Actions Taken by the Government against the recommendations contained in the Fifth Report of Committee on Local Fund Accounts relating to Local Administration Department. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. Pu R. Vanlalvena, Chairman, Committee on Government Assurances may also now take his time.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Pu Speaker, with your kind permission, I hereby present in this august House the Eight Reports of Committee on Government Assurances relating to Government Assurances given by Ministers in the Twelfth Session of the Seventh Legislative Assembly of Mizoram. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. We shall now move to another business. We have one Official Resolution today. Let us call upon the owner of the Resolution Pu R. Lalzirliana, Hon. Home Minister to move his resolution.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. The resolution is as follows: "That this House resolves to impress upon the Government of India its equivocal opposition to the proposed Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 that seeks to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955 to make

illegal migrants eligible to be given Indian Citizenship on the basis of religion.”

Pu Speaker, this resolution is the result of the proposed amendment of Citizenship Act 1955, Act No. 57 of 1955 which is implemented on 30. December, 1955. Section 5 and 6 of this act state about hoc citizenship of India could be acquired by naturalization. It does not contain how illegal migrants could acquire citizenship. The proposed amendment is trying to amend this act in such a way that migrants from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh who belongs to Religious Minorities of Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian and given exemption by the Central Government as per the Passport Entry into India Act, 1920 Section 3, Clause 2 and Clause (c) or “Foreigners Act, 1946” or by order would not be included in illegal migrants. Besides, the period after which minority migrants could apply for citizenship by naturalization is also reduced to 6 years from 11 years. The real danger is that this will opens the possibilities that illegal migrants could get citizenship more easily.

It is obvious that this amendment focus on providing assistance to illegal migrants due to oppression and problems from neighbouring countries rather than legal migrants. It is good to provide rehabilitation to refugees on humanitarian ground to some extent. However, it is not obligatory for India to give citizenship as it is not a signatory of United Nations Refugee Conventions, 1951.

Besides, it is quite doubtful that it is meant for some particular countries and religions. While some religions are mentioned in the proposed amendment, the Rohingya Muslim in Myanmar, Uyghur Muslim from China, Amaddhiya Muslim, etc. are not included. The Preamble of the Constitution of India states that India is a sovereign, socialist, secular, democratic republic state. It is clearly against the principle of Indian Constitution to differentiate based on religion. Therefore, I beg the House to pass this resolution unanimously and express our opposition against this act. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall now have discussion on the resolution. Each member will have ten minutes. Let us first give time to Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As already stated by the Hon. Home Minister, the Citizenship Act 1955 is created by the Parliament

of India through the Constitution of India. It has been amended five times in the past.

The previous amendments are made as per the need of the citizens. However, this proposed amendment is based on religion. It seems to be an attempt to give citizenship to Hindu illegal migrants. I think that this should be strongly opposed and I support the resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The resolution moved by the Hon. Home Minister is a good one. We are aware that India is a secular state. Meanwhile, the proposed amendment which is based on religion is opposed from different angle. It poses a threat for especially the North East states. We need to make every possible effort so that freedom of religion could be withheld. As already stated by Pu Vanlalzawma, it is necessary to sent delegates to central government also in order to inform our stance.

It is clear that this proposed amendment is to make Hinduism remain the major religion of India. In this connection, it is necessary to increase our population so that we may have better impact in India. It is also important to prevent ourselves from assimilation. It seems we are unanimous to pass this resolution. Besides, we need to bear in mind how it will be pursued also. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am overwhelmed that the Hon. Home Minister has moved this resolution for the safeguard of our state and our religion. It seems this may be a way for the exploited and smaller sections to gain independence from India.

We are currently facing several encroachments in our border areas also. Huge area of our land has been fenced out on the ongoing border fencing work. The people in the area are facing a huge problem due to the border fencing work also. This is also connected with this resolution.

This is the time we could stand for our state and our religion. On the matter of its pursuance, I suggest that joint meeting should be held under the

leadership of the Hon. Chief Minister or the Hon. Home Minister with all NGOs and churches. The resolution made by that meeting should also be pursued to central government also as necessary. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalsawta.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I consider this resolution moved by the Hon. Home Minister very important. India is a great nation which survives the test of time. The founding fathers of this nation realize the importance of constitution to make this nation, which comprises of huge diversities into one great nation. In that constitution formed by them, Article 5 to Article 11 states about citizenship. Within that articles, there is absolutely no restriction or differentiation or even mention of religion. Unfortunately, after the present BJP ministry in the central government, there is now differentiation proposed to be made based on religion. We do not agree to break the greatness of the Constitution which is free from differences based on religion.

India is currently the biggest democratic country based on population; this makes it a great status. However, the greatness is again should be measured on its quality but not merely on quantity. There is no greatness in increase in population because we favour some people just because they belong to a particular religion. I would like to express my opposition against this Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 and I am supporting this resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Hmingdailova.

PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am glad that this important resolution has been moved by the Hon. Home Minister. It is a fact that the Party in Central Government is trying to implement their policy of Hindutva in different methods. (Dy. Speaker at the Chair) If we do not understand and protect ourselves, this may be a huge danger for this state with only a population of around 12 lakhs.

I remember the statement made by an MP which says that the only Hindus are included in this amendment at the first place. It is only after a huge pressure that other minority religions are included. Meanwhile, the Muslims are still not included. This makes it more suspicious about the intention of the

amendment. Therefore, I am opposing the amendment and do support this resolution. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would first like to state that I am supporting this resolution. Careful study of the proposed amendment shows that it is against Article 14 of Indian Constitution which provides equality irrespective of religion. This proposed amendment clearly drew discrimination on the grounds of religion. Therefore, I consider this amendment unacceptable.

Moreover, there is a provision for cancelation of citizenship for overseas citizens of India in case they commit even a petty crime. This is also quite doubtful.

What I would like to add while discussing this resolution is that we need to be more prompt in pursuing our resolutions passed in this House. If not, it may not be effective enough as expected. Besides, with the coming challenges and problems nowadays, the value of safeguard and protection provided by Mizoram Peace Accord increased. We need to realize these protections and privileges of our state in this regard. With these words, I am supporting the resolution. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T. Sangkunga

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. We are aware that India is a secular state which is clearly stated in the Preamble of the Constitution. Meanwhile, the Citizenship Amendment Bill is trying to act against this.

It is a fact that it is only because the leaders of north east states decided to remain a part of India at the time that the whole of Assam could remain a part of India. If not, the majority Muslim community would surely vote to become a part of Pakistan.

Meanwhile, it is quite unfortunate that the proposed amendment is trying to pave a way for immigrants from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan to avail citizenship. On the other hand, the Mizo tribes from Myanmar are not

included. It is quite bias against our state. The origin of this amendment is merely for the political advantage of Hon. Prime Minister from the Hindus. We have to prevent and oppose this law that will allow them to have easy citizenship right. We need to unite and combat this issue

Having a delegate at Parliament is not enough and so is necessary to organize representatives and meet with Joint Parliamentary Party at Delhi. Lastly, i support this Resolution. Thank you.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. We are all aware that the activities of BJP government do not imply integrity and togetherness among which Citizenship Amendment Bill is one example. As mentioned before, we need to fight this as a society irrespective of political party and religious denomination. We must be willing to use additional measures to combat this issue for our survival. For this reason, i truly support this Resolution. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I stand here today to support this Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016. Thinking about the integrity of India and Mizoram, Citizenship Bill is not a favorable bill especially for North East India as we are in a vulnerable state.

As such, we should not be support this bill since it is the strategy of BJP and they are using us to benefit themselves while sacrificing our nation. Therefore, we should be oppose to this Bill and protest against this Bill. Thank you.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. We are all aware of the threat The Citizenship Bill 2016 will pose against Mizoram and the people and I support this amendment Bill that the Hon. Minister has submitted and also any measure which may be taken for the success of this Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Though brief, it is practical speech. Next is Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. We discuss the

Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 which is of much important as it may cause potential threat to Mizoram and the official resolution to counter this bill. I would like to mention that i support this resolution and would like to deliver a few points regarding this bill.

Pu Speaker, i am not concern about India but Mizoram and the affect this bill could bring. We are in charge of our own fate and we have our own rules and regulations to counter this bill such as Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1895, Inner Line permit and Article 371 (g). We must ensure that these rules are exercised and executed when the need arise.

NGO coordination committee has submitted a memorandum protesting Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016. The government needs to take further action at central level even if this resolution is passed. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Col ZS Zuala

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we should be aware that our central government is Hindu Fundamentalist party and as such their objective is to promote Hindu and Hindu laws. We are witness to their actions that promote Hindu and its way of life. Even though we are aware of their extremism, there are some who would collaborate with BJP and i believe that withdrawing from this alliance would benefit us. I also support this resolution. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. As discuss by members before me, we are all aware that this bill pose a threat to the security of India and Mizoram. I am certain that this resolution will be passed and i suggest the practical approach to pursue this at central level.

Also, the objective of Modi's government is distinctive from this Bill and i regret that certain party from Chakma Autonomous District Council would form an alliance with them. I believe this congress ministry needs to reflect on this and if possible withdraw from this alliance.

Lastly, I support this resolution submitted by the Hon. Minister. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The House Leader.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: The BJP that the Chakma Autonomous District Council formed an alliance with is different from the Central BJP with separate interests and objectives.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. This Bill has a secret agenda definitely as the objective is unclear since the statement of objects and reasons does not clearly define for this amendment. It is true that BJP belongs to Indian Right Wing Hindu Nationalists and as such it is necessary that we pool our resources as a nation irrespective of political and religious denomination and protest this Bill. Lastly, I pledge my support to the resolution submitted by the Hon. Minister. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R. Romawia

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. There is a precise statement of objects and reason which underlines 'Many persons of Indian origin'. However the central concept on Indian origin is completely different from ours in which Christianity is categorized as a foreign religion and as such we might not be regarded as the Indian origin according to them.

The main objective obviously is to transform India into a Hindu State following Hindu rules, code and way of life among which Citizenship Amendment Bill is one of their strategies. As such, we need to take every necessary step to protest this bill for the integrity of our nation. I am thankful that the Hon. Minister submitted this resolution and I fully support this resolution. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now have a break and continue with our Session at 2:00 PM.

2:00 P.M.

SPEAKER : To continue with our discussion on the Resolution, I believe we still have members who would like to have their say. If not, let us now invite our Home Minister.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. I am grateful that the members of this House voiced their support for my resolution. As mentioned by the members before me, i would also like to suggest an immediate follow up of this resolution at central level since it is an important resolution.

This amendment bill has several protesters which is a testament to its biased content. There was no religious content in the previous Bill but this latest amendment seems like it is made for the Hindus. As such, i would like this House to pass my resolution “That this House resolves to impress upon the government of India its unequivocal opposition to the proposed Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 that seeks to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955 to make illegal migrants eligible to be given Indian Citizenship on the basis of religion”. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Our Hon. Home Minister has asked the permission of this House to pass his resolution that “this House resolves to impress upon the government of India its unequivocal opposition to the proposed Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 that seeks to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955 to make illegal migrants eligible to be given Indian Citizenship on the basis of religion”. All those in favor, please say, ‘Yes’. (*MEMBERS: Yes*) Is there anyone who oppose? (*None*). This House has unanimously passed the resolution submitted by Pu R. Lalzirliana.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : We will move on to Legislative Business. Let us invite Pu Lalsawta, the Hon. Minister to ask for permission to introduce his bill.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. I move this House to introduce my bill ‘The Mizoram Public Demands Recovery Amendment Bill, 2018’.

SPEAKER : This House has agreed to let him introduce and move his bill.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. ‘The Mizoram Public Demands Recovery Amendment Bill, 2001’ which has been amended

previously mainly concern Taxation department. Due to recent allocation of business rules, these three departments i.e. Taxation, Land Revenue & Settlement and Finance have decided to amend this bill for better utilization. Our cabinet memo is approved in the last cabinet meeting. Due to unethical practice in the past, this bill was seldom executed.

Pu Speaker, I would like to exclude '1' in the word installment as double '1' is not necessary.

Firstly, we would like Section 14 to be amended as it is seen in the whole section and also an inclusion on Mode of Recovery. This mode of recovery will vary according to the condition and amount of the debt acquired by the debtor.

Secondly, Section 48 of the Principal Act shall be substituted by this Act and will have overriding effect.

Pu Speaker, we, as Finance department is lacking in many ways including the drafting of Legislation and i apologize for our shortfall. We failed to include the sentence, 'Principal Act shall be substituted by the following namely' under 14 amendment and i would like this House to accept our mistakes and include this clause in the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will start our discussion with 5 minutes assigned to each speech. Who will start the discussion? Pu Lalrinliana Sailo

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Pu Speaker, thank you. Our hon. Minister has made a very precise explanation on this bill and it seems like there is no financial implications. The department has owned up to their mistakes and i believe that it is a straightforward bill. I am in favor of this bill and suggest the passing of this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. This will be the last Assembly Session within this term and as such i would like to be a part of the discussion. Our hon. Minister has submitted an important act with a clear and precise explanation.

I would like to point out that we have to consider the implication this bill and we have to keep an open mind on the effects it could have and has a better understanding of this bill so that it can be better utilized. Lastly, i pledge my support to this bill. Thank you.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. The main objective of this bill is the defaulter and as such the important thing is for the public learn not to be a defaulter. I also support this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Is there anyone else? No. As requested by our hon. Minister, we shall exclude 'l' from 'installment'. 'viz' shall be considered as a patent error under section 14. Let us now invite our hon. Minister to ask the permission of the House to pass this bill.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. I am grateful that this Bill is met with enthusiasm by the members and i hope that it will pave the way and change the public's perception towards debt. So, I ask permission of this House to pass my bill 'The Mizoram Public Demands Recovery Amendment Bill, 2018'. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Our hon. Finance Minister has asked the permission of this House to pass his bill. All those in favor may say, 'Agree' (*MEMBERS: Agree*) Is there anyone who does not agree? No.

This House has unanimously passed 'The Mizoram Public Demands Recovery Amendment Bill, 2018'.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Since this will be last sitting for this term, i would like to invite our House Leader and opposition leader to say a few words; I hope that the members will agree. Let us invite the opposition leader Pu Vanlazawma to say a few words.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, we have reached the end of the 7th Legislative Assembly 16th Sitting without any unwanted incident and i thank you on behalf of the opposition for giving me this precious time.

In a personal note, i would like to thank my constituency Aizawl West-

III for putting their trust in me and giving me the chance to be a part of this Assembly.

I thank our hon. Speaker for his leadership skills; it is his experience and proficiency that guide us through this term.

I am grateful to our Deputy Speaker for his input and guidance and the officers and staffs at Legislative Assembly for their hard work and professionalism. I am also thankful to our House Leader for his dedication to the members of this House.

Lastly, i would like to thank the members of this House for their broad mindedness and their cooperation. There is no unpleasant incident during this term at this House and the members deserve praise for their professionalism and their respect for one another irrespective of their political affiliations. I believe that if all of us can cooperate and work together without political denomination, i am certain that our land will prosper. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now invite our hon. Chief Minister and House Leader Pu Lal Thanhawla.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you for the unexpected invitation.

First of all, i thank God for his guidance throughout this term. I am thankful that we have no unpleasant and unfortunate incident during this term and i have no doubt that this is due to God.

I would like to thank our hon. Speaker and Deputy Speaker for their honesty and experience in guiding our sessions. Our Assembly proceedings are conducted with civility and decorum and this is due to our Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

I applaud the opposition members for being respectable of this House and its members. They provided constructive criticisms for the ministry and have treated other members with respect in spite of their difference in policy and ideology.

I would like to thank my constituencies Champhai and Serchhip for

believing in me and allowing me to represent them.

Each and every member of this House has their own indentation and has presented themselves with decorum throughout this term and i am grateful to be a part of it.

I would like to apologize if there are any grief and anguish caused to the members by this Ministry and i ask for their forgiveness. Thank you.

SPEAKER : As mentioned by our House Leader, we should thank God for his guidance.

I am grateful to be sitting in this seat which clearly shows the power of democracy. I thank the opposition members for their conduct and professionalism.

I also thank our House leader for his dedication and it is worth mentioning that he seldom miss our sessions.

The dress code of our members is always neat and tidy and i believe this reflects their personality. I wish all the members of this House happiness and health for the future.

We will now listen to the summary of this session. This session is the 16th Sitting of 7th Legislative Assembly. As discussed by Business Advisory Committee on 20.6.2018 (Wednesday), the duration of this session is two days and as such no question and answer was taken.

OBITUARY

A memorial was observed for Pu P.B. Nikuma (Ex-Deputy Minister) who died on 11.4.2018 with a speech made by our august House Leader, Pu Lal Thanhawla. Two other members Pu Lalruatkima and Pu R. Romawia made a speech to show their grieve. A minute of silence was observed to mourn this loss.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

Seven papers were presented at this House during this Session.

LAYING OF PAPERS

Nine papers were laid before the House during this Session.

BILLS

Two government bills were received during this Session. They are

- i) The Sinlung Hills council Bill, 2018
- ii) The Mizoram Public Demands Recovery (Amendment) Bill, 2018

These two bills were unanimously passed by the House after discussion.

RESOLUTION

An official resolution was submitted by Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister “That this House resolves to impress upon the government of India its unequivocal opposition to the proposed Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2016 that seeks to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955 to make illegal migrants eligible to be given Indian Citizenship on the basis of religion”.

The resolution was adopted by the House after discussion.

CONCLUSION

We have concluded our business for this Session.

“House is adjourned, Sine Die”