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The Govt. of Mizoram have learnt with deep sorrow of the sudden and premature demise of Capt. Williamson A. Sangma, former Governor of Mizoram at New Delhi on 25th October, 1990 at 4.00 A.M.

Capt. Williamson A. Sangma, son of Gongsin S. Marak (L) was born on 18th October, 1919 at Baghmara. He was educated at the Jagannath Intermediate College, Dhaka and Christian College, Serampore. He joined as a Commissioned Officer in the army in 1942. He left the army in 1946 and entered politics. He was the founder member of the Garo National Council and became its President in 1947. He was one of the prominent political leaders of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council. He was elected to the Assam Assembly in 1957 and became a Cabinet Minister of the Assam Govt. in 1958. He was one of the founders of the All Party Hill Leaders Conference and became its chairman in 1961. He was re-elected to the Assam Assembly in 1962, 1967 and 1972. He headed the first Congress Ministry when the APHLC was merged with the Indian National Congress. He was the Chief Minister of Meghalaya during 1976-78. He was also a delegate to the UN General Assembly in 1974. He was re-elected to Meghalaya Assembly in 1983 and became the Chief Minister for a second term till 1987. Thereafter he was elected to Parliament from the State of Meghalaya. Recently he was appointed as the Governor of Mizoram on 21-7-89.

The Govt. of Mizoram wishes to place on record their appreciation of the sincere services rendered by Capt. Williamson A. Sangma, and their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family. His death at this juncture is an irreparable loss.