

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE
FIFTH MIZORAM STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FROM 18.3.2004 TO 25.3.2004**

FIRST SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 18TH MARCH, 2004
(Time : 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

PRESENTS

Pu Lalchamliana Speaker, at the Chair, Chief Minister, 14 Ministers and 23 Members were present.

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

1. **HIS EXCELLENCY PU AMOLAK RATTAN KOHLI**, Governor of Mizoram to address the House.

MOTION

2. **PU LALTHLENGLIANA** to move a Motion of Thanks on the Address of the Governor.

Honourable Speaker and distinguished Members,

1. It is a great honour indeed to address the Second Session, which is also the first Budget Session, of the Fifth Legislative Assembly of Mizoram. I heartily welcome you to this momentous Session and also extend my very warm greetings to you after the joyous conclusion of the Chapchar Kut festival. I also take this opportunity to extend warm greetings on behalf of my Government and on my own behalf, to the people of Mizoram.

2. This Session will largely address issues concerning the Budget for the year 2004 - 2005 besides deliberating on other business of public concern. With the distinguished presence of a large number of experienced and seasoned legislators, I am confident that the deliberations of this august House will be an enlightening and an enriching experience. I trust that the conduct of this House during the course of this Session will be carried, as ever, will all grace and dignity befitting the rich parliamentary tradition of this august Assembly.

3. On 16th December, 2003, while addressing the First Session of the Assembly, I had apprised the hon'ble Members about the priorities of my Government. I had also broadly outlined the agenda and objectives for achieving sustainable level of growth and for ensuring lasting peace in Mizoram. My Government, let me