

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH & BUDGET SESSION OF THE
MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL
FROM 22nd MARCH, 1977 TO 30th MARCH, 1977

Ist Sitting on 22nd March, 1977 at 11 AM

Pu Vaivenga, Speaker in the Chair, Chief Minister, Six Ministers and 22 Members were present.

Lt. Governor Speech.

Mr Speaker and Hon'ble Members,

I am happy to welcome you to the Sixth Budget Session of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly and extend to you my cordial greetings. We are meeting under the shadow of a grievous loss suffered by the country in the untimely demise of late Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed who died in harness as President of India. We are also deeply grieved at the passing away of Shri Lalhmwingthanga who was an illustrious Member of this House. I offer my heart-felt condolence to the berieved families.

2. This is the third year in succession that I am having the apportunity of addressing you. Many events of crucial importance have taken place during the preceeding year. On the national scene the country continued to consolidate the gains of emergency. India emerged as one of the very few countries in the world which succeeded in halting and reversing the inflationary trend, India's position improved vastly in the balance of international trade and our foreign exchange reserves recorded a spectacular increase. Increase in food-grain production enabled us to build up an unprecedented buffer stock. Industrial production in the factories matched the agricultural production in the field, thanks to a newly found sense of discipline in the industrial labour and sound fiscal policies. India's stock on the international scene rose to new heights. Parhaps, an even greater and more creditable achievement during this year was the bold decision taken by the Prime Minister to go to the polls and seek a fresh mandate from the people. There can be no doubt that this bolt step has once again clearly and categorically re-affirmed our country's commitment to democracy. We can, thus, hold our heads high as citizens of the largest democracy in the world.