## 2nd Sitting On 11.5.72 at 10 A.M.

Membors Present - 30

Members Absent - Nil

AT THE CHAIR: PU H. Thansanga, M.A., B.T. Speaker of the Assembly.

BUSINESS : ADDRESS BY THE Lt. GOVERNOR

( The Lt. Governor enters the House in procession.

Nfter taking Seats the Lt. Governor addressed the House)

HONOURABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISIATIVE ASSEMBLY,

pleasure to welcome you all in the first session of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly after the Mizo Hills District came under the management of the Central Government and was elevated to the status of a Union Territory on the 21st January, 1972 under the provisions of the North Eastern Areas (Re-Organisation) Act of 1971. I note with no small measure of satisfaction that the entire process of election to the House of the People and the Mizoram Legislative Assembly has passed off smoothly without any untoward incidents. It is a sign of political maturity, and the country can look forward with confidence that the destiny of this a state is safe in the hands of the elected representatives of its people. In this exercise of democracy, I assure the Honourable Members of my devotion and that of my Government to the welfare of the common men.

2. With the new era ushered in on the 21st January, 1972, it has been a period of hectic activity for the Government as well as the people of this State. The established links in the administrative machinery were suddently broken and the vaccum so created had to be filled by setting up the Government at the State level, and re-organising the District level functioneries into fulfledge departments. Side by side, preparation had to be made for the community of general elections, which implied setting up 233 polling stations and ensure a free and fair chance to the electorate, for the exercise of their franchise. It has been a challenging task