

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE SECOND MIZORAM  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL FROM  
21ST JUNE, 1978 TO 4TH JULY, 1978.

2ND SITTING ON 22ND JUNE, 1978 AT 10:30 A.M.

Pu Thangridema, Speaker in the Chair, Chief Minister, 4 Ministers  
and 24 Members.

BUSINESS

1. Address by the Lieutenant Governor.
2. Laying of copy of Address on the Table.
3. Motion of Thanks.

L.G. SPEECH

Mr. Speaker and Hon'ble Members,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the first session of the newly elected Mizoram Legislative Assembly. I extend a hearty welcome to all Members of this House and wish them a fruitful tenure in the service of our people. It is a matter of great satisfaction that the entire process of election to the Legislative Assembly has passed off smoothly without any untoward incident. It is the first time that elections have been held in the month of May when rains had commenced. In spite of the difficulties in communications and transportation, the electoral and security arrangements worked efficiently and elections were completed as scheduled. The peaceful conduct of elections in Mizoram is particularly creditable when viewed against the background of the disturbed conditions which have prevailed in this territory since 1966. The credit goes primarily to the political maturity of the electorate and the confidence which our people have in the democratic principles and processes enshrined in our Constitution.

2. The Council of Ministers which assumed office earlier this month has come in on the basis of a popular verdict given by the people at the Polls. In a way, this mandate by the people is a re-affirmation of their faith in the path of peace and abjurement of violence. My Government stands committed to finding a peaceful solution of all problems in a spirit of reconciliation. In this spirit we welcome the understanding reached on 1st July, 1976, between the Mizo National Front and Government of India and eagerly await its final implementation. The path of violence has brought nothing but misery and sufferings for our people and my Government will work sincerely and steadfastly towards achieving lasting peace in Mizoram. In this endeavour, considerations of any Part/