

**LIST OF MEMBERS OF FIFTH SESSION OF  
MIZORAM STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY 2004**

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4.	Lawngtlai	H. Vanlalthaliana	MLA Hostel, Khatla, Aizawl.
5.	Chawngte	Rasik Mohan Chakma	Chakma House, Hunthar Veng.
6.	Tlabung	Nihar Kanti Chakma	Legislator Home, Tuikhuahtlang.
7.	Buarpui	Zodintluanga	Tuikual 'A', Aizawl.
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10.	Tawipui	Z.H. Ropuia	Mission Veng near Sikulpuikawn.
11.	Vanva	C. Lalrinsanga	Tuikhuahtlang, Aizawl.
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15.	Champhai	Zoramthanga	Mc Donald Hill, Aizawl.
16.	Khawhai	Lalrinliana Sailo	Upper Republic Veng, Aizawl.
17.	Saitual	R. Lalzirliana	Armed Veng North, Aizawl.
18.	Khawzawl	Andrew Lalherliana	Luangmual Aizawl.
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20.	Suangpuilawn	H. Lalsangzuala	Ramhlun South, Aizawl.
21.	Ratu	Lalduhoma	Chawlhmun, Aizawl.
22.	Kawnpui	Sailothanga Sailo	Chhinga Veng, Aizawl.
23.	Kolasib	K. Lalrinliana	Kolasib.
24.	Bilkhawthlir	Lalchamliana	Electric Veng, Aizawl.
25.	Lokicherra	Tawnluia	Kanaan Veng, Aizawl.
26.	Kawrthah	Saikapthianga	Zotlang, Aizawl.
27.	Mamit	Lalthlengliana	Bungkawn, Aizawl.
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30.	Serchhip	Lal Thanhawla	Zarkawt, Aizawl.
31.	Lungpho	K. Lianzuala	Electric Veng, Aizawl.
32.	Tlungvel	Sainghaka	Mission Veng, Aizawl.
33.	Aizawn N - I	Dr. Lalzama	Chaltlang Lily Veng, Aizawl.
34.	Aizawl N - II	H. Liansailova	Bawngkawn Chhim Veng, Aizawl.
35.	Aizawl E - I	K. Sangthuama	Electric Veng, Aizawl.
36.	Aizawl E - II	H. Vanlalauva	Chhinga Veng, Aizawl.
37.	Aizawl W - I	Aichhinga	Babutlang, Aizawl.
38.	Aizawl W - II	Lalrinchhana	Tuikual 'A', Aizawl.
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| 3. PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA<br>MINISTER | 1. Health & Family Welfare Department<br>2. Social Welfare Department<br>3. Secretariat Administration Department  |
| 4. PU LALRINCHHANA<br>MINISTER        | 1. Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department<br>2. Transport Department<br>3. Relief & Rehabilitation Department  |
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S P E A K E R : 'He who is greatest among you shall be your servant; whoever exalts himself will be humbled and whoever humbles himself will be exalted'.  
Mathew 23 : 11,12

Starred Question will be taken. But, first I would like to inform the House that Cell phones are not allowed inside the Session Hall. Secondly, only three Supplementary Questions are allowed to be asked.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister incharge Agriculture Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Whether there is proposal to make Mizoram into an 'Organic State'.
- (b) If so, when.
- (c) If so, is there proposal to stop the purchase of fertilizer, pesticides insecticides and weedicides ?
- (d) If so, has that intention been reflected in the Budget ?

S P E A K E R : Pu H. Rammawi.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer to Starred Question no. 1 are as below -  
MINISTER

- (a) The Government intends to make Mizoram into an 'Organic State'.
- (b) Rapid steps have been taken to make Mizoram into an Organic State and it is expected to be declared soon.
- (c) There are certain fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides and weedicides that can be used for organic farming. The department will continue to purchase these types.
- (d) As that is the case, it has not been reflected in the Budget.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, recently, the agriculture society at Champhai were instructed by the Agriculture Department to stop selling fertilizers like MOP and DAP that are used in WRC. The farmers became dismay for without the use of these fertilizers the quantity of production would decrease. In this case, I would like to challenge the department whether a substitute for these fertilizers could be supplied to the farmers.

Secondly, on June 22, fertilizers was issued to some farmers from Sihphir. It has been said that this is for the celebration of the victory of the concerned MLA in the Election. But, fertilizers was given only to MNF members. How is the Minister reacted to this ?

It is a matter of appreciation that the hon'ble Chief Minister aims to achieve self - sufficiency in the production of foodgrains. However, can we achieve this aim if only the MNF families which consist of only 30% of the total population become self - sufficient?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I appreciate that the government

intends to declare Mizoram into an organic state. However, I would like to ask the Minister what policy does the government have in regards to the manufacture of organic fertilizer.

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to ask the measure taken by the government for the successful implementation of this programme. I would further like to ask which state's have already adopted organic farming.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the Agriculture Department has been distributing paddy seeds to WRC farmers. Is this distribution meant only for farmers? If the list of beneficiaries with the quantity received is produced, can the Minister concerned take action?

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, as written by the Experts, declaring the whole state for organic farming will apparently fail. With this view, I would like to ask whether experts are consulted before taking up this matter?

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker Sir, I will start answering from the question raised by Pu R. Lalzirliana. Agriculture Department has stopped procuring fertilizers but it has been learnt that the farmers association of Champhai had procured DAP on its own. Prohibition order has not yet been made though our intention is already publicised. We are observing public reaction. It is the policy of the government to start organic farming an area wise through certifying agency. Anyhow, the department instructs the society to use DAP on WRC alone and not for other cultivations.

As regards to Sihphir, we received reaction from the people of that area as they preferred DAP for their squash plantation. If the use of DAP is stopped, their plantation would certainly suffer as the department cannot provide suitable alternative for now. Therefore, squash planters are strictly instructed to use the fertilizers issued only to them. The matter was discussed with the association from Sihphir and fertilizers was also issued to the association and not as party members.

Regarding the question raised by Pu Lalhmingthanga, the government plans to entertain private enterprise for organic fertilizing plant.

In the case of the question raised by Pu Liansailova, the government plans to start organic farming area wise through certifying agency.

As for the case mentioned by Pu Saikapthianga, it would be appreciated if the list could be handed over to me so that I can check the matter.

Throughout the States of India, chemical fertilizers has been widely used unlike Mizoram. In an organic farming, fertilizer will not be totally ignored but the main object in an organic farming is to remove the use of chemical. There are chemicals in fertilizers like DAP, UREA and MOP while there are harmless fertilizers

like organic manure, green manure and bio - fertilizer. According to experts, 40% of plantation area in the world is destroyed by chemical fertilizer.

There are several alternatives for chemical fertilizers. The Government of India has made National programme for organic production programme for organic production programme and a handbook for organic farming is also made. It is our intention to show other Indian States that there are good alternative for chemical fertilizers. China has followed organic farming and the production per hectare becomes 50 quintals whereas in India it is only 20 quintals. This has apparently shows that there are better alternatives.

Lastly, to show my appreciation to Pu Lalziriana for his awareness which makes opportunity to discuss organic farming, I would like to present him a handbook called 'National Programme for organic production'.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, if the list is produced can the hon'ble Minister take action ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask Starred Question No. 2 -

- (a) Is Village Development Committee set up in each village ?
- (b) What are the required qualification for VDC Member ?
- (c) Is Block Development Committee set up in each Block ?

S P E A K E R : Let us now call upon Pu Aichhinga Minister of Rural Development.

PU AICHHINGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, order has been issued to set up Village Development Committee in each village. However, MINISTER the report has not been received so far.

- (a) As per government notification No. (b)11016/30/90 IRD dt. 16.6.2004 the Deputy Commissioners set up VDC in each district in consultation with the SDO.
- (b) And the BDO concerned shall constitute VDC. The qualifications required for VDC Member are (i) 1 Member from Village Council (ii) 1 Member from each recognised Political Party (iii) 1 Member each from NGOs like YMA, MHIP and MUP (iv) 3 prominent citizens. The Chairman, Treasure and Secretary shall be appointed by the Deputy Commissioner.
- (c) Block Development Committee has not been set up in each Block though order has already been issued for the same.

PU H. ROHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the appointment of the Chairman of the VDC, why doesn't the government accept the Village Council President as the Chairman of the VDC ?

I would further like to ask if the concerned MLAs are spontaneously became member of the Block Development Committee of their constituency.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, a supplementary question please. First, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to provide the copy of the government notification order to the members.

Secondly, what is the main function of the VDC? Is there an intention to make the VDC as an implementation agency for the development programmes to be undertaken in rural areas.

Regarding the composition of the members of the VDC, the Deputy Commissioner is entrusted to appoint Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. But, there could be political control. Hence, it may be suggested that the appointed member elect the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer among themselves.

As mentioned by Pu H. Rohluna, if the concerned MLAs are not directly the members of the VDC, it may be requested that they be included in the Committee.

I would further like to ask the hon'ble Minister to provide the formation order of the VDC to the members so that we may have better look into the composition of the Committee.

PU S. HIATO : Mr. Speaker Sir, formerly, VDC has already been formed in various areas. Why is this being renewed? I, too agree with the suggestion raised by Pu Lalhmingthanga that the Chairman of the Committee should be elected by the members of the Committee among themselves so as to avoid ministry influence.

To make this Committee effective, the ministry should give priority to the recommendation and project brought forward by the Committee.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. In regard to Champhai constituency, the decision of Village Development Committee is often superseded at the Project Director level. In spite of being the Chief Minister's Constituency, the administration has become dispicable. Even the meeting of the DRDA Governing Board has not yet been called till today. Hence, I request the concern Minister to take fruitful step in this regard.

PU AICHHINGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I will start with the question raised by Pu H. Rohluna which is in regards to the appointment of the President of the VDC. Formerly the Village Council were regarded as a development agency by the Rural Development Department, whereas there are dedicated members in the agency, there are some members who take political advantage. In view of this, awareness has been risen to set up Village Development Committee which is designed to be independent from Village Council which is formed from political platform. Therefore, the Deputy Commissioner, SDO and BDO concerned are entrusted to appoint prominent and dedicated citizen as the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the VDC.

There is also a question of the membership of the concerned MLA in the VDC. In this case, the existing order has not been altered and the MLAs



have directly become the member of the Block Development Committee in their respective constituencies. If any MLA has not been summoned for BDC meeting it must be the mistake of the concerned BDO or the Chairman and they will be informed of the matter.

Pu Lalhmingthanga asked for the copy of the appointment order of member of the VDC. The members will be provided with the copy during recess.

As for the question of whether the programmes set by the Committee would be acknowledged in the higher level, I would like to inform the House that the development plan made by the VDC would be entertained and it will be taken as priority as far as practicable.

The member, Pu Lalzirliana has mentioned the problem at Champhai. I am not aware of that problem before. But, the matter would be checked and looked into.

**S P E A K E R** : Starred Question no. 3 to be asked by Pu Saikapthianga.

**PU SAIKAPTHIANGA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask Starred Question No. 3, will the hon'ble Minister i/c Home Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Whether the government has apprehended the persons responsible for the abduction of candidates for Suangpuilawn Constituency during the MLA Election of November, 2003.
- (b) If so, who are the culprits ?
- (c) If not, why ?

This kind of incidents have never been encountered since the first Mizoram election of 1952. I have re-raised this question as it affects the National political foundation.

**PU TAWNLUIA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answers to Starred Question  
**MINISTER** No. 3 are as below -

- (a) & (b) The matter has been under investigation.
- (c) The Investigating Officer has been taken up the case.

The matter has been registered under P/S Case No. 74/03 of 19.11.2003. The case Investigating Officer (IO) has not completed the investigation and hence the matter cannot be concluded for now.

**S P E A K E R** : Starred Question No. 4 to be asked by Pu Sainghaka.

**PU SAINGHAKA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask Starred Question No. 4, will the hon'ble Minister i/c Home Department be pleased to state -

- (a) To how many Myanmarese have permission to enter Mizoram been issued since 15.3.2004 till date.

- (b) The revenue collected from this -
- (i) Entry permit.
  - (ii) Temporary stay permit.
  - (iii) Application form for temporary stay permit.
  - (iv) Renewal of temporary stay permit for every renewal.

PU TAWNLUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, entry permit has already been issued to 496 Myanmarrese.  
MINISTER

A revenue of Rs. 1,24,660/- is collected so far as detailed below-

(i) Entry permit	-	Rs. 49,600/-
(ii) Temporary stay permit	-	Rs. 64,400/-
(iii) Application form for issue of temporary stay permit	-	Rs. 10,660/-
(iv) Renewal of temporary stay permit	-	nil

S P E A K E R : Starred Question No. 5 to be ask by Pu Andrew Lalherliana.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask Starred Question No. 5 - will the hon'ble Minister i/c AH & Vety Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Whether Kawkulh Pig Farm has been completed as planned.
- (b) If not, what are the remaining works to be done ?
- (c) Whether the government considers the project successful.
- (d) If not, how is the government intend to maintain the project ?

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answers to Starred Question  
MINISTER No. 5 are as follows -

- (a) Kawkulh Pig Farm has not been completed according to the initial scheme.
- (b) An amount of Rs. 39,60,000/- has recently been transferred to Public Works Department for water supply and another Rs. 14,26,842/- has also been deposited to Power Department for the supply of power.
- (c) Though the Centre has approved the original estimate of Rs. 19.52 crores, the fund actually sanctioned was only 5.7 crores. Hence, the project cannot be managed according to the scheme.
- (d) As this is the case, the government has been taking various steps to support the farmers through bank loan and other means.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is pleasing to hear from the hon'ble Minister that steps have been taken for the support of pig farmers. At the same time though, there are two basic needs for the beneficiaries. These are pigs to be reared and fodder. If these two basic needs are not there, the scheme will certainly fail. Therefore, fund for these needs should be reflected in the budget.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, as we have seen in the local television channel, the pigs reared at Kawlkulh Pig Farm are not properly fed. It has been said that the pigs breed imported are not fed with the fodder specially made. And so, the pigs breed cannot grow well with the local ordinary feed. Is the government aware of this problem ?

Secondly, this farm has been run for the last four years but, it still fails to function as a piggery village. I don't think this project would bear fruitful result even after 10 years. Therefore, it would be more beneficial if the project is closed.

PU R. LÁLZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, my first question is the number of pigs already sold from Kawlkulh Piggery Farm.

Secondly, I would like to ask whether Kawlkulh II Piggery Farm located at Sairang is successful. How many pig rearing families have taken settlement in the village.

S P E A K E R : Though question hour is over we will invite the hon'ble Minister to furnish his replies to the questions raised by the members.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, in response to the question raised by Pu Andrew Lalherliana, as I have stated earlier, the Centre has no sanctioned fund according to the original estimate, the State Government has met shortage of fund for the maintenance of the pig farm. The fund sanctioned by the Centre can cover only infrastructure development and the supply of a number of pigs. As this is the case, the farmers were informed of the conditions and by their own option, they took up pig farming. However, the government has been taking every possible steps to provide assistance to them.

In regards to the fodder of the pigs reared at the farm, the farmers are not in a condition to provide fodder specially made for the pigs breed imported from outside the state. Therefore, pigs reared at the village have been suffering from various diseases. Our doctors have been tending to these diseases. As the Centre did not provide enough fund for the project, the farm is solely taken over by the farmers. They are provided only the settlement and piglets but the maintenance are to be taken up by themselves. The profit if any, should also goes to them. Therefore, I cannot inform the House, how far the piggery farming at Kawlkulh has benefitted the people.

The project of Kawlkulh II Piggery village at Sairang has also been taken up smoothly. Presently, building infrastructure is on the verge of completion. Another 60 families are also being selected for this project at Lunglei District. From now onwards, the government plans to take up the project in accordance with the scheme.

S P E A K E R : Question hour is over, we will proceed to the next business which is Laying of Papers. Before that, I would like to announce that Pu Lalhmingthanga has

begged leave of the House to avail Zero Hour. After considering his application, he is permitted to avail Zero Hour and he is allotted 10 minutes for the same.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Sport Council's resolution has been an important issue as it affects not only the youths but the elder citizens as well. Since the creation of Sports Council, the relentless zeal of the sportspersons have yielded rich dividends and several medals have been won in the National and International levels. In the meantime, it is most regretting that the government has dissolved the Sports Council. If I am not mistaken, an executive order was made in 1983 by the PC Ministry for the creation of Sports Council. Since then, the Council has been going on under government departments without possessing an autonomy. Without having a separate autonomy, there could be political involvement in the Council which was against the will of the sports interested groups. With pressure from various NGOs to create an autonomous Sport Council, a Bill for the same was introduced and passed in 8th July, 2002. Though the Bill was found to be unsatisfactory, it was adopted as it was the need of the country. The Bill contains provision for the desolution of the Council which is found on Section 26, 27 and 28. However, there are no provisions for the reconstitution of the Council once dissolved. In spite of the points of imperfectness found on the Bill, it was passed, for, amendment could be made any time. It also hoped that the Rules would contain provision for this matter. And now, on the basis of Section 28, the Sports Council was dissolved in June 16th and the Act does not provide for reconstitution of the Council once dissolved. The reason for the desolution of the Council was claimed to be that it has not been able to carry out its objectives to its satisfaction. The Council considers its body as failing to carry out its objects. If new Act has not been made, there is no way the Council can be reconstituted. As demanded by the Act, if the Council is dissolved, all the assets should be handed over to the government and the employees should also be repatriated to their parent departments. The Minister of Sports who was also the Chairman and Ex - Officio President should also leave the office. The order, recently made for the appointment of full Secretary was also of wrong application. The Act does not make provision for the appointment of a full Secretary. The government has made wrong application by issuing new order for the function of this body. Therefore, this is a serious matter. As we have known, the Center has sanctioned fund for the construction of Sports Complex, but, the Sports Council which is to execute the project has been dissolved as the Council has regarded itself as failing to carry out its objectives to its satisfaction. As this is the case, the best option for the government seems to be to revoke the desolution order so that the Sports Council could resume the term. I would further like to request the government to revoke its order on behalf of the youths of Mizoram.

Thank you.

**S P E A K E R :** We shall resume our business which is Laying of Papers. Let us now call upon Pu H. Rammawi, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs to lay on the Table of the House, The Mizoram Legislative Assembly Members Death Gratuity and Family Pension Amendment Rules, 2004.

**PUR. TLANGHMINGTHANGA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, with your recommendation I lay on the Table, 'The Orphanage and other Charitable Home Supervision and Control Rules, 2003'.

S P E A K E R : The copy may be distributed. The Business Advisory Committee has made programme for this Session and I have now presented this report. The copy is already circulated to the members. Can you approve the report ?

P U L I A N S U A M A : Mr. Speaker Sir, various Budget Committees are supposed to set after having General Discussion of the Budget. The House did not have General Discussion during the Budget Session held on March. If the House is not going to have a general discussion during this session it would be futile to have sitting for various committees. Therefore, I suggest that a general discussion be held so that the functions of the Committees would become effective.

S P E A K E R : As the plan size can not be finalised for the time being, it is not appropriate to have a General Discussion. However, after the plan size is finalised, General Discussion would be held for at least two days. I would also like to request the members to understand the situation.

Let us now call upon Pu Lalhmingthanga to present the First Report of Rules Committee.

P U L A L H M I N G T H A N G A : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission I present to the House the First Report of Rules Committee.

S P E A K E R : The copy may be circulated. Let us now call upon Pu D. Thangliana to present to the House the First Report of Committee on Government Assurance.

P U D. T H A N G L I A N A : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission I present to the House the First Report of the Committee on Government Assurance.

S P E A K E R : The copy may be distributed to the members. Pu Liansuama may now be asked to present the First Report of Committee on Subordinate Legislation.

P U L I A N S U A M A : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission I present to the House the First Report of Committee on Subordinate Legislation.

S P E A K E R : The copy may be circulated. We shall now observe the Election of the Deputy Speaker. Two nomination papers for the same person has been received. Pu R.M. Chakma has nominated Pu Lalrinsanga, member from Vanva Constituency and it was seconded by Pu R. Khawpuithanga. Another nomination for the same member has come from Pu H. Vanlalthaliana which is supported by Pu K. Lalrinliana.

As only one member has been proposed for the Deputy Speaker, and the proposers have ascertained that the member is willing to serve as Deputy Speaker, I declare Pu C. Lalrinsanga duly elected as the Deputy Speaker on the basis of sub - rule 5 of Rule 8, Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business.

I shall now ask the Leader of the House to escort the newly elected Deputy Speaker to his seat. The House Leader may now be invited to deliver a speech regarding the election of new Deputy Speaker.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. At the outset, I would like to express my gratitude for being able to have a new Deputy Speaker. It is my anticipation that the new Deputy Speaker would conduct his duty and responsible in the House. I would further like to convey my appreciation to the members of opposition groups for their support. During the absence of the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker has to conduct the House. Today, it is a matter of satisfaction that the House could have elect the Deputy Speaker unanimously. I would further like to convey my gratitude to the members for their dedication. I also convey my compliments to the newly elected Deputy Speaker, Pu Lalrinsanga.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us now invite the Deputy Leader of Opposition.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, at the outset, I would like to express my gratitude for having a dedicated and abled person as the Deputy Speaker. We, the members of Congress Legislature Party are delighted for this matter. We also have high expectation of him.

It is a matter of satisfaction that members from different parties could have united in the election of the Deputy Speaker. We also expect him to conduct the House without the presence of favouritism. To conclude my speech, I would like to convey my compliments to the newly elected Deputy Speaker.

Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I am glad to have a new Deputy Speaker without having any contestant in the House. The member previously proposed for the Deputy Speaker was objected by us for it was considered undignifying to have a political turncoat to sit in the Chair. Our objections was not based on personal hatred but for proper maintenance of traditions and convention in the House. Understanding our reasons, the objection we made was accepted. For this matter, I would like to express my gratitude to you, Mr. Speaker and the House Leader. Today, I am glad and satisfied that we could have a Deputy Speaker who is unanimously accepted by members of different political parties.

Pu Lalrinsanga is an abled person in politics and in his personal life. At the same time, he is also expected by the opposition members not to show favouritisms towards the members we have full confidence and high expectation in him. I convey my compliments to him.

Thank you.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. It is a matter of satisfaction that we have Pu Lalrinsanga as the Deputy Speaker. I hope that he would conduct the House and transact business of the House in a satisfactory manner. We had been working together as a student leaders. During those time I had experienced that Pu Lalrinsanga has a pleasant manner. It was due to his self sacrificing that he had stepped down from his office as a Minister. I am confident that he has deserved a respectable political career. I would like to convey my congratulations to him as a colleague and as a friend.

PU C. LALRINSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Mr. Speaker and respected members, today, a great responsibility that can never be forgotten in my life has come to me with the support and recommendation of our leaders, the post of the Deputy Speaker has been conferred to me. I am deeply honoured and I appreciate the support of the members of the opposition as well. I am truly glad that I have been unanimously elected uncontested for this post. I also welcome and appreciate the speeches of anticipation coming from the members. At the same time, I, too, expect constructive suggestions and advice from my fellow members for without which I would not be able to conduct the House and business transaction satisfactorily.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : After the sitting is over, the members are invited to share light refreshment at the Chamber of the Deputy Speaker.

The House will be adjourned till 10 : 30 A.M. tomorrow.

Sitting adjourned at 12 : 25 P.M.