

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIRST MIZORAM STATE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL FROM 10TH
MARCH 1987 TO 27th MARCH 1987.

1st sitting on 10th March, 1987 at 10:30 A.M.

PU H. HRANGDAWLA M.L.A. Protem Speaker at the
Chair, Chief Minister, 10 Ministers and 27 Members were
present.

B U S I N E S S

1. Oath/Affirmation by Members.
2. Election of Speaker.
3. Election of Deputy Speaker.

PU H. HRANGDAWLA
PROTEM SPEAKER

: "And if you obey the Voice of the
Lord your God, being careful to do
all his commandments which I Comma-
nd you this day, the Lord your God
will set you high above all the nations of the Earth. And all
this blessings shall come upon you and over take you, if you
obey the voice of the Lord your God. Bless shall you be in the
field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body and the fruit
of your ground, and the fruit of your bearts, the increase of
your cattle, and the young of your kneadingnough. Bless
you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go
out.

Deuteronomy 28 : 1 - 8.

PU VANLALNGHAKA

: Mr Protem Speaker, why is it that
the Hon. Protem Speaker did not sa-
lute the House when he entered the
House.

PU H. HRANGDAWLA
PROTEM SPEAKER

: I did. May be you did not seem me
while I was doing.

PU VANLALNGHAKA

: Mr Protem Speaker, I was seeing
you when you entered the House, but
you took your seat without saluting
the House.

PU H.HRANGDAWLA
PROTEM SPEAKER

- : I saluted the House and then took my seat. Let the Secretary read the order of Governor of appointment of Protem Speaker.

S E C R E T A R Y

- : " In pursuance of sub-rule (4) of Rule 7 of the Rules of procedure and conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly read with clause (1)

of Article 180 of the Constitution, I Hiteswar Saikia, Governor of the state Mizoram Legislative Assembly to perform the duties of the Speaker from the commencement of the first meeting of the first Legislative Assembly of the State of Mizoram until the Speaker shall have been chosen by the said Assembly under Articles 178 of the Constitution ".

Hiteswar Saikia,
Governor of Mizoram.

PU H.HRANGDAWLA
PROTEM SPEAKER

- : Let the Secretary read and Order of the Governor authorising the protem Speaker to administer the oath to members.

S E C R E T A R Y

- : In exercise of the powers conferred by article 188 of the constitution; I Hiteswar Saikia, Governor of the state of Mizoram hereby appoint -

(a) Mr H.Hrangdawla, a member of the state of Mizoram Legislative Assembly until the Speaker is chosen by the state of Mizoram Legislative Assembly, and (b) Thereafter the Speaker, or the Deputy Speaker under clause (2) of Article 180 of the Constitution may the person before whom the oath or affirmation may be made and subscribed by the members of the state of Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

Hiteswar Saikia,
Governor of Mizoram.

PU H.HRANGDAWLA
PROTEM SPEAKER

: We shall now proceed to the first item of Business - oath taking by members. The Chief Minister and his cabinet Ministers will come first

followed by members in a serial number of constituencies. Let the Secretary call the name of Pu Laldenga, Chief Minister first, (the protem Speaker administered oaths of the following members -

- JERUK
- 1) Pu Laldenga Chief Minister
 - 2) Pu Zoramthanga Minister
 - 3) Pu Tawnluia Minister
 - 4) Pu Rualchhina Minister
 - 5) Pu H.Lalruata Minister
 - 6) Pu Lalrinchhana Minister
 - 7) Pu L.Ngurchhina Minister
 - 8) Pu R.Tlanghming- Minister
thanga
 - 9) Pu Saingura Sailo Minister
 - 10) Pu Aichhinga Minister
 - 11) Pu Lalhlimgui Minister
 - 12) Pu Hiphei
 - 13) Pu S.Hiato
 - 14) Pu H.Rammawi
 - 15) Pu F.Lalramliana
 - 16) Pu Nirupam Chakma
 - 17) Pu Hari Kristo Chakma
 - 18) Pu P.Lalbiaka
 - 19) Pu P.Siamliana
 - 20) Pu K.Thanfianga
 - 21) Pu Vanlalnghaka
 - 22) Pu Lalrinmawia
 - 23) Pu K.Vanlalauva
 - 24) Pu R.Lalawia
 - 25) Pu Andrew Lalherliana
 - 26) Pu Zosiana Pachuau
 - 27) Pu Vanlalngena
 - 28) Pu Lalkhawngginga
 - 29) Pu Vanlalhruaia
 - 30) Pu J.Thanghuama
 - 31) Pu Saikapthianga
 - 32) Pu K.Zahungliana
 - 33) Pu Liansuama
 - 34) Pu Lal Thanhawla
 - 35) Pu K.L.Lianchia
 - 36) Pu P.C.Zoramsangliana
 - 37) Pu Rokamlova
 - 38) Pu Chawngzuala

The next business is election of Speaker As prescribed by the provision of sub-Rule (2) of rule 7 of the rules of procedure and conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly, nomination paper should be submitted to the Secretary Legislative Assembly at any time before 3 : 30 on the day preceding the date fixed for election of Speaker. The rule has been introduced in bulletin Part II No.3 of 24.2.1987

There are nomination for Speaker i.e. those of Pu J.Thanghuama and Pu Liansuama Cong (I) Pu J.Thanghuama is nominated of Pu Chawngzuala and seconded by Pu R.Lalawia while Pu Liansuama is nominated By Pu P.C.Zoramsangliana and seconded by Pu Rokamlova after careful scrutiny, the two nominations are found to be in order. As there are two nominations, and election election will be held in secret ballot.

The Ballot Bax will be placed on the table of the House, members will collect ballot papers from the secretary and will put the stamp against the name of the candidate of their choice inside the booth on my left side and the ballot paper will be cast in the box.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Mr Protem Speaker Sir, there is no returning Officer to conduct the election.

PU H.HRANGDAWLA : The two Secretaries will function as returning officers.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Mr protem Speaker Sir, who appoint the returning Officers ?

PU H.HRANGDAWLA : The two Secretaries will function as returning Officers ?

PU H.HRANGDAWLA : The Election is to be conducted by the Protem Speaker. It is my discretion to conduct the election and no one can challenge it.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Mr Protem Speaker Sir, the protem Speaker is authorised to perform all the duties of the Speaker is before elected. How can he appoint returning officer to conduct Speaker is election of Speaker ? Is there any rule which authorised him to act as returning Officers ?

PROTEM SPEAKER

: Now we shall start casting votes. The appointment order has already been read, if anyone forgets it, let him be excused.

PU VANLALNGHAKA

: Mr Protém Speaker, we do not forget it, we know the rules thoroughly but there is no order appointing a returning officer.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA

: Mr Protém Speaker, will conduct an election of Speaker, Let the Secretary call names of members to cast votes.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA

: Mr Protém Speaker, you can not do like this. There cannot be an election without a returning Officers. There is no order appointing the Protém Speaker, as returning Officers. On the basis of what rules will you conduct the election you must not conduct the House like this without following any rules.

PROTEM SPEAKER

: We shall now start casting of votes. the Secretary will function as a returning Officer.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA

: Mr Protém Speaker Sir, if you conduct the House in violation with rules, the election will also be invalid.

PROTEM SPEAKER

: Your opinion is not the rule.

PU SIAKAPTHIANGA

: It is not my opinion with what rules will you conduct the election? Are those rules to be found in this Rules of Procedure & Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly? Please read the Book.

PROTEM SPEAKER

: You better read it.

- PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr Speaker Protem, there are no such rules in this book and it is because of that we would like to know with what rules you are conducting the election.
- PROTEM SPEAKER : I am going to conduct it.
- PU NGURCHHINA MINISTER : If there is no specific rule, the protem Speaker is to conduct the election.
- PU VANLALNGHAKA : Mr Protem Speaker that is not fair. Unless more votes are cast in our favour we cannot accept it. Conducting of election by a political party is unfair. In the rules of procedure & Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly, there is no rule that the protem Speaker will count votes.
- PROTEM SPEAKER : You pleased read the rules, other wise i do not except your opinion. It is a degradation of the dignity of the House.
- PU VANLALNGHAKA : Mr Protem Speaker, that point requires clarification. There is rules regarding appointment of returning officer to conduct the election of Speaker. The only rule we have is that the protem Speaker will perform the duties of the speaker until such time a Speaker is elected. There is no rule that the protem Speaker will conduct an election of Speaker, similarly an M.L.A. cannot conduct an election of MLA.
- PU J. THANGHUAMA : The order of the Governor makes it quite clear which has been read out by the Secretary.
- PU VANLALNGHAKA : Mr Protem Speaker, we are provided with copies of the order but no appointment of R.O. is made in it, who will be the Presiding Officers.

PROTEM SPEAKER : The Protem Speaker is authorised to conduct the first sitting. In that meeting a Speaker is to be elected. Therefore, a member appointed to conduct the sitting is to conduct the election of Speaker too, we shall now start casting of votes you will come this side to collect ballot papers. You will enter the booth over there to put a stamp against the name of the candidate of your choice. From now on I forbid expression of opinions just to prolong the sitting.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr Protem Speaker, we have the right to speak in this House are we allowed to have an agent to be present while counting of votes ?

PROTEM SPEAKER : Yes, if you like. All of you can be present while counting of votes. I shall announce the number of votes polled by each candidates. If you are doubtful, votes will be recounted.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr Protem Speaker I shall not accept if it is counted by you.
(The election of Speaker was held)

PROTEM SPEAKER : Let the Secretary show to all members that the box is empty. Please form queue and be in a hurry.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr Protem Speaker, rule 300 of the rules of procedure & Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly, clearly states that the Chamber of Assembly should not be used for any purpose other than the sitting of Assembly except in the case of presiding officers conference. I think the Secretary is not certain about the place for holding an election of Speaker. Holding an election inside the House is improper.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Hon'ble Speaker, I would like to thank you and Mr Protem Speaker for conducting the House smoothly. On behalf of my colleagues, I congratulate you for being elected Speaker of this August House. Again I would like to congratulate Mr K. Thangfianga for being elected the Deputy Speaker.

I would like to ask you to keep up the dignity of this House as per Democratic principles instead of suppressing the democratic rights of the minority. In your efforts and endeavour to safeguard the dignity of the House, I would like to assure you that you will get the whole hearted cooperation from us.

As member of the highest legislative bodies in this state, we have many tasks ahead to do for the people. In order to be able to carry out our responsibility mutual cooperation is required among the members I would like to reiterate that even if we, members of the opposition have less to do than ruling members, we must extent full cooperation to them in discharging their duties for the welfare of the public while asking you to try your best to keep up the dignity of this House, I would at the same time, like to say that I and my colleagues will extend full support to you in this respects.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA

: Mr Speaker Sir, I am very glade for being able to attend the first sitting of the first state Legislature.

I am also glade that elections of Speaker and Deputy Speaker went off smoothly. I would like to congratulate the Speaker and Deputy Speaker. Whatever be the numbers of opposition, it can act effectively and constructively so long as the House is conducted as per rules. I would like to make it known to this House that my party would extend full support to the ruling party in its efforts to uplift the people.

Our State has now been ushered into an new era. The opposition party would extend cooperation to you in every step you take for Development.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: As you all know, the responsibilities of a Speaker is very heavy and I know that I shall not be able to perform my duties to your entire

satisfaction. I would, first of all like to ask the people to understand me.

Tommorow, the Governor is delivering an address to this house. This House has been the most respect respectable and dignified House all over India. In other state Assemblies, there is always pandemonium, throwing eggs and chappas at each other and even physical confrontation between members of oppossing parties, I am proud to say that such things never happen in our House. I hope and I wish that the same condition contintinues to prevail in this House in the comming years.

I would like to say that I would try my best to be fair and unbiase in conducting the house. I would like to ask members of the opposition not to be too easily displeased but to join hands with us in an effort to bring about development.

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The Hon. Chief Minister, as we all know, has been elected from two constituencies Sateek and Aizawl North II constituencies which is unprecedented in the political History of Mizoram. As per rules, the Hon. Chief Minister should resign one of his seats. Election was held on 16th February, result were announced on 17th and the Hon. Chief Minister submitted his resignation of his seat of Sateek constituency on 24th February. the Resignation was forwarded to Governor and I think the Governor has already accepted it. I would like to inform all political parties to prepare for the bye election.

There are many committees in this House and all of them cannot be constituted today itself. The most urgent among them, the Business Advisory Committee is constituted as follows -

- 1) Speaker - Chairman.
- 2) Pu Saingura Sailo, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs - Ex-Officio member.
- 3) Pu R. Lalawia - member.
- 4) Pu K.L. Lianchia - Member.
- 5) Pu Lal Thanhawla - Member.
- 6) Pu F. Lalramliana - Member.

This committee will meet in the office Chamber of the Speaker tomorrow immediately after the sitting is adjourned to review the tentative programmes. Estimates Committee and Public Accounts Committee (PAC) are to be elected as per rules. An arrangement will be made among the ruling and opposition members. If this practice cannot be followed, an election is to held as per rules. But I hope the usual practice can be followed.

A good news for members, TKF Lunglei is going to present a Bible to each member and I would like to ask all members to assemble in the committee Room after this sitting to have a cup of tea and to receive the presents.

Tomorrow, the Governor is delivering an address to this house and I would like to ask members to be punctual and be present in the House not later than 10; 25 A.M.

The Business for today is finished and let us stop here.

Meeting adjourned at
12 : 45 P.M.

L.C. THANGA
Secretary.