

**SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(FIRST SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SECOND SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 17th DECEMBER, 2013
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

1. **HIS EXCELLENCY, VAKKOM PURUSHOTHAMAN Governor of Mizoram**, to address the House.

2. **Pu CHALROSANGA RALTE**, to move motion of Thanks on the Address of the Governor in the following form :

“That the Members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly assembled in this session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the address which he has been pleased to deliver to the Assembly on the 17th December, 2013”.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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Respected Speaker and Honorable Members,

1. I deem it a great privilege and honour to address this August House on this auspicious occasion of the First Session of the Seventh Legislative Assembly of the State of Mizoram following the General Election held on the 25th November 2013. I also extend my heartiest welcome to all the Members, of which ten of you are first-timers as legislators. I also convey my warm greetings to all of you and to the people of Mizoram.

2. I feel confident that the debates in this House will continue to be orderly and fruitful, with the Hon'ble members, who are well-experienced in their respective fields of work, actively taking part in the legislative and other businesses of the House.

3. The people of Mizoram have returned the Indian National Congress Party with an astounding majority. This is the result of five years of service to the people. It also shows the expectations the people have on the Ministry. I have full faith these expectations will be realized by my Government.

4. I express my sincere feelings that the just concluded General election was exceptional in the sense that sincere efforts put in by our bureaucracy and law enforcing agencies in the conduct of the election were competently matched by the efforts of the general population, the Churches, the NGO's and the Mizoram People Forum (MPF), which ensured that the election was conducted in the most peaceful and serene manner. The voter turnout of 83.41% is the highest so far in Mizoram and the State is the first to use the Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) in a general election. Their combined efforts helped in making the election free, fair and peaceful.

5. My Government will continue with its flagship NLUP project. Some of the achievements of the project so far are - The original project target of 1,20,000 beneficiaries for 5 years have been achieved in first 3 years. The project significantly impacted the economy by providing alternative sustainable livelihood opportunities for farmers and other poorer sections of the society, reducing their dependence on Jhum practices thereby registering decrease of Jhum area by 50 to 60 percent. Package of activities focused on commercial farming, primary processing, promoting livestock, pisciculture, sericulture, plantation in cash crops and similar activities has already favorably impacted the economy. Mizoram registered GSDP growth rate at 11 per cent during 11 Plan periods against the national growth rate of 7.8 per cent and this can be attributed to a great extent to NLUP Project.

6. My Government, to achieve food security, has initiated various interventions like Area Expansion under Rice cultivation, promotion of improved production technologies like SRI, line planting and improved cultivation of Rice on Hill Slopes to enhance the present rice production. Under National Food Security Mission - Paddy farmers are also being assisted by giving subsidy for various Farm Machineries. To accelerate crop production to bridge the yield gap of important agricultural crops and to make Agriculture a sustainable livelihood support to increase the income level of the farmers, several state and Central Schemes have been implemented.

7. My Government will continue to accord priority to the Sports Sector. Nine numbers of sports infrastructures are being constructed in the state. "Olympic Vision 2016" has been launched in which sportspersons are given special intensive training in nine selected disciplines. The Government policy of 'Catch Them Young' is being implemented in all sports discipline for boys and girls from the age of 12 years and below, all year round.

8. My Government has given great importance to making Mizoram self sufficient in Energy. One of the achievements is that the 18th Meeting of Empowered Committee for Viability Gap Funding Support has recommended for 210 MV Tuivai HCP to be executed on Public Private Partnership made with viability Gap Funding of ₹340 crores out of the total project cost of ₹1750 crores which was approved by the Finance Minister on November 2013. The energy sector will continue to be given great importance by my Government.

9. My Government recognizes that connectivity is one of the important aspects of development. It will continue to develop all types of roads in Mizoram. During 2013-14, resurfacing work of about 129 km and widening to 2-lane of National Highways have been completed. There is an ongoing work of strengthening and Rehabilitation of W. Phaileng - Marpara covering 80 kms. These are a few instances out of the many works undertaken.

10. My Government realizes that a State can prosper only if proper care, protection and welfare are given to its workforce. The Labour, Employment and Industrial Training Department have been strengthened to act as a backbone of the society to protect the service condition of the working class and promoting industrial peace and harmony. The Mizoram Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Board has been functioning efficiently. The numbers of beneficiaries registered have exceeded 20,000. The Board has collected cess amounting to ₹15 crores. ₹5.5 crores have been received for the upgradation of the three existing ITI's at Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha from Ministry of L&E. The Mizoram Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Board had organized training on various field and several trainees have benefitted these trainings. My government will continue to work for the welfare of the workforce.

11. Education in our State has been reformed. Adult Education is undertaken with Special Literacy Drive at Lawngtlai and Lunglei Districts. Hindi Education is given due importance under CSS: SSA and RMSA are also being carried on in full swing under my Government, with a view to attain 100% literacy within the State.

12. Higher & Technical Education has taken up various schemes for Infrastructure Development of Colleges. Post Matric Student's Hostel of Aizawl has been completed and construction of new Polytechnics at Champhai and Kolasib Districts has been completed and new polytechnics are under construction at Lawngtlai, Mamit, Saiha and Serchhip. Mizoram Law College and Kamalanagar College, Chawngte have been provincialized. My Government will continue to give utmost priority to the Education Sector.

13. My Government realizes the importance of not just post disaster management but pre-disaster management as well. The first sitting of the State Disaster Management Authority under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister, Mizoram took place in the last Ministry along with the second sitting. They had approved of raising up of company strength of State Disaster Response Force Unit (SDRF) in all Armed Police Battalions. The result of this was seen in the effective rescue operations by the SDRF in the disastrous landslide at Laipuitlang. Due to the personal endeavour of my Government Special Plan Assistance amounting to ₹555.55 crore has been allocated to mitigate the huge land crack in Ramhlun. My Government will continue to give importance to Disaster Management.

14. My Government will continue to take strong and bold initiatives to usher in clean, efficient and responsive administration. In the last Ministry, Vigilance Department has vigorously pursued cases enquired by the ACB as well as other cases of Departmental proceedings. Departmental proceedings have been drawn against 947 government servants of which 206 cases pertain to corruption related matters. 110 of corruption related cases have been finalized. My Government will continue to be committed to give the people of Mizoram fair, just and transparent administration at all levels of governance.

15. I would like to remind the Hon'ble Members that it is their responsibility to ensure that all sections of society are served in a fair and equitable manner. My government shall spare no effort to maintain the hard earned peace and tranquility.

16. In conclusion, I ask all the people of Mizoram to extend their wholehearted support to my Government. Let us all try to make the best use of this Government and be pro-active supporters of its programmes. I am confident that each and every one of us can make our State one of the

most developed one in India. I wish all the Hon'ble Members and the people of Mizoram a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

JAI HIND
Governor
Mizoram, Aizawl.

SPEAKER : As the Governor finished addressing the House, let the copy be distributed. Now, we will invite Pu Chalrosanga Ralte to move Motion of Thanks.

Pu CHALROSANGA RALTE : Pu Speaker, with your permission that the Members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly assembled in this Session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the address which he has been pleased to deliver to the Assembly on the 17th December, 2013. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, the Motion of Thanks is moved; we will have a discussion tomorrow. Let us prepare ourselves to participate in the discussion. We will invite Pu R. Vanlalvena to second the motion.

Pu R. VANLALVENA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am pleased to second the Motion of Thanks moved by the hon'ble member Pu Chalrosanga Ralte.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalvena has seconded the motion. Now, our business today comes to an end, we will adjourn the meeting and will be resumed tomorrow at 10:30 a.m.

Sitting is adjourned