

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SECOND SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 17TH DECEMBER, 2008.
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

GOVERNOR ADDRESS

1. HIS EXCELLENCY, Lt. Gen (Retd) Madan Mohan Lakhera, PVSM, AVSM, VSM,
Governor of Mizoram to address the House.

MOTION

2. PU JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA 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, 2008”

**Address
of**

**HIS EXCELLENCY
LT. GEN (Retd) M.M. LAKHERA, PVSM, AVSM, VSM,
THE GOVERNOR OF MIZORAM**

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THE SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM

on

17th DECEMBER, 2008

Respected Speaker & Honourable 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 Sixth Legislative Assembly of the State of Mizoram following the General Election held on the 2nd December, 2008. I also extend my heartiest welcome to all the Members, of which nineteen 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 parts in the legislative and other businesses of the House,
3. On this happy occasion, I must express my sincere feelings that the just concluded General Election was unique 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 in general, and the Mizoram People Forum (MPF) in particular, ensuring that the election was conducted in the most peaceful and serene manner. I doubt if there can be anything like elsewhere in the country. The role played by the MPF in helping make the elections free; fair and peaceful was indeed remarkable.
4. I take this opportunity to apprise you that the new Council of Ministers has assumed office on the 11th of December, 2008. Expansion of the Council of Ministers to its full strength to assume office within a few days is being processed.
5. My Government will take a strong and bold initiative to usher in Clean, Efficient and Responsive administration, commonly referred to as 'Good Governance'. For this, corruption at any level of governance will not be tolerated from day one. System changes, some of which may be considered revolutionary, will be introduced to see that goods is delivered safely and in time to the people. Transparent Government would be my Government's trademark to ensure with the assistance of the media that public money are utilized wisely and judiciously. My Government is committed to give the people of Mizoram fair and just administration based on merits at all level of governance. Decentralisation for more efficient administration for both village and urban areas will be ushered in.
6. My Government gives top priority to the alleviation of the poor in the villages and the urban areas. For this, an improved and enlarged New Land Use Policy (NLUP) will soon be launched throughout the State. This NLUP has in its package more rural harvests and varied urban self-employments, Marketing of products and Rural and Urban Housing for the poor. Owing to the present high level of poverty in the State, a multi-pronged approach is necessary for its successful implementation. Therefore, various Departments will need to participate in the programme planning, implementation and monitoring. A High Power Authority will be constituted to coordinate and ensure the success of the programme.
7. It will be the endeavour of my Government to ensure that opportunities are provided to the Youth in various professional and vocational fields, Education in our State will have to be reformed to become affordable to the common people to

reap gainful employments for all. Self employment in various fields shall be encouraged. The Youth Commission will be strengthened and its terms of reference reviewed in order to meet the aspirations of the Youth. Games & Sports shall be given due importance as well as music and fine arts.

8. My Government will see that Projects started by the previous Ministry will be continued, if they are found technically viable and financially sound. It will seek ways to revive the abandoned Tuirial Hydel Project at an early date. Referral Hospital at Falkawn will be taken up afresh so that it soon comes up early to be upgraded to Medical Hospital in due course, as was originally planned. Hydel Projects at Bairabi, Tuivai, Kolodyne and other rivers will also be pursued vigorously. For this purpose, a High Powered Committee will soon be formed. My Government will also seek to get benefits of the Indo-US Nuclear Deal from the Central Government for more power supply.
9. My Government will push for urgent improvements under Road Sector, Progress of Road Projects undertaken with World Bank loans and PMGSY (Road Projects) will be reviewed early to ensure that the projects are completed early. It is an urgent need of my Government to provide safe drinking water to all villages and urban areas in Mizoram.
10. My Government considers maintaining Environment and Ecology of our planet mandatory, and not an option. Therefore, in all our undertakings to achieve developments at all levels, my Government wishes to ensure that flora and fauna are spared and an improved system of water-harvesting for cultivation and other purposes is involved and utilized in our State.
11. I would like to remind the hon'ble members that it is their responsibility to ensure that all sections of society within Mizoram State are served in a fair and equitable manner so that delivery of State's resources is assured through their participation as members of this august House. My Government shall spare no effort to maintain the hard earned peace and tranquility.
12. In conclusion, I ask all the people of Mizoram to extend their whole-hearted support to my Government. Let us all try to make the best use of the one and only Government we have by being pro-active supporters of its programmes, off-loading the attitudes of confrontation and useless strikes in the administration. I am confident that each and every one of us can make Mizoram State one of the most developed State in India. I wish all the hon'ble Members and the people of Mizoram a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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SPEAKER :

The Governor had finished his address to the House. Let the copy be distributed to the members. We received Motion of Thanks from Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia and he may now move the motion.

PU JOSEPH LALHIMPUA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me a great opportunity to move motion of thanks on the address of His Excellency "That the members of 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, 2008. Thank you sir.

SPEAKER : Who second the Motion of Thanks ?

PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I do. Thank you Sir.

SPEAKER : The Motion is seconded by Pu H. Zothangliana and discussion will be taken up tomorrow. Our business for today is finished and the meeting will be resumed tomorrow the 18.12.2008 (Wednesday) at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned at 11:00 AM