

SPEAKER (Pro tem): The proceedings will begin with the Speaker protem in the Chair. Members will make and subscribe oath or affirmation in the following order: Chief Minister, Ministers and other members one by one. The name of the member will be called by an officer of the House. The member will proceed to the side of the Secretary's table where a copy of the form of the oath or affirmation in Mizo or in English as may be desired will be handed over to him. The member will then face the Chair and make the oath or affirmation. The member will then sign the form of oath or affirmation and the roll of the members kept at the Secretary's Table.

Oath taking of Ministers and Members before protem Speaker
Pu J. Kapthianga.

1. Pu Thenphunga Sailo, Chief Minister (Mizo-Affirmation)
2. Pu Lalhmingthanga, Minister -do-
3. Pu Zairenthanga, Minister -do-
4. Pu P.B. Rosanga, Minister -do-
5. Pu F. Malsawma, Minister -do-
6. Pu Hiphei (English-Affirmation)
7. Pu R.T. Zachone (Mizo-Affirmation)
8. Pu Kisto Mohan (English-Oath)
9. Pu Hari Kristo Chakma -do-
10. Pu K. Lalsanga (Mizo-Affirmation)
11. Pu H. Kiautuma -do-
12. Pu R. Romawia -do-
13. Pu J. H. Rothuana -do-
14. Pu Lal Thanhawla -do-
15. Pu Vanlalhruaia -do-
16. Pu K. M. Biaksailova -do-
17. Pu J. Thankunga -do-
18. Pu K. Chawngliana -do-
19. Pu C. Chawngkunga -do-
20. Pu C. Vulluaia -do-
21. Pu Tlangchhunga -do-
22. Pu P. Lalupa -do-
23. Pu Lalthanzauva -do-
24. Pi Thanmawii -do-
25. Pu K. Biakchunghunga -do-
26. Pu C. L. Ruala -do-
27. Pu Thangridema -do-
28. Pu Sainghaka -do-
29. Pu K. Sangchhuu (English-Affirmation)

Secretary read out the following order dated 13.6.78 of the Lt. Governor of Mizoram :

"In pursuance of sub-rule (4) of Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly, read with sub-section (3) of section 7 of the Government of Union Territories Act, 1963 (Act No. 20 of 1963), I, N.P. Mathur, Lt. Governor (Administrator) of Mizoram, hereby appoint Shri J. Kapthianga, a Member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly to perform the duties of the Speaker from the commencement of the first meeting of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly until the Speaker shall have been chosen by the said Assembly under sub-section (1) of section 7 of the said Act.

SPEAKER (PROTEM) : Election of Assembly Speaker.
Announcement regarding election of Speaker.

Upto 3:30 P.M. on the 20th June, 1978, i.e. the time fixed for receipt of nominations to fill the office of the Speaker, one nomination paper nominating Pu Thangridema, MLA was received. This name had been proposed by Pu P. Lalupa, MLA and seconded by Pu Zairenthanga, MLA. The nomination paper had been scrutinized and found to be in order. As no other name had been proposed for filling the office of Speaker, I declare, under sub-rule (4) of Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure that Pu Thangridema has been duly elected as Speaker of the House.

(Cheers)

I think we should be all thankful for having a new Speaker to guide the House today. It is due to God's guidance that Oath taking of members has been conducted without any difficulty.

Now, I request Leader of the House Pu Thenphunga Sailo to lead our new Speaker to his Chair.

(Cheers)

(Pu Thangridema occupied the Chair)

(Cheers)

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PU THENPHUNGA SAILO:
CHIEF MINISTER

Mr. Speaker, I am truly glad that you have been chosen to fill the office of Speaker today. Knowing the qualifications required by a person to guide the House with grace and dignity, our members have chosen you for which I am thankful. May God bless you with good health and assurance so that you may do whatever lies before you with grace and truth.

Thank you.

SPEAKER

(THANGRIDEMA):

I cordially thank Leader of the House and all the members for selecting me to fill the office of Speaker in spite of my faults and shortcomings. It is my fervent hope and desire that our members would contribute their wisdom, knowledge and reliability for the smooth running of the House. It is also my prayer that our members will assist and support me in my deficiency and in times of crisis and failures. I know that I cannot justify occupying the high office of the Speaker to guide this respectable House. I am also aware that it is purely due to good favour bestowed on me by our members that I am offered this honourable post. Keeping in mind the favour bestowed on me, I too promise to work to the fullest extent of my ability for the preservation of the dignity and integrity of the House.

Thank you.

(Cheers)

Now, we will proceed to our next item, that is Election of Deputy Speaker.

Announcement re: election of Dy. Speaker.

Upto 3:00 P.M. on the 20th June, 1978, that is, the time fixed for receipt of nominations to fill the office of the Dy. Speaker, one nomination paper nominating Pu C. Chawngkunga, MLA was received. His name has been proposed by Pu P. Lalupa, MLA and seconded by Pu Zairenthanga, MLA. The nomination paper has been scrutinized and found to be in order. As no other name has been proposed for filling the office of Dy. Speaker, I declare under sub-rule (5) of Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure that Pu C. Chawngkunga has been duly elected as the Deputy Speaker of the House.

(Cheers)

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PU THENPHUNGA SAILO: Mr. Speaker, we have now chosen Dy. CHIEF MINISTER Speaker under your guidance without any difficulty. I, on behalf of the members congratulate Pu C. Chawngkunga on his being chosen as Deputy Speaker of the House.

Thank you.

(Cheers)

PU ZAIREMTHANGA: Mr. Speaker, I am glad that Speaker and Deputy Speaker have been chosen MINISTER. today. I hope that the House would run smoothly keeping its dignity under their guidance. I would like to congratulate them both on behalf of Treasury Bench.

Thank you.

SPEAKER: Now, we will call upon Pu Sangchhum to make a speech.

PU K. SANGCHHUM: Mr. Speaker, besides emerging in a new era, Mizoram has come to a new atmosphere today with new Speaker and Dy. Speaker which really gladdens me. As we know, the machinery of Mizoram is now vested in the hands of a new Ministry, the successful working of which will depend on God and on the people. We are aware Mr. Speaker of the many efforts you have made for the welfare of the country before you assumed this office. Now you have been blessed for the hard work you have done before.

As we know, Assembly is the highest authoritative body in Mizoram. For its proper guidance, truth would be the most important factor. So long as you exercise truth in your judgement or in your dealings with various tasks set before you, we, the members are ever ready to stand by you. However, if you discard truth in your ruling, that will be the day when Mizoram marches towards deterioration. It is therefore my request that you will uphold truth and dignity for the guidance of the House and the people of Mizoram.

I once again would like to express my joy over the selection of our Speaker and Dy. Speaker.

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PU L.L. THANHLAWLA: Mr. Speaker, we too would like to express our thanks on your being chosen as the Speaker and Pu Chawngkunga as your Deputy. We expect you to maintain truth and impartiality in the House, and it was also our anticipation that we too would be invited to accompany you to your respectable Chair. Yet, no such attitude was being shown to us. However, since a person who loves truth and impartiality assumed the Chair of Speaker, we hope that the opposition group, few or large in number would not be neglected under your guidance. It is our hope that truth will retain first and foremost importance in this House. May God bless you to guide the House and the country with truth and grace.

SPEAKER: Our Deputy Speaker, Pu C. Chawngkunga may take his seat at Seat No. 8. Tomorrow, seat allotment will be made anew.

Now, I call upon Pu Chawngkunga to make a speech.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker, after drifting along without Ministry for sometime, Mizoram has now come to a new era with new Ministry, the credit of which should go to God and to the people. I am also thankful to our members for choosing me as Deputy Speaker in this House today. It is my appeal to our members that one should be brave enough to admit what is wrong and what is right, and the 'Right' which every individual has should be exercised freely. We should also remember that, we, being representatives of the people should dare speak out what we have in our minds without reserve.

Thank you.

SPEAKER: Business listed for the day has now been completed. The House is now adjourned till 10:30 A.M. tomorrow. Sitting will be resumed tomorrow at 10:30 A.M.

Thank you.

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 A.M.

D.C. PINDE,
SECRETARY.

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