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Sl. No.	NAME OF MINISTERS	NAME OF DEPTT. ALLOCATED
1.	Pu Zoramthanga Chief Minister	1. Legislative Assembly 2. Governor 3. Council of Ministers 4. Vigilance 5. Finance 6. Secretariat Administration Department 7. Planning & Programme Implementation 8. General Administration Department 9. Horticulture 10. Public Works Department
2.	Pu Tawnluia Deputy Chief Minister	1. Personnel & Administrative Reforms 2. Public Health Engineering 3. Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation
3.	Dr R. Lalthangliana Minister	1. Higher & Technical Education 2. Health & Family Welfare 3. Commerce & Industries
4.	Pu Lalchamlia Minister	1. Taxation 2. Home 3. Disaster Management & Rehabilitation
5.	Pu R. Lalzirliana Minister	1. Art & Culture 2. District Council & Minority Affairs 3. Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation 4. Power & Electricity
6.	Pu C. Lalrinsanga Minister	1. Agriculture 2. Co-operation 3. Irrigation & Water Resources
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7.	Pu K. Lalrinliana Minister of State	1. Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs 2. Local Administration Department 3. Fisheries
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**EIGHTH MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SPECIAL SESSION ON ACCOUNT OF THE VISIT OF THE
HON'BLE PRESIDENT OF INDIA**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR A SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 4th NOVEMBER, 2022 (10:15 A.M. onwards)

WELCOME ADDRESS

1. **PU LALRINLIANA SAILO**, Hon. Speaker to deliver a Welcome Address.

SPEECH

2. Speech by **the Hon. Governor of Mizoram**.

ADDRESS

3. **SMT. DROUPADI MURMU**, Hon. President of India to Address the House.

VOTE OF THANKS

4. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, Hon. Chief Minister to propose Vote of Thanks.

LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE
Commissioner & Secretary

SPEAKER : *Remna siamtu te chu an eng a thawl e;
Pathian faa vuahin an awm dawn si a.*

Mathaia 5:9.

English version :

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

St. Matthews 5:9.

Hon. President of India Shrimati Droupadi Murmuji; Hon. Governor of Mizoram, Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampatiji; Hon. Chief Minister of Mizoram Pu Zoramthanga and hon. Members of this House.

It is a great privilege and honor for me to welcome the President of India on this Special Session of the Eighth Mizoram Legislative Assembly, which coincides with the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of this august House.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to you, Madam for being elected as the 15th and first President of India from the tribal community. I believe that with your kind help and under the guidance of our hon. Governor Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampatiji, the State of Mizoram will doubtlessly witness a considerable progress.

I once again wish you the best for a successful tenure ahead and hope that under your presidency, the people of our country will make a leading contribution in building a new India.

Members absent today are : Er. Lalrinawma, Pu Lalruatkima, Pu T.J. Lalnuntluanga, Pu C. Lalmuanpuia, Pu Lalrinsanga, Dr. K. Pachhunga, Er. H. Lalzirliana and Pu K. Laldawngliana.

May I now request the hon. Governor of Mizoram, Dr. Hari Babu Kambhapatiji to deliver a speech.

GOVERNOR : Shrimati Droupadi Murmuji, hon. President of India, Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, hon. Speaker of Mizoram Legislative Assembly, Pu Zoramthanga, hon. Chief Minister of Mizoram, respected Members of Mizoram Legislative Assembly -

On behalf of the State and the people of Mizoram, it is my proud privilege to welcome the hon. President of India on her first visit to the State after assuming office. We are extremely happy that hon. President has visited us within a matter of only a few months after occupying the highest position in the country. The kind gesture signifies the immense importance given to the State of Mizoram by the hon. President and the Government of India.

As we all know, the overwhelming majority of the population in Mizoram come under the Scheduled Tribe Category. Therefore, the visit of our hon. President is particularly significant for our State. We extend our warmest welcome to the hon. President in the beautiful State of Mizoram and we hope that her stay has been a pleasant one.

This year, we celebrated the golden jubilee of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly. I am proud to say that the Mizoram Legislative Assembly is known for the graceful and good conduct of the legislators. Sessions are conducted with utmost respect and decorum, leading to the fruitful discussions in the interest of the state and the nation. This august House has been dutifully representing the aspirations of the people of Mizoram.

After two decades of insurgency, the historic Mizo Accord of 1986 has ushered in an era of long lasting peace and development. The state

has since been blessed with healthy electoral politics and strong democratic values, with enthusiastic public participation. Today, Mizoram is one of the most peaceful states in the country. We also faithfully follow the concept of 'Unity in diversity', displaying valuable social harmony despite the presence of various ethnic groups.

The visit of the hon. President is a great inspiration for the legislators present here to work even more effectively for the benefit of the people. Hon. President herself has been a successful public leader, right from the grass root level up to highest offices. This visit is also a valuable motivation for the young girls and women of the State with a message that with sincerity and hard work, you can achieve great things in life.

In conclusion, I once again thank the hon. President for visiting our State of Mizoram, and it is my wish that she will grace us with more visits in the future as well.

Thank you.

Jai hind.

SPEAKER : Now, may I invite hon. President of India to address the House.

PRESIDENT OF INDIA: Governor of Mizoram Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampatiji, Speaker of Mizoram Legislative Assembly Shri. Lalrinliana Sailoji, Chief Minister Shri. Zoramthangaji, Deputy Chief Minister Shri. Tawnluiajji, Members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen; Chibai, *Namaste.*

I am glad to be here among you today in this 'land of the Mizos'. The state of Mizoram is blessed by Mother Nature and so are its wonderful people. It is my pleasure to visit Mizoram for the first time as President, and I thank you for the warm welcome you have accorded me.

India, as we say, is a celebration of diversity. The states of the North-Eastern region add special richness to that variety. You are among those who receive the rising sun first, and ahead of the rest of the Indians in that way.

Dear friends, the Mizoram Legislative Assembly celebrated its Golden Jubilee in May this year. This has been a half-century of deepening democracy and of working hard to meet people's expectations for development. The past and present members of this House have made their best efforts to give expression to people's voices. They have been true representatives of the citizens, and have always kept the larger interests of the state while fulfilling their duty as lawmakers.

Over the years, this house has evolved a model of debate, healthy discussion and mutual respect as an effective instrument in finding solution to people's problem. I am happy to learn that the Mizoram Assembly has played a pioneer role in going digital by adopting NeVA (National e-Vidhan Application).

My congratulations to you all. In Mizoram, women are empowered a lot in every sphere of life, be it sports, culture and business. I am keen to see their increased representation in public life, particularly among law makers like you in the State.

This year, the whole nation has also been celebrating the '*Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*', marking 75 years of freedom from colonial rule. We

are also moving into the '*Amrit Kaal*', towards the centenary of Independence. Such historical landmarks serve a useful function: they remind us of our living links with the past. This is the time when dreams of those who made sacrifices for us speak to us with a fresh urgency. We need to introspect on their dreams and also take inspiration from their struggles in order to continue on the path to people-oriented development.

Dear friends, I am glad to note that, over the decades and more so in recent years the state has been confidently marching on this path. After achieving the status of a full-fledged State in 1987, Mizoram has not looked back. The topography of the hilly region poses special challenges for development; yet the state has done remarkably well on all parameters, especially when it comes to human development. Taking education and healthcare as twin pillars of good governance, policymakers and administrators have rightly stressed on improving facilities for the two sectors. The Central University of Mizoram has raised the bar of excellence for education in the region. The unique '*Ayushman Bharat*' initiative also aims to provide an inclusive healthcare coverage and the state has benefitted immensely from it.

Connectivity is bound to be the biggest factor in realising the potential of such a region. The development of village roads, highways and bridges not only helps in meeting the education and healthcare goals, but also unleashes economic opportunities. Therefore, special stress has been placed on it. New roads being built under the *Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana* will bring people closer. A number of initiatives, in the sectors ranging from power to agriculture and from water supply to sports are underway. The final aim of all these is to improve the ease of living, on one hand, and help people achieve maximum flourishing on the other.

This is the era of new technology which has been put to use to serve people more effectively. Under the Digital India initiative, distances are reducing, physical challenges are overcome and government services are being delivered to the citizens more efficiently. I am confident that Mizoram will benefit greatly from a variety of initiatives from the Union and State governments and will achieve its true potential.

While embracing the modern ways, we should also remain in touch with our roots. As a tribal majority state, Mizoram can explore its past and find best governance practices from pre-modern days that can be revived within contemporary systems.

Dear friends, the development of Mizoram and the rest of the North-East is also the key to the nation scaling greater heights. India's stature on the global stage has been rising. Our ties with our neighbours, especially in South-East Asia, are of high - value to us. Our 'Act East Policy' places emphasis on the North-East for improving our ties with the extended neighbourhood in the Asia-Pacific region. Once an economic initiative, the policy has gained strategic and cultural dimensions too. Mizoram benefits from, and also contributes to, the nation's endeavour to engage with the neighbours in the region.

With our rising influence on the world stage comes more responsibilities. In climate action, for example, we have taken a lead, showing the world the best way to counter the effects of environmental degradation. Our multiple initiatives in promoting renewable sources of energy have won admiration around the world. Meanwhile, we, as individual citizens, policymakers, lawmakers or administrators must strive at our level to help heal the planet. Mizoram has the highest forest cover among all Indian states, providing an ideal home for extraordinary and rich biodiversity. The Himalayas, its fragile ecology and its flora and

fauna are our priceless heritage. We must conserve them for generations to come.

Dear friends, I once again congratulate you on the Golden Jubilee of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly. My best wishes for you and all the people of the state.

Thank you,

Jai Hind!

Jai Bharat!

SPEAKER : Thank you, madam for your encouraging and challenging word. Thank you again.

Now, may I call upon hon. Chief Minister of Mizoram and the Leader of this House to propose words of thank.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Her Excellency, the President of India Madam Murmuji, the Governor of Mizoram, Hon. Speaker and all the members of the Legislative Assembly, today it is a privilege that the President of India is here to address the House. This happens occasionally but not frequently.

Today, since we have that opportunity, it is a great blessing for us that the President of India addresses this state assembly, here in the north-eastern corner of India, which is a very far-off place. The first thing I would like to mention is that, when the President came for campaign during that time, we requested her if elected, her first duty should be to visit Mizoram and in which she has said that, she will do. She kept her words and today she is here in our midst and we are really grateful that she keeps her words.

The next thing I would like to mention is that India has an example of Democracy, the biggest democratic country in the world. They have proposed and elected from Scheduled Tribe, the tribal area; as one person commented, '*the lonely widow from the Scheduled Tribe to become the President of India*' is a great thing that the democratic countries in the world should also see. Indeed, it is, and I have the same idea, when a Scheduled Tribe lady from tribal people has been proposed and elected for the President of India, we are really proud to be an Indian now.

And then, the second point which I would like to mention is that, Mizoram, as the President herself has mentioned, is the most disturbed place not only in India, but in the neighbouring countries. During the troubled days, there were grouping of villages and issuing of permit to all workers and to all people who are to work in their field. It is fortunate that all these have passed. We have seen in Malaysia long time ago that according to the wish of the people, this type of grouping had happened. But here in Mizoram, the trouble is such that even all the villages were grouped together. But after turmoil of being the most problematic state for twenty years in 1986, we had signed a peace accord which is exemplary. It has become the most time tested and exemplary peace accord not only in India but, I believe, in the South East Asia and other countries.

Now, one thing I would like to mention in this connection is that the big example that the Government of India set is that, in order to solve this problem, the Government of Indian Leaders have great heart which enable the underground leader, Mr. Laldenga who was not in the electoral roll was given the post of Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Mizoram replacing the constitutionally elected then Chief Minister of Mizoram. It may look fool-hearty to many of other countries. But the

magnanimity, the great heartedness and the fatherly attitude of the Indian leaders and the government of India paved the way, and was appointed to the post of Chief Minister in the interim period of six months. It may look fool-hearty for somebody but nevertheless, it proved to be a very wise decision and this really solved the twenty years of insurgency and that it had become an example not only in the northeast of India, not only in India, but in South East Asia and even to the world. I believe the peace that we have here is exemplary.

Therefore in this connection, we received a lot of request that we would like to have peace like Mizoram. This really manifests the fatherly attitude and the magnanimity of the heart of the Indian leaders with a calculated thing that they had set an example. Therefore, Mizoram even though we are not rich in materials like industrial products, agriculture and horticulture products like other states, this time-tested peace, the formula of which was drawn by the Government of India is really exemplary, and it is the only thing and the most valuable product we can export to the neighbouring countries and to the neighbouring states. Therefore, Mizoram as you have known is one of the most troubled states, but as of now, it is the most peaceful state. We can export this peace to other parts of this country and to other countries as well.

In fact, it is with a watery mouth that the neighbouring countries are looking at the peace that we are having here in Mizoram. Therefore, I think that government of India and the Mizo people should be proud of this.

As you are departing from Mizoram today, we wish you have a pleasant journey, and we wish that you will have the habit of coming often to Mizoram. And, since you are going away, you are departing from

this House, and from Mizoram, we wish to bid a farewell walk to you with the hymnal line which says, '*God be with you till we meet again.*'

Thank you.

SPEAKER : All the Hon. Members are requested to proceed for photo session after this session is over.

Now, the Special Session with the Hon. President of India Smt. Drupadi Murmuji is concluded.

The House is adjourned *sine die*. (10:56 AM)