

## CHIEF MINISTER'S SPEECH

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is my proud privilege to propose Vote of Thanks to the Hon'ble President of India for addressing this special session of the Seventh Mizoram Legislative Assembly, convened in his honor, by the Hon'ble Speaker. Sir, we are deeply impressed by your speech and the praise lavished on the mizo community I feel we don't deserve but then we are deeply grateful to you for expressing and lavishing all those praises on the mizo community.

Our House is a small House with only 40 members, Sir. As a veteran parliamentarian yourself, you would be pleased to know that Mizoram Legislative Assembly, as you have just pointed out as one that is most discipline and we are proud of this unique tradition. The decorum that we maintained in the House is often admired by other states when they comes visiting and I am very happy that you also recognized this. Our House is homogenous and a classless society where every member is equal and can understand and speak which is now known as 'Mizo language'.

We thank you for spending your time here to be with us, legislators, and the speech you delivered will further inspire for every member to serve for his/her constituency and not his/her affiliated party alone. You truly remind us of the 'People First' approach. Sir, I want to mention here that, according to the NITI Aayog estimate which has been projected recently, our growth rate is one of the highest, along with Gujarat, Jharkhand and Tripura; it is higher than all the other states, i.e. 8% GSDP; we are happy about this.

Also, Sir, I want to mention here that during 2015-16, while the national per-capita income was ₹93,293, per capita income in Mizoram was ₹95,317. We have also great hydro-electric potential of about 4,000 mega watts. The National Institute of Solar Energy has calculated that Mizoram has even higher solar energy potential which is estimated at 9,090 mega watts.