

## SPEAKER'S ADDRESS

It is a great privilege and an honour for Mizoram and for me to have His Excellency Pu Ram Nath Kovind, President of Indian Republic in our midst today. Mizoram, the People and the House whole heartedly and happily welcome him. We all feel that India is in Mizoram today. It is a great and wonderful day. We cherish and adore the visit and we are all exceedingly happy and comforted.

This House is very fortunate that it had been addressed by His Excellency Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the former President of India on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2005. Today, His Excellency Pu Ram Nath Kovind, the President of Indian Republic again will address the House. The address will be carefully and attentively attended to by all.

The House we are gathering in today is comparatively small and humble but is fair and free from uproaring, shouting and disturbances. It has its own inner sanctity for the last 45 years, we are proud of it.

The growth of economy in Mizoram had been greatly stunted by the political upheaval for long 20 years. Due to this, Mizoram was lagging far behind other States while other Indian states were moving towards progress. For this, we badly need special financial helps including revival and restoration of our being special category State and schemes for backward region grant fund.

Unless it is beyond convention and practices, we invite His Excellency, Ram Nath Kovindji to visit us again and we'll try our best to give him better and more advanced reception. For this the whole Mizoram and the House extend our best wishes to him for good health, long life and prosperity. Jai Hind.

