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The Government of Mizoram have learnt with deep sorrow the sudden and premature demise of Pu Laldenga, former Chief Minister of Mizoram at London on 7th July, 1990 at 2.30 P.M. (IST)

Pu Laldenga, son of Pu Liantlira (L) was born on 11th June, 1927 at Pukpui village. He joined the British Indian Army in 1944. He left the Army while he was working as Hav. Clerk and was appointed an Accountant-cum-Cashier under the Mizo District Council in 1953. He left this job under the Mizo District Council in 1960 and formed the Mizo National Famine Front. He was the first Secretary of the Mizo Cultural Society formed in 1958 and also the first Editor of the local newspaper called "Mizo Aw". In 1961 the Mizo National Famine Front was converted into a political party called the "Mizo National Front (MNF)" and he was elected the President of this party which office he held till his death.

Due to his keen initiative, a Memorandum of Settlement was signed between him and the Government of India on the night of 30th June 1986 marking an end to two decades of hardship and suffering. He was sworn-in as the Chief Minister of the Mizoram Interim Government on 21st August, 1986. He was elected an MLA from both Aizawl North II and Sateek Constituencies in the first Mizoram State Legislative Assembly elections in February 1987. and sworn in as the Chief Minister on 20th February 1987. He was re-elected an M.L.A. in the Second Mizoram State Legislative Assembly elections 1989 from Aizawl South II Constituency and become Leader of the Opposition and continued as such till his death.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and four grandchildren.

The Government of Mizoram places on record their appreciation of the sincere services rendered by Pu Laldenga, and its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family. His death at this juncture is an irreparable loss.