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NOTIFICATION

No. H. 11020/1/91-DCA/L-1, the 5th April, 2004. Whereas the Governor of Mizoram has come to know from the report dated 26/3/2004 of the Deputy Commissioner, Lawngtlai District that the Administration in the Lai Autonomous District Council cannot be carried in accordance with the provisions of the Sixth Schedule, consequent upon removal of Pu Zungchema, Chief Executive Member by a no-confidence motion passed in the LADC Session on 25/3/04 and consequent upon a split in the ruling MNF party in the LADC as well as large-scale defection of the opposition MDCs elected from Congress party as reported;

Whereas the Deputy Commissioner, Lawngtlai has also reported that the political situation of the Lai Autonomous District Council is Volatile, flexible and quite unpredictable, and recommended for appointment of an administrator in the prevailing circumstances;

Whereas the Chief Electoral Officer, Mizoram, when consulted, viewed that the immediate election of a new Chief Executive Member can bring about advantages to a particular party or group of members particularly in the context of the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls, given the equation of the MDCs in the LADC as reported by the Deputy Commissioner, Lawngtlai;

Whereas the Governor of Mizoram after due consideration of all these aspects in the light of the reports received by him and in consultation with the Chief Minister is satisfied that in the midst of political atmosphere prevalent floor-crossings by the elected MDCs, it would be appropriate for him to assume all the powers and functions vested in or exercisable by the Lai Autonomous District Council with immediate effect, and for a limited period;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 16 read with 20BB of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India and in public interest, the Governor of Mizoram hereby assumes to himself all powers and functions vested in and exercisable by the Lai Autonomous District Council with immediate effect and for a period not beyond 15th of May, 2004.

Consequent to the assumption of powers and functions of the Lai Autonomous District Council by the Governor, appointment of the Chief Executive Member and other Executive Members of the said Council shall remain in abeyance till 15th of May, 2004.

By order and in the name of Governor

Sd/- P. CHAKRABORTY
Secretary to the Government of Mizoram
District Council Affairs Department.