



**Address**

**of**

**HIS EXCELLENCY  
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GOVERNOR OF MIZORAM**

**to**

**THE THIRTEENTH SESSION**

**of**

**THE SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF  
MIZORAM**

**on**

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Hon'ble Speaker and Hon'ble Members,

It gives me great pleasure to address you at the commencement of the thirteenth session of the Sixth Legislative Assembly of Mizoram. I take this opportunity to convey my greetings and good wishes to all of you and the people of Mizoram. I am sure that Mizoram will continue its steady march on the path of peace and prosperity.

1. I am proud to state that Bye-Election to 8-Chalfilh (ST) AC has been conducted successfully under peaceful atmosphere as a result of combined efforts of the government, political parties, NGOs and all other stakeholders. I take this opportunity to congratulate the successful candidate, Dr. Ngurdingliana and welcome him to this august House.

2. I would like to reiterate before this august Assembly my Government's commitment to provide efficient, responsive, fair and just administration at all levels of governance. My Government continues its commitment to providing clean, responsive, accountable and target oriented administration. In its endeavour to shift the focus of the government departments from process to results, my Government decided to implement the Results Framework Document (RFD), which is essentially a record of goals laid down at the beginning of the year and results achieved. At first, 40 departments are selected to prepare their RFDs. The achievements of each Department against the performance goals laid down at the beginning of the year will be reviewed by the High Power Committee on Government Performance under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary in the middle and end of each year. This will provide an objective and fair basis to evaluate department's overall performance at the end of the year.

3. Maintaining peace and tranquility, securing the safety of the citizens and affecting progress and development in all fields have always been among top priorities of my Government. I congratulate our efficient law enforcing agencies supported by NGOs, religious institutions, media

the Land Revenue & Settlement Department amounts to ^ 93,65,278.00. The revenue collection for the current year 2012 – 2013 up to January, 2013 through VAT alone is ^ 132 crores against the target of ^ 170 crores which is expected to be achieved by end of the year. The revenue generated from various markets under Trade & Commerce Department during the current year up to January 2013 is ^ 114 lakhs. State lottery contributes to ^ 330.90 lakhs of revenue generation during the year 2012-2013. Collection under the Small Savings Schemes during the year up to February 2013 amounts to ^ 1001.675 lakhs. Under Excise & Narcotics Department, a total of about ^ 245 lakhs was collected during upto January 2013. Transport Department has also collected ^ 2316.01 lakhs during upto Jan 2013 already exceeding their target of ^ 1342.00 lakhs for 2012-13 by a huge margin.

23. Hon'ble Speaker and Hon'ble Members of this august House, I have briefly presented before you a summary of the Policies, Programmes and some significant achievements of my Government as also the plan of action for further development. I would like to conclude by reiterating that my Government remains fully committed to maintenance of peace and to conducting the affairs of the State in an efficient and transparent manner for all-round development of the State and its people. I am confident that my Government will receive full cooperation of its people as well as all the Hon'ble Members of the House, in this endeavour.

24. I extend my best wishes to you again and wish your deliberations every success.

Jai Hind! Jai Mizoram!

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and the general public in contributing towards maintaining our status as one of the most peaceful states in the country. A comprehensive package to strengthen our Police force had been undertaken under the Police Modernisation Scheme, under which our police forces are being provided with the latest equipments, building infrastructures and vehicles to enforce law and order effectively. The new state of the art Forensic Laboratory Building at the New Secretariat Complex has been inaugurated. Construction of District Mobile Forensic Units at Aizawl and Lunglei are underway and will soon be operational.

4. It is heartening to declare that Implementation of Flagship New Land Use Policy (NLUP) launched in 2010-11 targeting 1, 20,000 families over a period of 5 years for both on-farm and off-farm activities has made good progress. During 2010-11 and 2011-12, 96139 families have been covered and 1,20,000 families are scheduled to be covered in 2012-13. In view of increase in the number of eligible families after the household survey of 2009, a proposal has also been submitted to the Planning Commission for additional 15,000 beneficiaries in addition to original target of 1,20,000 families. In order to strengthen sustainability of the various projects under NLUP, an initiative has also been taken to explore technical and supplementary funding support from the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of United Nations and their global partner namely University of Minnesota. The growing public awareness and the motivation of farmers are evident from the spontaneous response of farmers and the public when on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2013, 'Farmers Day' was observed at the State's capital and all the district headquarters. A number of best performing beneficiaries and best performing villages were given awards to underline the importance of farmers in building up Mizoram economy. Farmers and the public highly appreciated the initiative. So far the Planning Commission has released ^ 838.82 Crores exclusively for NLUP in addition to the fund flow of ^ 246.38 Crores from CSS under the Convergence Plan. Due to enhanced allocation of fund under NLUP, allocation under RKVY has also gone up from ^ 30.36 Crores in 2011-12 to ^ 200.91 Crores in 2012-13.

5. My Government puts utmost importance to the safety and security of its people from all sorts of dangers, disasters and calamities. To combat the menace of fire, the Fire Department has been equipped with sophisticated and modern fire fighting equipments. Landslide is a common phenomenon in our state. This hazard causes much damage to property, loss of lives and soil erosion. The Mizoram Landslide Management Action Plan has been formulated and financial requirements have been submitted to the National Disaster Management Authority for consideration.

6. Agriculture remains the strongholds of Mizoram economy. There have been several remarkable progresses and achievements in the field. Area under rice cultivation under WRC has increased from 13,150 hectares to 13,880 hectares during last year, which accounts for an increase of 5.50%. The estimated production of rice under WRC during 2012-13 is 30,536 MT against 26,300 MT of last year production, which is an increase of 16%. The area under Boro Rice Cultivation (Summer Rice) has also gone up to 1572.30 hectares during 2012-13 as compared to 450 hectares during 2011-12. The area under Jhum cultivation has also declined by 16.9% during 2012-13. Under oil palm cultivation, an additional area of 3700 hectares has been covered in addition to 9345 hectares covered during the previous year totaling 13,045 hectares. The availability of farm power has been increased tremendously during this current year as a result of distribution of 100 nos. of power tillers and 200 nos. of mini power tillers with higher subsidy. I am proud to say that my Government received 'Krishi Karman Awards' for commendable achievements in total food grains production (category III) from the Hon'ble President of India on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

7. My Government is acutely aware of the need to ensure that all the people avail better health care facilities. Rural Health care has therefore been given priority. Several PHCs and Sub Centers were built, construction of 50 bedded Integrated AYUSH Hospital at Thenzawl will commence shortly. The immunization services are being provided through existing network of Hospitals, main Centers, CHCs, PHCs, Sub-Centres and Dispensaries. Besides, under Pulse Polio Immunization Scheme, children

effort to protect its forest and environment. Formulation of appropriate strategy to curb the menace of wildfire, unregulated felling and depletion due to traditional practice of shifting cultivation has always been our major concern. National Afforestation Programme (NAP) is being implemented effectively in the State through Village Forest Development Committees. During the current year, about 2,86,000 seedlings were planted. In order to reinforce measures for forest protection and improve forest health, Intensification of Forest Management Programme is being implemented in the State.

20. My Government is deeply concerned about the welfare of its people, especially the weaker section, the minorities and the youth. Several child welfare programmes, women welfare programmes, welfare programmes for the disabled and the aged are being carried out. Mamit and Lawngtlai are among the 90 districts selected across the country for implementation of the Multi-Sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) which aims at improving the socio-economic parameters and basic amenities for improving the quality of life of the people and reducing imbalances in line with priority attached to inclusive growth.

21. We all agree that sports and youth development play a pivotal role in shaping the nation. My Government has been making sincere efforts for development of sports infrastructure. Mizoram sees a tremendous growth in this sector. Major projects like Rajiv Gandhi Stadium at Mualpui, Indoor Stadium at Aizawl, laying of Astro Turf at AR Lammual, Aizawl, Indoor Stadium at Champhai, Cricket Stadium at Sihhmui, State Sports Academy, Zobawk, Indoor Stadium at Bungtlang and Keitum, Mini Sports Complex, Lengpui, Regional Sports Training Centre, Saidan, etc., are being taken up. More projects are expected to be sanctioned in the near future.

22. It is heartening to notice that taxes and revenue collection is improving substantially. Collection of Revenue up to December 2012 by

Enterprise and Handloom, 30 trades have been proposed to be selected by the beneficiaries. An amount of ^ 10,119.72 lakhs was disbursed for 1<sup>st</sup> phase of NLUP during 2010-11 to 2012-13 to cover 10726 numbers of beneficiaries against the physical target of 3200 numbers. During this financial year as many as 8692 nos. of family will be covered out of the target of 8500 nos. With the State contributing to 14 percent of all India bamboo production, bamboo processing has become one of the most viable industries in the State. With support from the National Bamboo Mission, the Department through Bamboo Development Agency will set up various bamboo depots across the state for uniform supply of bamboo and at reasonable rates for the industrial units. It will also set up bamboo treatment plants and bamboo retail outlets for sale and display of bamboo products manufactured by local bamboo industries.

17. My Government accords high priority to improvement in marketing agricultural produces for protecting the general interest of the farmers by providing physical market infrastructures. As of now, there are as many as 224 markets within the state which not only provides places for selling agricultural produces but also provides employment to a number of people particularly women and weaker section of the society. Development of border trade with Myanmar and Bangladesh is being actively taken up which would significantly boost the economy of the state.

18. Mizoram offers great opportunities for tourism, including archeological and heritage tourism, cultural tourism and eco-tourism. With the financial assistance from Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India, a number of projects are being implemented to develop Mizoram into a major tourist destination. The central government has also accorded financial sanction of ^ 468.82 lakhs for activation and strengthening of aerosport in Mizoram.

19. Rich forest reserves with its varied flora and fauna is one of the greatest assets of Mizoram. My Government has been making continuous

under five years of age are given additional polio drop every year. The 150 Bedded State Referral Hospital at Falkawn, which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2012, will be upgraded into 400 bedded hospital during the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan.

8. Providing quality education at all levels has always been one of the top priorities under my Government. Infrastructure development of collegiate institutions, polytechnic institutions and secondary and elementary educational institutions has made good progress. ^ 2582.40 lakhs has been projected for language development under Modern Language Teaching Programme and ^ 47536.37 lakhs for strengthening education under SSA & RMSA. Mid-day meal is being implemented successfully without interruption since its inception. As many as 1503 Primary Schools and 1022 Upper Primary Schools have benefited under the scheme during this year. Textbooks and School Uniforms have been distributed to students free of cost. ^ 4827.03 lakhs has been utilized for strengthening of 154 existing schools under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan(RMSA).

9. My Government is committed to maintenance of Public Distribution System (PDS) for the benefit of the poor people. The main constraint has always been the inability to bring adequate quantity of supplies to the state due to unfavourable road conditions especially during monsoon season. The State Government has been putting an all out efforts to ensure that sufficient stock of rice as well as LPG is maintained at all times.

10. We are taking every possible measure to strengthen and consolidate the network of transportation in the state. Introduction of Helicopter Service was one of the remarkable steps my government has taken in the recent past. With this, the capital city of Aizawl has now been connected with most of the district headquarters and other important towns. The service has greatly benefited the public especially critical medical patients and people living in remote areas. More number of helipads are proposed to be constructed during the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan in order to achieve all round air connectivity within Mizoram.

11. My Government has taken various e-Governance initiatives for effective delivery of services to citizens at their doorsteps. The infrastructure required for delivering of e-Services has been put in place. The Mizoram State Wide Area Network (MSWAN) has been created covering all the district headquarters and block headquarters with the state capital. For delivery of e-Services at the grassroot level, 136 Common Services Centres (CSCs) have been set up through which citizens will access basic government services at their doorsteps. The e-District Mission has also been launched to enable efficient delivery of services and to proactively provide information to citizens. This will facilitate delivery of Government to Citizens (G2C) services.

12. Improved power generation continues to be a thrust area of my Government. A number of power projects are being taken up. Construction of 12MW Serlui 'B' SHP has been completed, Construction of 5MW Hydel Project at river Tlawva in Champhai District at the projected cost of ^ 57.49 crores is expected to be completed in the year 2015. My Government also accords high priority to Rural Electrification. Steps are being taken to speed up the implementation of the current RGGVY (Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana) Project. Electrification of 93 un-electrified villages is completed and 346 villages have been covered under Intensive Electrification Scheme and as many as 14920 families have been provided with free connections.

13. Supply of adequate and clean water to the citizens in both rural and urban areas has been given priority. Several programmes are being undertaken for providing safe drinking water supply to various towns and villages during 2012-13. Renewal of Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme (Phase I) under JNNURM is being taken up. Augmentation of Greater Lunglei Water Supply Scheme and Greater Serchhip Water Supply Scheme under UIDSSMT are being done with the estimated amount of ^ 867.00 lakhs and ^ 689.60 lakhs respectively achieving 78.28% and 75% physical progress. Greater Saiha Water Supply Scheme and Tlabung Water Supply Scheme are also being taken up with the estimated amount of ^ 2070.20 lakhs and ^ 441.00 lakhs.

14. Lack of adequate and quality infrastructure is a major hurdle in the growth of our economy. Therefore, it is imperative that the infrastructure deficit is overcome and adequate investment takes place. My Government has taken major steps to ensure that impediments in this area are eliminated. Construction and improvement of roads and highways are being taken up at a number of places. Construction of 100 Km Multi Modal Transit Project is in progress and formation cutting of 60 Km has been completed. Reconstruction of Mizoram House at Chanakyapuri New Delhi has been completed and was recently inaugurated. The foundation stone for Mizoram House, Navi Mumbai was also laid on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Construction of Mizoram House at New Town Kolkata is also in progress.

15. My Government continues to strive for effective implementation of various Rural Development Programmes. We have done exceptionally well in implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). During the current financial year, a total of about ^ 25862 lakhs was spent under the programme with funding from the central as well as State matching share. Under Indira Awaaz Yojana (IAY) financial assistance is being provided to 1524 families living below poverty line for construction and upgradation of houses. Mizoram is the first state among the small states of India to implement the National Rural Livelihood Mission which aims at creating efficient and effective institutional platforms for the rural poor to enable them to increase household income through sustainable livelihood enhancements and improved access to financial services. The Annual Action Plan of the Mizoram State Rural Livelihood Mission for the year 2012-2014 has been approved by the National Empower Committee on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012 with a budget of ^ 9.93 crores.

16. Industrial growth is the key to a healthy economic progress. My Government aims at bringing about a systematic improvement in the industrial sector through convergence with the NLUP. Under Micro