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Sl. No.	NAME OF MINISTERS	NAME OF DEPTT. ALLOCATED
1.	Pu Zoramthanga Chief Minister	1. Legislative Assembly 2. Governor 3. Council of Ministers 4. Vigilance 5. Finance 6. Secretariat Administration Department 7. Planning & Programme Implementation 8. General Administration Department 9. Horticulture 10. Public Works Department
2.	Pu Tawnluia Deputy Chief Minister	1. Personnel & Administrative Reforms 2. Public Health Engineering 3. Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation
3.	Dr R. Lalthangliana Minister	1. Higher & Technical Education 2. Health & Family Welfare 3. Commerce & Industries
4.	Pu Lalchamlia Minister	1. Taxation 2. Home 3. Disaster Management & Rehabilitation
5.	Pu R. Lalzirliana Minister	1. Art & Culture 2. District Council & Minority Affairs 3. Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation 4. Power & Electricity
6.	Pu C. Lalrinsanga Minister	1. Agriculture 2. Co-operation 3. Irrigation & Water Resources
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9.	Pu Lalruatkima Minister of State	1. Land Revenue & Settlement 2. Information & Public Relation 3. Rural Development
10.	Dr. K. Beichhua Minister of State	1. Excise & Narcotics 2. Social Welfare 3. Animal Husbandry & Veterinary 4. Sericulture
11.	Pu T.J. Lalnuntluanga Minister of State	1. Law & Judicial 2. Parliamentary Affairs 3. Environment, Forest & Climate Change 4. Transport
12.	Pu Robert Romawia Royte Minister of State	1. Sports & Youth Services 2. Tourism 3. Information & Communication Technology

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(10th May, 2022)*

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EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(SPECIAL SESSION)

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR A SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 10th MAY, 2022
(10:30 A.M.)

ADDRESS

1. **Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati**, Hon. Governor of Mizoram to address the House

SPEECH

2. **The Hon. Speaker** may invite the following dignitaries to deliver a speech:
 - i) Hon. Chief Minister, Mizoram.
 - ii) Hon. Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly.
 - iii) Representative of each Legislature party.

H. LALRINAWMA
Commissioner & Secretary

SPEAKER : *“And has made of one blood all nations of men in order to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation.”*

-Acts of the Apostles 17:26

We are blessed by the almighty and hence this House reached its 50th year and I express my gratitude to the Lord almighty with all my heart. It is fortunate that the 1st Speaker of Mizoram Legislative Assembly, Dr. H. Thansanga is here with us today. May I call upon Dr H. Thansanga to rise up from his seat. Thank you, Sir.

We are fortunate that four of our previous Speakers of the Legislative Assembly (excluding me) are all here with us today. May I call upon – Dr. Kenneth Chawngliana, Pu Lalchamlia and Pu R. Romawia to rise up from their seat.

It gives me immense pleasure to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly, today. I am extremely delighted that our Hon. Governor, Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati has consented to address the Session as Chief Guest. Thank you very much, Sir. Now, may I invite Hon. Governor of Mizoram, Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati to address the Special Session.

DR. HARI BABU KAMBHAMPATI, GOVERNOR: Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, Hon. Speaker of Mizoram Legislative Assembly, Pu Zoramthanga, Hon. Chief Minister, Shri Biswajit Daimary, Hon. Speaker of Assam Legislative Assembly, Hon. Members of this august House and my dear people of Mizoram, Chibai. I am extremely proud and privileged to be the Chief Guest at this Special Session on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

In addition to the fact that the government is an integral part of the state legislature, I am particularly delighted to be in your midst today as I am, myself a former Member of Parliament and former Member of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly. Therefore, I highly value and cherish this solemn occasion.

The history of Mizoram Legislative Assembly can be traced back to the year 1952, with the formation of the Lushai Hills Autonomous District Council under the Govt. of Assam. The District Council existed for the period of 4 terms. With the elevation of Mizoram into a Union Territory, the 1st Assembly Session was held on 10th May, 1972, exactly 50 years ago. The 1st Assembly was comprised of 33 members out of which 30 were elected and 3 were nominated. The Legislative Assembly under the Union Territory had also witnessed the period of 4 terms. The Mizoram Legislative Assembly was enlarged to 40 members with the achievement of the statehood in 1987.

Today, we are fortunate to celebrate 50 years of dignified existence of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly. Throughout its rich history, the Mizoram Legislative Assembly has seen a total of 232 members with 92 members having sadly passed away. We have reached our position today, to the contributions of each and every one of these members. There have been 955 sittings from 138 Sessions. The House has witnessed 488 Govt. Bills out of which 477 Bills have been passed. However, the House is yet to pass Private Members Bill despite witnessing 5 such Bills through the years. More than 500 Reports have been presented in the House.

I am delighted to know that various activities have already been successfully undertaken as part of the celebration including Discussion Programs, Youth Parliament, Golden Jubilee Exhibition, Seminar etc. Further, I am very happy to learn that all the Former Legislators, Ex-MLAs are enthusiastically involved in this celebration. I am certain that these activities as well as the remaining planned programs will greatly enrich the legacy of this august House.

The Legislature is often called the 'Temple of Democracy'. The Legislative Assembly is the embodiment of the aspirations and the ultimate will of the people of the state. Elected representatives' debate and discuss policies, formulating laws which are the foundation for a civilized society. Only 2 months ago, the Hon. Vice President of India Addressed this very House and commented the graceful conduct of the legislators in Mizoram. While noting that the Sessions of Mizoram Legislative Assembly are conducted with

utmost discipline, diligence and decorum, Hon. Vice President congratulated the Members for setting a high benchmark that other state legislatures and even the Parliament can emulate.

Mizoram has had a long history of healthy electoral politics and strong democratic values. The enduring success of the historic Peace Accord of 1986 is testament to the will of the people of the state. The Memorandum of Settlement signed between the Govt. of India, the Govt. of Mizoram and the Mizo National Front ended 2 decades of unrest and assured in the new era of peace and progress. The Peace Accord facilitated the integration of Mizoram into the union of India and set the tone for producing the co-existence and co-operation with the rest of the country. It became a catalyst for positive change towards the path of development.

The state has since successfully held a number of elections under peaceful atmosphere with the enthusiastic participation of the people. Today, Mizoram is known as one of the most peaceful states in the country. Here, I must acknowledge the immense contribution of the civil society, the NGOs and the religious bodies. I am proud to say that we fruitfully added to the concept of Unity in Diversity. Despite the presence of various ethnic and linguistic groups, we have valuable social and communal harmony in Mizoram. Mizoram is strategically located between Bangladesh and Myanmar and has the potential to be the gateway in South-East Asia and beyond. The much-awaited Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project once completed will offer limitless opportunities.

Likewise, the entry of the railway line is expected to be a game changer in near future. In spite of being a relatively young state, we have performed admirably in certain areas such as literacy, sports and a few health indicators such as mortality rates. Our state is also blessed with abundant resources, natural beauty, clean atmosphere and moderate climate. On top of this, we have a strong and vibrant community life with a tight-knitted society. However, I am sure you will all agree that despite our best efforts, we still have massive untapped potential.

Hence, I would like to share a few areas where I feel we need to push further collectively. For instance, power generation is the

sector which I feel must be prioritized. I have been told that Mizoram has huge potential in hydro-electricity. For a small State such as ours, with minimal power consumption, we can certainly become self-sufficient in power generation. Health is another sector which requires constant improvement. While commending the Government for various actions taken, I urge that our health infrastructure may be continuously upgraded for the benefit of the people.

Tourism is also a sector which can grow in leaps and bounds. I appreciate that a number of initiatives are already being undertaken. We have various advantages for the promotion of tourism, including a hospitable society and an English-speaking population. In all these, I encourage the people of Mizoram, and especially the public leaders to continue to work tirelessly for economic growth and development. It is befitting that our Golden Jubilee Celebration coincides with the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, as we celebrate 75 years of our country's glorious Independence.

Hon. Prime Minister has given a clarion call for 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', or 'Self-Reliant India'. Along the same line, we must aim for a 'Self-Reliant Mizoram'. The leaders present here have a higher responsibility for the achievement of this objective. Let us renew our efforts and resolve to work for a better Mizoram, and a stronger India. In conclusion, I congratulate the Hon. Speaker, Mizoram Legislative Assembly and the Assembly Secretariat for successfully organizing this grand Celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

Once again, I greet all the people of Mizoram on this happy occasion.

Ka lawm e.
Jai Hind.

SPEAKER : Thank you, Sir, for your inspiring and informative words. Before inviting our Chief Minister, I would like to inform this august House that we had invited Hon. Speaker of Lok Sabha, Shri Om Birla to grace and address this House. He also agreed with our invitation, but due to health issues, he could not come. He sent a message and let me read out his greeting message for Golden Jubilee.

“I convey my heartiest congratulations and greetings to people of the state of Mizoram on this auspicious occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly. The North-East region of our country occupies a unique and distinctive position in our social, cultural and geopolitical landscape. The reason is known for its impressive human development including high social economic status of women. Mizoram is an important land-bridge in India’s look East Policy making India’s critical trait and connectivity linkages with Myanmar and Bangladesh. With the beautiful natural boundary, the Mizo society is knit together by a very unique cord of ethics “Tlawmngaihna” which cause everyone to be hospitable, kind, unselfish and helpful to others. I truly admire this sense of shanti while putting community above self.

Mizoram’s peaceful electoral processes are admirable. The Mizoram Legislative Assembly’s graceful conducts of proceedings of the House presents to all of us, a role model for our democracy. I wish that Mizoram Legislative Assembly would continue embarking on such exemplarily good works and set high benchmarks in these regards even in the years to come.”

That is a message from Lok Sabha. Now, may I invite our Hon. Chief Minister, Pu Zoramthanga to address this special session.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, His Excellency, the Governor of Mizoram, Speaker of Assam Legislative Assembly and my colleagues, Members of this Mizoram Legislative Assembly, I am really grateful to have the opportunity to be here and to address the Assembly on the 50th Anniversary of Mizoram Legislative Assembly. It is a great opportunity for me but the unfortunate thing is that the Hon. Speaker of the Lok Sabha, whom we invited and accepted, because of ill-health he could not attend

this and we are sorry to learn about it. Nevertheless, I believe that we shall be having a successful and a commendable celebration for this occasion. Now, I beg to speak the rest in Mizo.

I extend my heartiest welcome and wishes to the hon. Speaker, the hon. Governor, the hon. Speaker of Assam Assembly, all my fellow members, all our ex- Speakers, invitees and others who are attending this auspicious occasion. Amidst the pandemic we are able to celebrate the 50th anniversary without facing any kind of natural calamities and no doubt this is solely due to the guidance and the blessings of the almighty God and we should thank him with all our hearts.

As mentioned earlier the first session was held in 1972 and today we have reached our 50th anniversary. Before the domain of Mizoram by the British, we live under the rules of our Chiefs and after the reign of the British, India achieved Independence in 1947. After pondering many options we join India and later on insurgencies arise for 20 long years which ended in 1986 by signing a peace accord and in 1987 Mizoram attain Statehood. Till today Mizoram Legislative Assembly has been conducted smoothly and efficiently.

I cannot help but wonder how the almighty had already planned all our steps and I know it will continue to awe us even in the future. From UT to Statehood, there have been many experiences and instances where we learn from our elders and even with the experience we have, there are times that we look back and thought we might have made a better conclusion. As time goes on, we have become more and more polished that we have set a good example in our conduct and have become a model among all the States of India and I hope and believe we will continue to maintain this status in the future.

As mentioned by the hon. Governor, our elections are conducted peacefully which amazes other States and all the elected members are very well mannered and the House proceedings are also conducted in a dignified manner. Though we may have been a model in some areas, there may also be undignified areas as well. Above all these, we are recognized for our maintenance of time

tested peace which lasted for more than 30 years considering the occurrence of insurgencies in our neighboring States like, Tripura, Assam, Manipur and Chittagong hill track and on the international boundary, Myanmar. The only thing we can trade and be proud of is our maintenance of 'Peace' in our State which I believe is the greatest weapon given to us by God. We have used this peace and spread the message by our deeds and we will continue to do so in the future.

Lastly, I want to say that in this Golden Jubilee, the mightiest weapon given to us by God must be used and expected of us to send to all corners of our country and to the world. I hope and pray that this will mark a great beginning of our future endeavors and may we always remember that it is a duty expected of us by the almighty God. With that I will conclude by expressing my gratitude towards the people of Mizoram who are listening to this speech and to all who have come to celebrate our Golden Jubilee. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Thank you, hon. Chief Minister. Assam, being our parent state, we had invited Hon. Chief Minister of Assam, Dr. Himanta Biswas Sharma and Hon. Speaker of Assam to attend this occasion, but, coincidentally today, Assam Government is celebrating the 1st anniversary of the present Government. So, the Chief Minister could not come. At the same time, I am very happy indeed, that the Hon. Speaker of Assam Biswajit Daimary is present in our midst today. Now, may I invite him to address the special session, please.

SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY, SPEAKER OF ASSAM:

Hon. Speaker, Shri Lalrinliana Sailoji, Hon. Governor of Mizoram, Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampatiji, Hon. Chief Minister of Mizoram, Pu Zoramthangaji, Hon. Deputy Speaker of Mizoram, Pu Lalrinawmaji, Hon. Ministers, Hon. MLA's and other dignitaries, vawiina lo kal khawm zawng zawng te, chibai vek u le.

First of all, I thank the Hon. Speaker who invited me during his visit in Assam to attend this special day, the Golden Jubilee celebration of Mizoram Legislative Assembly. That is why I could come here today and meet all of you. I have a little problem with

speaking in English also.. (**SPEAKER:** No problem) but I would try my best.

I am proud of Mizoram and Mizoram Legislative Assembly for completing 50 years. In this long run, Mizoram has developed a lot in all sides and every aspect. This is my second visit and I have been here before 12 years ago as a tourist for 2/3 days, and this is my second visit.

The Hon. Governor and Minister has already spoken about Mizoram, the history behind Mizoram and its journey till date. There is a lot of sacrifice from the Mizo people. During the British rule, people had to sacrifice their life. Today, I would like to mention the name of our great lady who sacrifices her life for the interest of the Mizo people, not only Mizo people, but for India also. Our great lady, Rani Ropuiliani was the first ladyship among the Mizo people and who opposed the British rule when they impose on the Mizo area. She opposed the British rule and was sent to jail, and later died inside the jail. So, this is the great sacrifice of that lady for the nation. We can also say India because during that time, such kind of administrative system was not practiced. All the people live as a society; some villages have kings, headman etc. and live life independently as a society during that time.

After the British people introduced the parliamentary system, they include all the area under their administrative system. At that time, with other parts of India, Mizoram was included under the Indian administrative system. Otherwise, everybody was independent and have their own traditional administrative system which they followed. And, because of that, such kind of situation happened here because the outsiders cannot understand the exact position of Mizoram. They do not understand the people, their thoughts, traditions and practices. Earlier, for the Mizo people, they have their own resources and a person who would fulfill the requirements of the people. God gifted many natural things and the people are self-sufficient and do not need to depend on others.

Here, people are experts in every side such as technology. They know how to build a house and how to produce their own clothes. Their traditional Mizo dress is also very popular

internationally which is produced by themselves thousands of years ago.

They have to fight many times during the British rule as well as for independence. Many Mizo leaders have tried and fought for independence for Mizoram, but later on, it was merged with Assam. After that, most people knew about Mizoram and receive the 6th Scheduled Status under the Indian Constitution. During that time, there were only three representatives from Mizoram. Some MLA's were there during that time, they are: Pu Ch. Saprawnga and Pu R. Lalmawia, and other members were there as members of Assam Assembly till 1962.

After 1962, it becomes a Union Territory and receives full Statehood in 1987. After that, the Mizo people could decide how to develop Mizoram. And, because of their planning and hard work during these 50 years, Mizoram is well known as of the most peaceful state in India. Not only peaceful, Mizoram is beautiful and developed as well. It is a very developed State if we compared with others.

It is very difficult here in the hilly areas as mainland Indian and the plains people could not understand. They think that hills meant the same structure as Himachal as it is a hill state. This is like Jammu & Kashmir or Meghalaya which are also hill states. But I feel that this is a very different hill area with rough terrains and with no slopes where construction of roads is also very difficult. That is why in India, we have to take and prepare different guidelines and policies to develop Mizoram with other states. Otherwise, it will not be possible. Take for example, UP, Bihar or Maharashtra are plain areas and as such construction of roads for 1 kilometer will cost about 1 crore. But if you come to Assam, if you construct a road for 1 kilometer, there will be a river where we need to construct a bridge. Assam is a plain area, but if you compare it with other plain states, then it cannot be developed. Likewise, if we assigned 5 crores per kilometer, we need to assign 10 times more per kilometer to construct a road here in Mizoram.

So, these are the problems for the water resources also. For the Jal Jeevan Mission also, our Hon. Prime Minister declared that

after 75 years of independence, everybody should have access to water. But water project would require more money here than in other parts of India. Likewise, our National Policies should be prepared and only then, all the States will be developed in the same level.

I have heard the speech made by the hon. Chief Minister, Zoramthanga previously, during my tenure as a member, and in other meetings as well. I did not have the opportunity to closely sit with him and have a discussion. Still, Mizoram is always fighting for it. Yesterday also, we discussed and said that we still could not convince the Indian government. We have many resources but we do not have communication and, without communication, those resources are meaningless. If we can use these resources, then India can also develop through the resources of Mizoram. But before that, there are many things to do and many works that needs to be done. Due to this, our hon. Chief Minister is struggling. Their struggling and our struggling are different to develop Mizoram. Someday our national leaders will understand and be convinced by the request made by the Mizo people. Not only Mizoram, but other hill states as well.

Today, the condition is very good. Earlier we used to be in the same state as well as under the same Assembly. As I have said, we do not have such kind of boundaries, such boundaries exist only after the British rule. We also have some boundary conflicts not only with Mizoram, but with other states as well. But our current Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma wanted to come here also. However, due to another anniversary celebration, he could not come. The Hon. Home Minister and Union Minister are also there and that is why he could not come. He is very keen to solve all the border issues of Assam and is continuously taking initiatives within Assam among other political parties as well. Almost all are now clear and there should be our final settlement of boundary for which Assam has to take part also.

So, our Hon. Chief Ministers Pu Zoramthanga and Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma are already discussing about that, and I think this will come to an end within a short time. I think this time, our boundary issues will be solved amicably. This kind of talk was

not held earlier and the Hon. Home Minister is also initiating these talks. I think such kind of big issues will be solved through these discussions. This kind of issues sometimes happens, but if we have to develop our area, then we have to develop our relations also. This is only my second time here in Mizoram as I do not have any relatives and friends. But after becoming Speaker and getting an invitation from Mr. Lalrinlianaji, I have made many new friends. In the future, I may come here every year and develop our relationship. This will also become an all-round development of North Eastern States. We have to go like this in the future.

Due to time constraints, I will limit my speech. As an MLA, I feel that this is the time where we need to have more discussions about our issues and problems. In the assembly, we should now try to discuss all our issues like bills, resolutions put up by the MLA's or from the government side so that we can take some good policies and vision to continue our work. We have many committees in assembly and through this, we can observe the education of the government in various departments and give suggestions and monitoring also. This is the role of an assembly, and if all the legislators participate fully in all discussions with their own views, then we can make good decisions and policies in the assembly and through this, the government take the decision to work as part of the decision of the assembly and then definitely a state or a country can go with other developed countries or other developed states also.

So, I hope with the experience that Assam some has memories of this 50 years with so many good people, good thinkers who had given some suggestions through which Mizoram could come in this position in this golden jubilee definitely. Considering all these, I think you can take some good visions in future as how to work, how to do or how to plan for the interest of Mizoram and Mizo people for future. I think through this celebration, you can definitely do that and accordingly, Mizoram will be like that in future and that Mizoram will be good now. Mizoram is a very good state and necessarily this is also good, no need to mention specifically anything, Mizoram itself is good in every side and every sphere.

So, now, though I do want to speak more, I have to conclude my speech. I wish the golden jubilee celebration, a grand success. And, again, thanks to the Hon. Speaker, and thanks to Hon. Chief Minister, Hon. Ministers, the Hon. Governor and Hon. Dignitaries also. We are presents with here a nice piece, and I thank for this.

Lastly, I wish the golden jubilee celebration a grand success. Thank you all. Ka lawm lutuk. Ka lawm e.

SPEAKER : Thank you very much, Shri Biswajit Dimaryji for your speech concerning Assam and Mizoram as well. I thank you for mentioning our Mizo heroine, Ropuiliani; Thank you. Your speech will remain forever here in our Assembly proceedings. Let's keep the relationship with Assam in future. I wish you all the best.

Whom shall I call next? A speech is expected from different Legislature. I will call upon our Deputy Chief Minister Pu Tawnluia.

PU TAWNLUIA, DY. CHIEF MINISTER : Hon. Speaker, Dr. Shri Hari Babu Kambapati, Hon. Governor of Mizoram, Pu Zoramthanga, Hon. Chief Minister, Shri Biswajit Daimary, Hon. Speaker of Assam, Hon. Ministers and Members of this august House and all other dignitaries, politicians and officials. I wish you all a very warm greetings on the occasion of this Golden Jubilee of Mizoram legislative Assembly.

I am deeply honored to have been nominated to speak on behalf of MNF Legislature Party. First of all, I would like to thank and express my gratitude to Biswajit Daimary, Hon. Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly and his entourage who came all the way from Assam to grace this auspicious occasion. I would also like to thank the members of the Organizing Committee of this Golden Jubilee for their thoughtfulness in setting up this occasion. And last, but not the least, I thank Almighty God for guiding us to this auspicious occasion.

I would like to speak briefly about the history of MNF Party. MNF was first established on 22nd October 1961 under the leadership of Pu Laldenga. It is now 60 years old and we are now

celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of the party. While we are under Assam Government in 1963, MNF party was able to secure 2 seats out of 3 under Mizo District at by-election. Later on, Mizoram Independence was declared by the party on 1st March, 1966 and the party went underground for 20 years which includes Pu Laldenga, Pu Zoramthanga, Pu Lalchamlia and myself.

At the request of the people of Mizoram, Peace Accord was signed on 30th June, 1986 and Mizoram was declared as a Union Territory. Interim government was formed between congress and MNF party and Pu Laldenga was appointed as Chief Minister.

After the peace accord was signed, Mizoram was able to enjoy Statehood with special provision and is now known as one of the most peaceful State in India.

The first Mizoram State Assembly election was conducted in 1987 with MNF part securing 24 seats. Pu Laldenga was the Chief Minister and House Leader. After the sad demise of Pu Laldenga, Pu Zoramthanga took over as the leader of the party and was the Chief Minister from 1998 till 2008. Due to the support of the people, we were able to form a government again after the 2018 election under the leadership of Pu Zoramthanga and have occupied 27 seats as of now. I would like to state that MNF party will always strive to serve the people of Mizoram.

Mizoram Legislative Assembly has many practices and traditions and I would like to urge the members to carry on these traditions. We have always been able to conduct ourselves with dignity and I would again like to urge the members to carry on and practice House decorum and safeguard the sanctity of this House.

Pu Speaker, we are fortunate that former members of this House were able to grace us with their presence. Former Legislators Association of Mizoram (FLAM) was established to promote unity and to provide counsel to the government. I would also like to advocate for the revision of medical facilities provided to FLAM members.

Lastly, I thank the organizing committee for their hard work in making the Golden Jubilee celebration a success. Thank you.

SPEAKER : If I may, I would like to request the first members of this House to stand to commemorate their presence in this House. Pu Sangchhuma and Pu Sapliancheua, we welcome and applaud you for gracing us with your presence.

Who will be the next legislature member to speak? Let us call upon respected member Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Hon. Speaker of Mizoram Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, His Excellency Governor of Mizoram, Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati, Hon. Speaker of Assam, Biswajit Daimary and all the distinguished members who gathered together here, first of all, warm greetings to all of you.

As we know, golden jubilee marks a completion of 50 years of existence or activity applied to events, people and nations. It is, indeed, a great privilege to all of us and to the people of Mizoram at large, to witness to such a very rare occasion of rejoice and jubilation today. In the Old Testament of the Holy Bible, the word 'Jubilee' has a reference to a ram's horn used as a trumpet blown on the 50th anniversary associated with jubilee indulgence according to which all the Hebrew slaves have to be liberated, and all the alienated properties have to be restored. 25 years ago, this nation has celebrated a Golden Jubilee of independence. On the night of 14th & 15th August, 1997, at the struck of midnight, the legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar, the Nightingale of India appeared at the stage of the Central Hall of Parliament of India and sang 'Sare Jaha se achha' gracing the celebration of the night. On this occasion, I would like to convey all the legislators of the country that Mizoram is lagging 25 years behind the country to celebrate Golden Jubilee. We are a late starter in various activities of development. Mizoram attained a full-fledged statehood in 1986 which happens to be coincided with the period of Seventh Five Year Plan. This means that the rest of the country has been reaping the fruit of a planned economy for thirty years, before Mizoram could have taken a single step in the ladder of progress in the Five-Year

Plan, and that too with a limping leg towards normalcy due to a two-decade long unrest here.

Your Excellency, may I take this opportunity to make an appeal to the whole country in general, and to those people in power in particular, that being a late starter, a special treatment and concessions should be given to us especially in the areas of infrastructure development so that the much larger portion of many untapped potential of the state may have given contributions in the economy of the nation soon.

Lastly, I wish, I hope and I am sure that this Assembly will remain to be a model Assembly in the country. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma, from Congress Legislature Party.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Hon. Speaker, Sir, Your Excellency the Governor of Mizoram, Hon. Chief Minister, Hon. Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly, Hon. Dy. Chief Minister, Hon. Members of the Eighth Mizoram Legislative Assembly, all the former Speakers, all the former Legislators, all the officials, media persons who have gathered here on this historic occasion. Mr. Speaker Sir, I have been authorized to speak on behalf of the Indian National Congress Party.

Honestly speaking, I have really sentimental attachment with the Mizoram Legislative Assembly because I was groomed at the premises of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly. My late father, who has been a member of this august House from 1972 – 1998 and before that, he was a member of Mizo District Council, he had served two terms. Today, on this historic occasion, I fondly remember all those members and I pay my respect to all those members who had once occupied this prestigious seat. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I take advantage and opportunity to thank especially the people of 35 East Tuipui Constituency who have elected me and today, I am here to celebrate historic occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Mizoram Legislative Assembly. I also like to thank all the officials who are here to witness this great function.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, since last 50 years, as we know as a people's representative, we speak many grievances, we debate on the floor of this House, and to consider programme of action for the development of our state. Lastly, as most of the Hon. Members have already mentioned, Mizoram Legislative Assembly in the last 50 years has conducted this Assembly with dignity and decorum as we have seen how the Parliament House also functions. Today, I am really proud to be a member of this great Mizoram Legislative Assembly. Today, as I have seen many colleagues of my late father, I really feel my father is still alive. I have seen their face today as if that I am seeing my father.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, Sir, with greetings to all the people of Mizoram, I conclude my speech. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Thank you, Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma. We are with you with your emotional feelings. Thank you, for your good speech.

Dr. BD Chakma, from BJP Legislature.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Hon. Governor of Mizoram, Shri. Hari Babhu Kambhampatiji, Hon. Speaker of Mizoram, Hon. Dy. Speaker, our special guest from Assam Legislative Assembly, Hon. Speaker Biswajit Daimaryji, Hon. Chief Minister Shri Zoramthangaji, our Dy. Chief Minister Shri Tawnluiaji and their Cabinet colleagues, my dear colleague members of Mizoram Legislative Assembly, former Speakers and former Members of Legislative Assembly, officials and other dignitaries, a very good morning to you all and I wish you a very happy Golden Jubilee of Mizoram Legislative Assembly. I convey my heartfelt thanks to the Hon. Speaker for giving me time to deliver a very short speech in this august House on this occasion of this glorious 50 Years of Mizoram Legislative Assembly. I am fortunate enough to witness this historic occasion as one of the elected members of this 40-members of this august House of Mizoram Legislative Assembly where we have a galaxy of experienced leaders having medical, engineering, legal, philosophical and other excellent academic backgrounds.

In my eighth and half years of experience as a member of this august House, I have not seen a single Assembly session where disruption has taken place and the Hon. Speaker had to adjourn any such sitting unlike our Parliament and some other state assemblies. Here, we always perform constructive debates, constructive discussions and then we deliver everything for the good of the people of our beautiful state. This is the peculiarity of our Legislative Assembly of Mizoram and I am really proud of it.

Last but not the least, I convey my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the people of my constituency for sending me here as one of the elected representatives of this august House for consecutive second term and witnessing this Golden Jubilee of Mizoram Legislative Assembly. With these few words, let me conclude my speech, Speaker Sir. Jai hind. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Before we conclude this Special Session, we will have a photo session inside the hall with Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampatiji, our Governor and the hon. Speaker of Assam.

Respected former legislators are sitting on the left side and I would like to request that their pictures be also taken. We salute you for your dedication to Mizoram.

I am thrilled that we were able to have this celebration under the leadership of the hon. Chief Minister. I feel lucky that this moment falls under my tenure as the Speaker of this House and I feel that I do not deserve this honour.

We have concluded our business and we will now end this Session.

The House is adjourned. Sine die. (11:55 AM)