

**EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM  
(FIRST SESSION)**

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR THIRD SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2018  
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

**OBITUARY**

1. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister to make obituary references on the demise of the following dignitaries :
  - 1) Pu Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Former Prime Minister of India.
  - 2) Pu Chawngzuala, Former Member of Legislative Assembly.
  - 3) Pu S. Laldingliana, Member of Seventh Legislative Assembly.

**ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER**

2. **Members** to elect Deputy Speaker.

**DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS**

3. Discussion on Motion of Thanks on the Address of the Governor (to be concluded).

**S.R. ZOKHUMA**  
Commissioner & Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : Everyone skilful to whom the lord had given skill, everyone whose heart was stirred to come to do the work.

Exodus 36:2

Today, we will observe obituary on hon. Ex-Prime Minister, Pu Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Ex-MLAs, Pu Chawngzuala and Pu S. Laldinglana. Let us now call hon. House leader Pu Zoramthanga.

**PU ZORAMTHANA, CHIEF-MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Today we will observe obituary in respect of three distinguished leaders.

First, Ex-Prime Minister, Pu Atal Bihari Vajpayee was died on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2018 at 5:05 PM at AIIMS Hospital due to kidney failure. He was the son of Pu Krishna Bihari Vajpayee and Pi Krishna Devi. He was born during the British India at Gwalior (Now Madhya Pradesh) on 25<sup>th</sup> December, 1924. He has three brothers, three sisters and one adopted daughter.

Pu Vajpayee was graduated from Victoria College (now Laxmi Bai College) Gwalior. He completed MA (Pol. Science) from Dayanand Anglo-Vedic (DAV) College Kanpur (UP). He took active part in freedom movement. He was even arrested during quit India Movement with his brother and was imprisoned for 23 days. He was a great Political leader, a poet and an orator, he has written several Poems to his credit.

Pu Atal Bihari Vajpayee was elected to Lok Sabha 10 times. He was elected to Lok Sabha as Bharatiya Jana Sangh Party (BJS) in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha from Janata Party, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha from Bharatya Janata Party. While he was absent from Lok Sabha during 1962-1967 and 1986-1991, he was member of Rajya Sabha.

Pu Vajpayee held the post of Prime Minister for three terms and made various achievements during his tenure. To highlight only two points, he successfully conducted nuclear test in Pokhram in 1998. As a consequence, India was alienated by the USA and its allied countries. Under his leadership, India was considered among the super powers and he cemented his position as the world unbound leader.

Pu Atal Bihari Vajpayee conducted Bus Yatra from India to Pakistan in February, 1999 and he himself travelled on the bus as a passenger to Pakistan on its first bus service from India to Pakistan. As a consequence of the failure of a peace talk with Pakistan, it was under his leadership that India won victory in Kargil war.

Lengpui Airport was inaugurated during his tenure as Prime Minister on 12.12.1998. In 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 1999, he visited Mizoram and sanctioned a huge fund

from Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources. In fact, it was popularly known as 'Peace Bonus' at that time.

Pu Atal Bihari Vajpayee demised on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2018, at 5:05 PM at AIIMS Hospital, New Delhi. Mizoram declared official holiday and closed offices and schools on 17<sup>th</sup> August as a mark of respect.

Prime Minister Pu Atal Bihari Vajpayee was a friendly human with whom I interact on personal level. I visited his office several times; we would laugh on his jokes. He was among the best Parliamentarians. The country has lost a renounced leader which indeed is a great loss.

Pu Chawngzuala is a personal friend; he died on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2018 at 5:00 PM. He was 80 years.

Pu Chawngzuala was the son of Upa Chawngzika and Pi Thangnghilhlovi. He was born on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 1938 at Mission Veng Aizawl. He had four brothers and two sisters. In 1998 on the 14<sup>th</sup> February, he married Pi Zothansiami d/o Upa Hranghleia of East Lungdar. They had two children and three grandchildren. In education, he completed IA; he joined MNF underground movement in 1966 and stayed there for 20 years. He held the post of President and Vice President.

In the first Mizoram State Legislative Assembly in 1987, he was elected from Aizawl South-II constituency and was being appointed as Vice Chairman of the Planning Board under the ministry of Pu Laldenga. Later, he joined Congress party and held the post of MIFCO Chairman.

On 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2000, at 11:00 PM, he had a stroke and was paralyzed; he was bed-ridden for 18 years since then but he had never complained and was grateful to God.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2018, he was relaxing in his sitting room the whole morning but had breathing difficulty later in the afternoon and he was taken to bed. At 5:00 PM, he succumbed to his illness. I personally miss Pu Chawngzuala as we stayed together for 20 years; it is indeed a great loss.

Pu S. Laldingliana died on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2018 at 6:45 AM due to cancer. He was 64 years, he was the son of Pu S. Lalchungnunga and Pi Dohmingthangi. He had 3 brothers and 4 sisters. He married Pi Lilypari Sailo d/o Pu Vanlalropuia Sailo, Mission Vengthlang in January 1979. They have only one son.

He completed matriculation from Christian High School, Serkawn; PUC from Union Christian College, Barapani; BA from St. Anthony's College,

Shillong and MA (Political Science) from Delhi University. He was among the founders of Hnahthial College. He served as Lecturer in Lunglei Govt. College since 1982 till he entered Politics.

In 2008, he joined Congress Party and was elected from Lunglei 'S' Constituency the same year. He was Parliamentary Secretary of Health & Family Welfare, Trade & Commerce and Sports & Youth Services Department. He was re-elected from the same Constituency in 2013 general election and hold the post of Chairman of the Lunglei District High Power Committee.

In November, 2014, he was diagnosed with cancer and was treated at TATA Cancer Hospital, Mumbai. Since he was improving, he was able to visit his constituency again. However, on the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2018, his condition began to deteriorate and succumb to his illness on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2018.

Pu Speaker, today we are observing obituary on hon. Leaders; their demise a great loss to the nation and Mizoram. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Anyone else? Pu Lalduhoma.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I first met with Pu Vajpayee while training in the National Police Academy Hyderabad. He was a great orator and Parliamentarian. I remembered that he had shown a good sense of humor when we visited him in his residence with our hon. House Leader. It is a great loss for the nation.

Pu Chawngzuala was a person with courage. After his illness, he would call me up and give words of encouragement. It is a personal loss for me as the State has lost a renounced leader.

Pu S. Laldingliana was true gentleman who does not speak ill of anyone. Once we were on the same flight as he was about to go for his treatment, I was touched by his condition and we now have eventually lost him.

The demise of these three leaders is a great loss to the nation and our state. I pray that God be with their families. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Zodintluanga.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I regret to say that today we have to observe obituary on three respected leaders.

Pu S. Laldingliana was a person whom we look up to from childhoods, he guide and taught us in many ways. In Lunglei, there was none of our age group who does not know him. He gave his all for Lunglei and held various

important posts as its president. When a new ministry was formed in 2008, we looked after same departments as he was Parliamentary Secretary. I regret to state that Lunglei has lost such a valuable person. It is my prayers that God may guide and be with his family.

Pu Chawngzuala, though I did not know him on personal level and political carrier, the people of Chhimtuipui District knew him well as he had been served in Chhimtuipui District in MNF party. I pray that God be with his family. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Member, Pu B.D. Chakma.

**PU B.D. CHAKMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Hon. House Leader spoke about Pu S. Laldingliana and Pu Chawngzuala. So, I will speak only about Pu Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Pu Speaker, no one can win over death, it is inevitable. The only way to get over is by seeing it as a life completed, instead of a life Interrupted.

Pu Speaker, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayeeji, a pride of India breathed his last on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 at the age of 93. He was an Indian politician who served as the Prime Minister of India. He retired from active politics in 2009 due to health issues.

Atal Bihari Vajpayeeji did not have material treasures in life but touched the lives of many. He believed in the idea that “No act can be greater than serving the humanity”. Vajpayeeji was a member of Indian Parliament who served for over four decades having been elected to Lok Sabha ten times and twice to Rajya Sabha.

During his tenure as the Prime Minister, India had successfully launched the Pokhran-II nuclear tests in 1998. Pu Speaker, he was a writer, politician and a poet who authored several prose and poetry. And to name a few, National Integration (1961), New Dimensions of India’s Foreign Policy (1979), Gath bhandhan ki Rajneeti, Decisive Days (1999), India’s Perspectives on ASEAN and the Asia Pacific Region (2003). His achievement inspired everyone to work better and to make a dent wherever it is possible.

Atal Bihari Vajpayeeji was honored Padma Vibhusan in 1992 and was conferred India’s highest civilian honour, Bharat Ratna in 2015. He was also conferred with LokmanyaTilak Award in 1994 and also Outstanding Parliamentarian Award in 1994. Vajpayeeji tried to improve the diplomatic relations with Pakistan and travelled to Lahore by Bus to meet the then Prime Minister of Pakistan, Shri Nawas Sharif.

In 2014, the Administration of Narendra Modi declared Vajpayeeji's birthday which was on 25<sup>th</sup> December would be observed as Good Governance Day.

India reacted to Vajpayeeji's death with grief and thousands of tributes poured in from the entire globe. A 7 days State mourning was announced by the Central Government throughout India.

Pu Speaker, it is a fact that he was resourceful, optimistic and creative apart from being a politician and a writer. He was vigorous and healthy, a complete human being, concerned about other human beings who were no longer as vigorous and not quite as healthy as they used to be.

Pu Speaker, Vajpayeeji, the departed leader was the first to offer civilian planes and Airbuses to Afghanistan when it was in crisis. He is termed by the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina as 'the most famous son of India'. He was an exceptional orator and a leader with great sense of humour. Shri Vajpayee rightly commanded great respect around the world. He will be remembered as a politician who made a major personal contribution to the friendly relations and privileged strategic partnership between several countries.

Shri Vajpayeeji was a visionary leader and an ardent defender of democracy. He is regarded as the most intellectual and statesman. He served the great country of India with humility and honesty; he was loved and respected by millions of people across the world. He shaped the politics based on reason than superstitions. He professed a politics based on certain essential things for a human to realize its potential. Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Pachhunga, hon. Member from Lunglei 'S' constituency.

**Dr. K. PACHHUNGA** : Pu Speaker, Pu S. Laldingliana and I have been working together in Lunglei Govt. College since 1996. He is a man of dignity; his personality is admired by the people of Lunglei South. Pu S. Laldingliana even after illness was concern and care for the welfare of the people of Lunglei. I visited him several times and during those visits, he would discuss the plan and the need of Lunglei South. It is a great loss for the people of Lunglei. I pray that God be with his family.

On behalf of the people of Lunglei South, I would like to state that it is a great loss.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Tawnluia.

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, as we are observing obituary on these three leaders. I would first of all like to speak about Pu A.B. Vajpayee, Ex-Prime Minister. Under the leadership of Pu Laldenga, we met with him several times and also as Home Minister in regard to Bru's kidnapping. As we have heard, he was among the best parliamentarians. It is a great loss for the nation. It is a must that we observe obituary today in the House.

Pu Chawngzuala is an able leader, with whom I have worked for 20 years during underground movement. As we have listened, he held the post of President, Vice President and Chairman of the State Planning under the Govt. of Mizoram. He has a great sense of humor. On the day of his dismissal, I was out of town thus I could not attend his funeral. I am grateful that I am able to speak today on his obituary.

I pray that God be with the family of Pu Chawngzuala and Pu S. Laldingliana. Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. I know there is not much time, but since Pu S. Laldingliana is my friend, I would like to say few words. We have been batch-mate for four years at Serkawn Christian High School and then we sat together for five years here in this august house. He was a thorough gentleman who does not indulge in deep party politics but concern of the well being of the people. It is a great loss for Lunglei and Govt. College Lunglei also will definitely miss him dearly.

Few words in regard to Pu Atal Bihari Vajpayee, during his tenure as Prime Minister and with the initiative of hon. Chief Minister, we were awarded Peace bonus of Rs. 180 crores. That was truly commendable.

Education Ministers of the North East met with him several times and it was during his tenure that SSA Scheme originated, and further, the matching of State Govt. was reduced to 10% which remains 90/10 till date which enable us to attain Employment Insurance Scheme.

Pu Chawngzuala was the person who took care of Lunglei District after Peace bonus and we truly miss him. I pray that God be with the family of these three leaders.

**PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG:** Pu Speaker, as we observed obituary on these three leaders, I will speak few words in regard to Pu S. Laldingliana as we have heard enough of the others.

Pu S. Laldinglana is from Chanmari, Lunglei 'E' Constituency. I have worked under his leadership in Sports and YMA. Any development for Lunglei, he was able to encourage the youth to take steps.

While Pu Laldenga was in jail, he was among the few people who went and visited him, in fact, he gave him Bible.

In his last days at Serkawn Christian Hospital, I went to visit him; I could barely hear his speak, his last word were "wish you all the best".

It is a great loss for the people of Lunglei 'E' and deeply a personal loss. I pray that God be with his family. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We lost great men who had made a great contribution to our State. Our former Prime Minister, His Excellency, Atal Bihari Vajpayee was a great man and our state have benefitted greatly from him. I too have many memorable things to mention about Pu Chawngzuala and Pu S. Laldinglana; both were great men.

We will observe one minute's stand in silence to express our sorrow. *(One minute silence is observed)* We may now take our sit.

We will now elect the Deputy Speaker and Pu LawmawmaTochhawng has nominated Er. Lalrinawma and was seconded by Pu L. Thangmawia. Since there is no other nomination, I declare the hon. Member Er. Lalrinawma is the hon. Deputy Speaker of our State. I will now call upon the hon. House Leader and Group Leader to escort the Deputy Speaker to his seat.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : I will now call upon our hon. House Leader to have a few words regarding our newly elected Deputy Speaker.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am glad that we now have the hon. Deputy Speaker and as we are all aware, he is a man with sincerity in work; and with his past experience, I am positive that he will carry out his duty efficiently and I wish him the best. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Vanlalhlana.

**PU VANLALHLANA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The newly elected Dy. Speaker was once elected as a member of the Legislative Assembly in 1998 from Lungpho constituency and I know him well to say that he is very sincere and an expert in his field; I wish him all the best in his coming endeavors.



**SPEAKER** : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

**PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I express my gratitude to the hon. Deputy Speaker, and as I know him personally, I admire his good nature and I wish him all the best for his future. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : I will now call upon the hon. Deputy Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank all my fellow members and will try my best in carry out my responsibility. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : It is gratifying to know that we have a reliable Deputy Speaker who is not only good hearted but an expert in his line.

We will now move on to the discussion on Motion of Thanks and each member will be allotted 10 minutes. Pu Vanlaltanpuia, MLA from Lunglei North will start.

**Dr. VANLALTANPUIA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank the almighty God for giving me the opportunity to be among the elected representatives of the people and to the people of Lunglei North Constituency. I express my gratitude towards MNF Legislation Party for giving me the opportunity to move this Motion.

His Excellency, the Governor of Mizoram Kummanam Rajasekharan's speech is worth-praising for highlighting the work strategy and for addressing all the hon. Members of this House. It is worth knowing that our State is the most peaceful state in India and at the same time, I am glad that the Ministry is formed by the party who are nationalists. It is important to note that from the Governor's Speech that we have to be cautious on matters which could destroy the peace and growing progress of our State. It is good to know that compensations are provided for martyrs who gave their life for our State and that special welfare scheme will be established for this purpose. From the Governor's Speech, I am sure our State will enter a new chapter and to make it a success, the Vigilance Commission and Lok Ayukta are also established for this purpose.

I am glad that power decentralization will be practiced in Mizoram and that Social Economic Development Policy will be implemented which will uplift the under privileged. As mentioned in the speech, the work plan will increase the per capita income of our State and will definitely have a positive impact on our infrastructure and socio-economic progress. Plans are made for social security measures like Health Care Policy, Investments, Marketing and

insurance policies that will be very beneficial. Apart from these, he mentioned many important components like renovation and construction of national and state highways; renovation of Lengpui Airport and plans to construct other Airports are also included.

Pu Speaker, I am glad that initiatives will be taken for power supply in order to be self-sufficient. MoU had also been signed for Tuivai hydro-Electricity and infrastructure for Sports has also been initiated in various disciplines. He further stated about eco-tourism and adventure tourism which will be a good source of revenue. Education Reform Policy will also be implemented and more attentions will be given towards fighting against substance abuse. He also states that this Ministry will take all the possible measures so that the supply of oil, rice, gas etc. is abundantly available for the people. So, I request all my fellow members to support this Motion. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We will now start with our discussion and 10 minutes will be allotted to each member and 15 minutes to each group leader. Pu L. Thangmawia.

**PU L. THANGMAWIA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. On the Governor's speech, I am glad that many projects which are started by the former Ministry will be continued by this Ministry and that people living in border area will be given priority like Sialkal Range Development Council. I hope BADP will also be implemented at a more rapid rate and the quality of the construction of roads to be more reliable.

Pu Speaker, in most of the MoU signed by the state government, the share of the State is usually very less and I hope this could be arranged so that the State may enjoy a better share. I also think it is time to have a wider perspective in our scheme as we must be aware that hydro-electricity can be turned into a multipurpose project for promoting horticulture, agriculture, Inland waterways etc. I am glad that the process of Health Care Scheme will be improved so that it is less complicate for the people.

I find it challenging that Mizoram to be the cleanest State in India and it is also gratifying that plans to improve our educational system will be implemented. With all these projects, I am sure we will be able to witness a super Chief Minister and super Ministers in this Ministry. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalsawivunga.

**PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank the Almighty God for his guidance and giving me the opportunity to stand among the legislators of this hon. House. I also thank the people of Aizawl South-I for electing me as their representative.

As highlighted in the speech, it is worth-knowing words of appreciation from the Governor regarding the peaceful election conducted in our State, for the stringent measures to be taken to protect our borders and priority to be given for the development of people residing in border areas. It is obvious that the ministry will take precautionary measures to any kind of force which will threaten internal peace and integrity of our State.

I hope The Mizoram Village Level Citizen Registration will also be carefully conducted by the Ministry. It is heartening to know that compensation will be provided to those who had given their lives for our State and plans being made to improve the quality of our roads and its maintenance. It is good to know that Lengpui Airport will be renovated and the plans for construction of more Airports and improvement of Inland waterways. It is gratifying that the Ministry will take the step for achievement of hydro-electricity projects. Though the Governor did not mention about Dry Day being observed by this Ministry, I am positive this will have a great impact on the people; I thank this Ministry for the initiative which has been made during a short period.

Regarding Health Care Scheme, I think out-patients are barred from enjoying medical reimbursement under the Health Care Scheme; I urge this matter should be re-examined very carefully. Likewise, plan to reform our educational system is also much appreciative. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu H. Biakzaua, the concerned MLA from Lawngtlai East Constituency.

**PU H. BIAKZAUA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank the Almighty God and the people of my constituency for giving me the opportunity to stand here as a member of the Legislative Assembly.

From the Governor's speech, we know the outline of the plans and programmes of this Ministry which I find it quite satisfying. I am glad this Ministry will work towards the unification of the Mizo people and maintenance of peace and integrity in our State. It is good to know that decentralization of power will be prioritized to bring about overall development of our state and the flagship programme to be implemented for uplifting the underprivileged. As highlighted in the speech, i am glad that the ministry will take it step to expedite with various ongoing projects.

Under power and electricity, there is a plan to develop each District Headquarters into a solar city and for improvement of hydro-electricity so that we are self-sufficient in power supply. It is appreciated that Green Mizoram will be promoted for it concern impact climate change and intensive measure to

be taken in fighting against drugs and alcohol and selling of liquor to be stopped.

Plan for Eco-tourism, Healthcare Scheme and Defecation Free Mizoram will be initiated and rationalization of our schools and educational reforms are also stated clearly in the speech. It is gratifying that teachers working under SSA are given their three months salary in this short period of time. Pu Speaker, as mentioned in the speech, the government will take measures so that supply of rice, oil and other necessities will be abundantly available for the people. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Member, Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

**PU LALRINSANGA RALTE:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank God and the people of Serlui constituency for giving me the opportunity to serve as their representative.

The Governor's Speech clearly highlighted the strategies and program of the government for development of our state. It is worth-noting about transparency in the government and decentralization of power in this Ministry. I hope this will bring an overall development in every corner of our State.

It is gratifying that sugar ration will again be made available and three months' salary is given to SSA teachers. Renovation of roads and construction of Serkhan - Bagha road will also be taken up. Besides, sports infrastructure will also be improved and in this relation, I want to suggest of setting up Sports Training Centre at Serlui B, I am positive this will help in the adaptation of our athletes in the plain environment since the climate is almost the same with the plain area. I appreciate implementation of NREGS as it will be of much helpful for rural people in their preparation for the coming festive season.

Last, but not the least, I am glad for termination of liquor license and most of all, steps taken by the ministry to alleviate the economic condition of the poor. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Pu F. Lalnunmawia.

**Dr. F. LALNUNMAWIA :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am glad for the Motion of Thanks moved by the hon. Member. I thank God and the people of Aizawl South-III constituency for giving me the opportunity to serve as their representative.

Pu Speaker, we have seen from the Governor's Speech various plans for developments and plan to maintain good and transparent governance. It is heartening to know that power decentralization will also be practiced and I am sure this will bring about an overall development even in the remotest corner of

our state. It is appreciative that social development is given much importance by prioritizing fighting against social evil and abusive drugs and that strong measure to be taken in this regard.

Likewise, intensive measure will also be taken for the development of our economy and also in Agriculture and Industries. Especially in industries, I am glad that any of the local production will be given priority. Pu Speaker, I also appreciate plan for man-power and entrepreneurship development as this serve job opportunity to many of educated unemployed youth. Regarding initiative of this Ministry on employment opportunity for craftsmen and farmers, I request all the people of Mizoram to give their support in the implementation of the plans and programmes of this Ministry. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu H. Lalzirliana.

**Er. H. LALZIRLIANA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank God and the people for giving me this opportunity to be among the elected representatives of this august House.

It is learned from the Governor's Speech plan for border trade, highways and development infrastructures. It is known to us all that the problem of supply of petroleum oil is intensive in our State. Many experts come to the conclusion that the North East region is rich in hydrocarbons and as a consequence, Hydrocarbon Vision 2030 comes into being with its 5 P's (People, Policy, Partnership, Policy and Production) in which most of the oil industries give their interest in establishing their infrastructure in Mizoram. Likewise, measure is taken to solve our problem on oil supply and if achieved, we may no longer depend on road-fed supply.

As mentioned in the speech, Health Care is important and I believe IPHS (Indian Public Health Standard) is not met in each and every district hospital. Regarding development of border areas, my constituency needs special attention and if possible, it is wise to create Bio-recreational Centre in the vicinity of our Dampui forest sanctuary which further related to eco-tourism. I appreciate that better infrastructure in Sports and E-Governance will also be initiated. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Vanlalhlana, the concerned MLA from Aizawl North-I constituency.

**PU VANLALHLANA** : Pu Speaker, I thank the Almighty God and the people of Aizawl North-I for electing me as their representative. The Governor Speech was not lengthy which consist mostly of the policies and programmes for the development of our State. I would like to point out a few things which I believe to be important.

One point which we expected from this Ministry is creation of 3 more Districts but is not mentioned in the Governor's Speech. Likewise, shifting of Assam Rifles and Peace Accord has also been missed out. Horticulture which falls under the charge of the hon. Chief Minister too is not a mention.

As highlighted in the Governor's speech, 'maintenance of peaceful atmosphere' is being given a top-priority. Likewise, i believe sport sector and the welfare of weaker section should also be prioritized. I opine it is a bit vague since no specifications are given. While Hydro-electric power plant of Tuivai is mentioned in the speech, I believe MoU includes some projects such as Mat, Kolodyne and Tlawng River as well. I am glad that distribution of sugar ration will be resumed.

Pu Speaker, i believe the people will examine this ministry on manifesto base and we, the opposition group should try our best to set a constructive opposition. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu B.D. Chakma.

**PU B.D. CHAKMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. From the Governor's Speech, it is important that radical changes will take place in the administrative system and SEDP will have a direct impact to provide a sustainable livelihood for the underprivileged. Resurfacing of roads, good water supply and better road connectivity is also very important which is all mentioned in the speech. I believe solar backup system will be established and I hope the same will be given in the district headquarters but also in the sub-divisions. Environmental protection mentioned in the speech is much necessary as upgradation of healthcare system is quite satisfactory.

MIMER is one of the most concerned issues and I request that doctors are instructed in such a way that they are eligible to work in other states and foreign countries. The Governor's speech also mentioned about regularization of teachers and I am sure this will bring about a great change in the quality of our education. Borapansuri High School was established in 1970 but the building remains without reconstruction till today. So, I urge this should be inspected from the concerned department.

It is also gratifying that initiative will be made for improvement of supply of cooking gas and sugar which will again be made available on PDS System. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We will now have a short break and we will continue with our discussion at 2:00 PM.

**2: 00 PM**

**SPEAKER** : Pu Zaithanzama.

**PU V.L. ZAITHANZAMA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank God and the people of Aizawl West-III for giving me the opportunity to stand as a legislator in this august House.

I express my support to the Governor's Speech which highlights many policies and programmes of this Ministry. The Sports policy is one point which catches my attention. I am glad that infrastructure in Sports will be improved and that incentives will also be increased to encourage our athletes to strive harder in their respective disciplines.

Pu Speaker, Cooperative sectors are not mentioned in the Speech and I believe it is under SEDP. I want to point out that we should try to give more attentions to cooperative sector so that we may achieve a better economic development in our State. Regarding the changing of school timing, I suggest it will be wise to make the change gradually.

On hydro-electricity power plant, 12% will always be the share of our state no matter how many MoU's are existed. Thus, I think it is best to put this under private sectors with a better MoU's so we may have profit more shares. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu C. Lalmuanpuia, the concerned MLA of Aizawl North-III.

**PU C. LALMUANPUIA :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank God and the people of North-III for giving me the opportunity to stand in this august House.

Pu Speaker, I am happy to learn from the Governor's Speech that good and transparent governance will be maintained and that MLCP Act which will no longer be enforced. I am sure this will have a positive impact in fighting against drug abuse. Likewise, plans and policies under SEDP will no doubt have an impact in the overall social and economic development. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Robert Romawia, the hon. Minister.

**PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank God and the people of Aizawl East-II for electing me as their representative. First, I want to point out that the manifesto of MNF Party and the policies and programmes mentioned in the Governor's Speech are very similar and shows this Ministry is true to its word. It is clear that this ministry

will give importance to the unity of the Mizo people across the globe and I trust that budgetary provisions will also be made for this purpose.

As we are all aware, all the churches of Mizoram are against MLCP Act and so will no longer be implemented. It is quite appalling for some staffs to write their self appraisal stating that they are selling liquor against the nature of their appointment. So, I am glad that legalizing of selling liquors has come to an end.

It is also gratifying that Vigilance Commission or Lok Ayukta will be established and that Tourism and E-Governnace and infrastructure in Sports will also be urbanized. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

**PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. As stated by my fellow members, I thank God and the people of Dampa constituency for electing me as their representative of this august House.

As we see in the Governor's Speech, it is gratifying especially for the people in my constituency that priority will be given to border area development. Likewise, Village Level Registration is much important to evade problem in every elections. Plan for compensations to martyrs who gave their life for the cause of our land is truly appreciated and so are the policies and programmes for uplifting the underprivileged. I am also glad that construction and resurfacing of highways will be given priority. We have a wide range of forest in my constituency to be taken up under conservation of forest and many sites to develop as tourist attractions. It is heart-warming to know that Health Care Scheme as well as infrastructure in our educational system will also be improved. Besides, Pu Speaker, it is appreciative that our Government will try its best to have sufficient supply of POL and LPG and distribution of sugar in our rations will once again be renewed as stated in the speech. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Now, the Opposition Group Leader, Pu Zodintluanga.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. The Governor Speech is similar to the party manifesto as there are no physical achievements to be seen in both. I think we hardly have any reasons to be so enthusiastic.

In point No. 4, it is written that "Mizoram is considered a fast growing State and maintenance of peaceful atmosphere will be a top priority". I want to point out that Mizoram is a fast growing state due to the efforts of the former Ministry. Pu Speaker, I believe you can recall the previous ministry of this



ruling party under which we had kidnapping case in the eastern side. Allegedly such militants were camped within Aizawl and today's ZPM leader had even moved 'No Confidence Motion' here in the House. So, I am glad that it is highlighted that peaceful atmosphere will be given a top-priority. I am also grateful to hear from the Governor that commercial operation is expected soon at Tuirial Hydel Project.

I thank that Mizoram has been one of the most improved states among small states in the field of entrepreneurship in India.

I have been looking after Sports Deptt. for 10 years and I am glad to hear that we will have sports policy; we have been looking forward for this moment.

In point 19 and 20, it seems the Governor is giving warning to the new ministry as he has underlines, "I would like to remind the hon. Members that it is their responsibility to ensure that all sections of the society are served in an equitable manners" and "good governance and effective implementation of schemes will be possible only if the government officials are well motivated and be function independently".

I appreciate that the hon. Speaker urges the hon. members to follow the decorum. I, on this first day of Session and on behalf of my party, would like to extent our co-operation to the Govt. and request the new ministry to continue with the ongoing projects of the previous ministry. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : I would like to speak few words in regard to social media. I request the new ministry to take up policy in regard to social media as there are certain posts which are baseless are spreading like wild fire. Just yesterday, it happen with the Assembly staff which began with joke was blown out of proportion.

Now, let us call hon. member from Aizawl North-II, Pu Vanlalhlana.

**PU VANLALHLANA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to thank God and the people of Aizawl North-II for giving me the privilege to sit here in the House.

I would like to thank for what is mentioned in point No. 4 that "strengthening and measures will be taken to protect our state borders". Pu Speaker, in point No. 5, the Governor mentioned that radical change will occur in administrative system, transparent, responsive and corruption free Govt. We will wait and watch for these radical changes.

The Governor mentioned about the growth in GSDP by 11%. We expect growth in this new ministry with sustenance through this real economic growth.

Pu Speaker, Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Project will require systematic policy as we will be the gateway for commercial business.

I am grateful that our state to be the most improved state among small states in the field of entrepreneurship in India. However, there are vast fields like incentive, capacity building and skill developments where priority is still required to race with other states. I thank for sport policy as well.

Pu Speaker, I would like to thank for environment protection as total area of deforestation decreases at 2.67%. I thank for the steps that will be taken in education, LPG cooking gas and tax system.

The Governor highlighted the aims and objectives in different fields which truly are appreciative. But what we need is systematic implementation policy. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. Thiamsanga.

**Dr. ZR. THIAM SANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. This is my maiden speech in the House and I therefore would like to thank God and the people of Champhai North for giving me this privilege. I wish the people of Mizoram a happy New Year.

We all have heard the Governor's speech, so, I will not go into details. I am grateful for all the developments. The Governor spoke about Mizoram Health care Scheme which has been benefitted by the people immensely. The Central Govt. has now covered various schemes under Health Care such as ABPMJY which includes 1354 packages from which Mizoram Health care Society requested for 193 additional packages. At present, it is applicable only in Govt. Hospital and thus is required to sign MoU with private hospitals as well since govt. hospital only could not accommodate the state population. Apart from this, Central Health Care Scheme does not provide transportation and the government may so required enhancement for the people.

Pu Speaker, up-gradation of District hospital is required and especially with emergency and the staff needs to be strengthened as well from top post to IV-Grade. In regard to MIMER, we have only obtained letter of permission for five years and inspection thus will be carried out. Therefore, our Govt. still needs to carry out the details.

The Governor highlighted communication and I am very grateful and would like to request the Govt. if priority could be given to Hanhlan-Hliappui road.

I am grateful that Mizoram is successful in its effort to make all districts as open defecation free. Pu Speaker, there are many points to highlight but I will end my speech here due to time constrain. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrindika Ralte.

**PU LALRINDIKA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Since it is my maiden speech, I, first of all I would like to thank God and the people of Hachhek for giving me the privilege to seat here.

Today, we are discussing Motion of Thanks on the Governors' speech. The first point I would like to highlight is for Hachhek constituency. No. 4 of The Governors' speech is a delight which state about strengthening and measures that will be taken to protect our state borders for we are living in the border area. If I am not mistaken, there is a fund provision of 33 crores for western belt development. I would request if Home Department looks into the matter.

Construction of road is going through my constituency as well and i request concerned authority to urge the constructor to speed up the work.

I am grateful that the new ministry is intending to take measure on corruption free.

Pu Speaker, the Mizos are devoted to sports, but what I would like to request concerned authority to bear in mind the physical conditions of the Mizo people while selecting sports discipline.

In regard to Education, what I would like to point out is that we may not be able to grow immensely on economic but education improvises human being; it therefore plays a key role. Thus, educational reform should be provided accordingly.

Pu Speaker, the government has made an arrangement for supply of sugar to the general public on open market at the rate of Rs.18.50/-. However, the government restricts the price at Rs.13.50/-. As such, there will be several losses with this particular product.

Our hon. Governor has made a speech regarding government servants as he quotes, "Lastly, good governance and effective implementation of schemes and programmes will be possible only if the government officials are well motivated and allowed to function independently". It is our duty as a democratic state to work with government servants for the benefit of the public and this is why we are elected.

Lastly, we all want to have corruption free system and the most effective way to achieve this is to have the courage to withstand any unethical incident we may encounter in the process. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalchamliaana, hon. Minister.

**PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to respond to a few points from our honorable governor's speech. I am also thankful to the public, NGO's and our religious leaders for the peaceful election we just had and i would like the public to strive and continue our current status as a peaceful state.

I am grateful that more efforts will be taken by the government to preserve the identity, tradition and values of the Mizo people.

I have a personal interest in those who gave their lives for the cause of Mizoram and i cannot express how grateful i am that a special scheme will be introduced for those martyrs. We must also remember that they had sacrificed their prime for the people of Mizoram.

It was mentioned on the 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph that the road conditions of Mizoram will be improved. I would like the government to give priority to Keitum - North Vanlaiphai road as central YMA conference will be held at North Vanlaiphai next October.

Lastly, I wish all the members and the people of Mizoram to have a peaceful and joyful celebration in this Christmas and the coming New Year. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite Pu K.T. Rokhaw, our representative from Palak constituency; he will be followed by Pu Chhuanthanga.

**PU K.T. ROKHAW** : Pu Speaker, i am thankful to be here again after 15 years and i would like to thank God and the people of Palak constituency.

Pu speaker, i am contented to see the proposals made by our Governor and i hope that these plans are realized.

We had a peaceful election without any unfortunate incidents and i would like to thank the NGO's, MPF and Churches for their part in the success of this election.

As previously mentioned by the members, our border areas are crucial for the security of our land and better management and administration of Border Area Development Fund is a must to achieve that. I would like the government to give priority to border areas as they are lagged behind and in dire need of development; and as such, better utilization of the funds is required.

I am happy that our new ministry will continue with the works started by the previous ministry as they have performed exceptionally as seen by the GSDP rate of 11% and i applaud them for their achievement.

Tuirial Hydel Project which is the creation of Congress ministry will soon be functional. I am also grateful that work on Tuivai Hydel Project will be started soon and more efforts and policy will be introduced for sports.

I am very interested and happy to know that better efforts will be made to improve the quality of education. I would like to urge our education Minister to provide a teacher for Chakhei High School as it has only three teachers currently with one teacher due for pension.

Lastly, I am surprised that our Governor's speech does not mention the formation of three new districts. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite a representative from Aizawl South-II, Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

**PU LALCHHUANTHANGA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. This is my first time standing before this House and i thank God and the people of Aizawl South-II for making this possible.

We all agree and support our Governor's speech but we should be cautious as well. Regarding No. 17 of PDS, we are grateful for the introduction of ration as we are in a remote place. However, the government has to look into the quality and unit of measurement as majority of these rations are below the stated weight. This goes the same for petrol where their unit of measurement is less in some retail pumps.

Opening rehabilitation centres for drug addicts, women and underage children is commendable. However, we should keep in mind that the inmates of such centres and jails have access to drugs.

Pu Speaker, i believe SEDP will be a flagship programme for our new government and i look forward to the implementation of this programme. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our representative from East Tuipui constituency, Pu Ramthanmawia.

**PU RAMTHANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I thank God and East Tuipui constituency for their faith in me and for making it possible to be standing before this House.

I am grateful that we can expect transparency and corruption free from this government and i believe that this alone will make them a responsible government.

As mentioned by the members before me, the people of Mizoram have a new accord and this is due to the efforts of MZP and i encourage them in their future endeavors.

I am also thankful for the plan in giving priority to border areas, special schemes for martyrs, new sports policy, rehabilitation of drug addicts and Health Care Scheme.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite Pu C. Ngunlianchunga

**PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA**: Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I am thankful to God and Lawngtlai West constituency for giving me the opportunity to stand before this House on its 8<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.

I would like to mention one point regarding border area security. The security along Kaladan Multi-modal Transit transport road is neglected and i would like to request for increased security as well as better development.

My constituency Lawngtlai is lagging in health care facilities and i am grateful that the healthcare scheme will be revised.

We are aware of the condition of roads in Mizoram and i would like to urge the new government to improve the condition of roads for the whole of Mizoram.

I regret that our new government has released a stay order for most of the contract work and projects from NEDP. I believe that discontinuing these work orders is unfair and should be resumed if the project is favorable. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu LawmawmaTochhawng

**PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG**: Pu Speaker, thank you. I am thankful to God, the people of Lunglei constituency and our House Leader for this

opportunity to stand before this House.

As seen from our Governor's speech, the policy for this new government can be recognized and i believe it will be an inclusive and transparent government.

We have one of the most peaceful and harmonious elections on record in India and this is due to the efforts of NGO's, government workers and the church.

I look forward to the policies proposed by the new ministry such as giving priority to border areas, state accord, preservation of border areas, new scheme for martyrs, anti-corruption, quality roads and better connectivity, rehabilitation and development of new airport in the south. (***SPEAKER:**As per the rules, the Session is till 4:00 pm. We still have the opposition group leader and house leader to speak. Shall we continue?*)

Lastly, i wholly support the termination of MLPC Act and i am satisfied with the manifesto of this new government. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now invite the opposition group leader Pu Lalduhoma.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. The objectives and purpose of a new government is recognized through the Governor's speech which we are discussing. It is certain that significant topics are included in the speech and those topics which are not in the speech is not that significant to them.

One of the most important topics received a vague mention which is border dispute and it does not specify how this dispute will be resolved. I regret that border dispute, foreigner issue, NRC and ILP are not among the topics that are important to them.

There is no acknowledgement on topics such as decline in entry to central service, problems regarding traffic jam and schemes for farmers.

It was mentioned in the speech that Mizoram has reached the top in entrepreneurship in India during the previous ministry and i disagree. We are all aware of the high rate of unemployment among the younger generation and steps have to be taken to address this issue. Special preference should be given to Mizos and companies owned by Mizo people if we want to be successful and se improvement in entrepreneurship.

It was mentioned that our GSDP growth rate is 11% and we are 'Above

National Average' per capita income according to the previous ministry. I disagree with this statistic and it is our duty to provide accurate statistics to the public. This statistics is not possible because Mizoram does not have any production to speak of.

On the other hand, i do agree with the Governor that the development of the State and the effectiveness of the government depend on the officials. Our government officials cannot perform effectively due to political interference. I would like to inform our officials that in the future, if your performance is hampered by political interference, come to us.

I understand that our government have 9 MOU's which are already signed under Power department and some of them are signed years ago. I would like to urge the government to cancel all these MOU's and start from scratch so that they can produce results.

I have high expectations for LokAyukta and Vigilance Committee and trust that they will perform to create a corruption free government and be brave enough to call out those who are in the wrong irrespective of their status and political affiliation.

Lastly, i would like to mention that i am willing to work with our new government if it is for the betterment of Mizoram. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : There are a few of our Ministers who could not be here including our Opposition Group leader, Pu Zodintluanga. Let us now invite our House Leader to conclude our discussion and there will be no time limit as per the rules.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. As we all know, the preparation time for our Governor's speech is short and as such it is not sublime. Also, there are several important topics which are left out due to time constraint and i ask for your understanding. We will try our best to serve the public with the cooperation and help from other members.

We are now in a transition period and there are several projects from the previous ministry which were given a stay order. This is due to the presence of uneven distribution of works and unethical practices. They are given a stay order while they are revised.

We are fortunate to have a peaceful election and i thank the people of Mizoram for their part in making this a record breaking election.

Tuirial Hydel project was given a green signal from the central government but was unable to be realized due to political pressure.



It was mentioned that SEDP is important only to the new ministry and it is not relevant to the other members. SEDP is important to our ministry and we plan to initiate this project. However, we will not simply distribute cash to the public; rather it will be project base and will be distributed in accordance to the work involved.

Even though, statement regarding the three new districts was not included in the Governor's speech, i would like to mention that it will be implemented.

During our previous term, we formed an agreement with the central government to transfer maintenance of our roads to National Highway maintenance ministry and PWD. Unfortunately this cannot be accomplished as we lost the next election.

The condition of our roads is constantly at the forefront of every election. We are planning to repair our roads using concrete instead of tar for longevity. It will be much more expensive but will require little or no maintenance and will last longer.

Lastly, i would like to mention that this new ministry has a number of plans and projects which could not be mentioned in the speech due time constraint and this does not mean that they are not important. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now invite mover of this Motion, Pu Vanlaltanpuia to wind up the discussion.

**Dr. VANLALTANPUIA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am thankful that my motion was appreciated and several members have participated in the discussion.

Our Governor's speech only mentioned the concept and structure of our new ministry and does not go into detail the full description of the programme. There are several other projects that are significant.

The government displayed their dedication to some of these programmes by following it up with their action such as the release of funds for teacher's salary, reinstating MLTP Act, poverty alleviation and several other programme. This new ministry aims to tackle the issues faced by Mizoram at the root so that we can have a transparent and corruption free government.

Lastly, i would like to ask this House to pass the motion that i have submitted. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : A motion was submitted to this House by our respected member Pu Vanlaltanpuia, a representative of Lunglei North constituency. All those in favor say 'Agree'. (*MEMBERS: Agree*). Is there anyone who does not agree? No. this House has unanimously agreed to pass the motion "That the members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly assembled in this session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the address which he has been pleased to deliver to the Assembly on the 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2018".

**Dr. VANLALTANPUIA** : Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We have concluded the first session of the Eighth Mizoram State Legislative Assembly. I am thankful that i was elected Speaker of the House by the members under the guidance of the Protem Speaker, Er. Lalrinawma.

The House was addressed by the Honorable Governor of Mizoram on the second day. A motion of thanks regarding the Governor's address was submitted by Pu Vanlaltanpuia and seconded by Pu LalrinsangaRalte.

On the third day, our hon. Chief Minister and House Leader Pu Zoramthanga read out an obituary for former Prime Minister of India Atal Bihari Vajpayee and former MLA's Pu Chawngzuala and Pu S. Laldingliana and a minute of silence was observed.

Election of Deputy Speaker was conducted and Er. Lalrinawma was elected as Deputy Speaker of Mizoram State Legislative Assembly. A motion of thanks for the Governor's address was passed.

We have reached the end of our session and I wish all the members a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*(The House is adjourned, Sine Die. 4:50 PM.)*