

**NINTH MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
(FIRST SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR THIRD SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 14th DECEMBER, 2023
(Time 10:30 A.M to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

OBITUARY

1. **PU LALDUHOMA**, hon. Chief Minister to make obituary reference on the demise of Pu LALBIAKZUALA, Ex-Minister.

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).

LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE
Commissioner & Secretary

SPEAKER : *You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.*

-Leviticus 19:15

Pu Rasik Mohan Chakma has submitted a letter to inform us that he will not be able to join the session today.

OBITUARY

We will now have an *Obituary* for Pu Lalbiakzuala, Ex-Minister and call upon hon. House Leader, Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Pu Lalbiakzuala, Ex-Minister died at 4:25 AM on 14th November, 2023 at Greenwood Hospital, Aizawl. He was 67 years old.

Pu Lalbiakzuala is the son of Major Thazova and Major Sangluti and was born on 19.2.1956 at Teikhang. He has 4 brothers and 2 sisters. He married Pi Lalhmingduhawmi on 1977 and has 3 sons and 7 grandchildren.

He worked as LDC at PWD from 1977-1979. He was Administrative Office from 1979-1984 and was Assistant Liaison Officer at New Delhi Mizoram House till 1987. He wades into politics and joined National Congress Party. These are the positions that he had held:

- 1) General Secretary, Mizoram Pradesh Youth Congress. 1987-1989
- 2) Executive Member, Mizoram Pradesh Committee.
- 3) AICC Member, 1989-1991 (He was the youngest member during his time)
- 4) Block President and Political Assistant to Chief Minister.
- 5) 1993- Member of Legislative Assembly under Congress Party from Khawhai Constituency. He was political secretary to the Chief Minister and was appointed Minister of State on April 1998.

He has had ailing since late 2022 and was admitted to Greenwood Hospital. He was diagnosed with lung cancer on 2nd November 2023 and died on 14th November, 2023.

SPEAKER : Leader of Opposition, Pu Lalhhandama Ralte.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE: Pu Speaker, it is tragic that an obituary has to be observed for our former and senior member.

As mentioned by the hon. Chief minister, he will leave a deep hole in the field of politics. I am personally close with him and cannot find the words to describe my

sadness at his passing. He was honest, hardworking and I have many things to learn from him. God be with his friends and family that he has left behind.

SPEAKER : Pu Ngunlianchunga.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. It is a sad moment for this House and a great loss for Mizoram. Pu Lalbiakzuala was a colleague and a great friend. We were in the same congress party and have worked together for better causes.

He was honest and dependable and he carried himself with great dignity. I sent my deepest condolence to his family and friends.

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

DR. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, it is unfortunate that the first sitting of the 9th Legislative Assembly session has an *obituary* reference.

As mentioned before me, Pu Lalbiakzuala has done a lot for the people of Mizoram. He carried himself with dignity and it is a great loss for Mizoram. May the Lord's blessings and presence be with his family and friends.

SPEAKER : Let us observe one minute silence to show our respect to Pu Lalbiakzuala, Ex-Minister.

(One minute silence was observed.)

ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

We will start our first business which is *Election of Deputy Speaker*. Nomination was opened till 3:30 PM yesterday. Pu H. Ginzalala has nominated Pu Lalfamkima for Deputy Speaker and was supported by Pu Jeje Lalpekhlua. Since there was no other nomination, Pu Lalfamkima is appointed as Deputy Speaker of the House.

Let us call upon the Hon. House Leader and Leader of Opposition to take the hon. Deputy Speaker to his seat.

Let us call upon the hon. Deputy Speaker to give his first speech.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am deeply grateful to the members of this House for this opportunity. It is unexpected and I thank God and the members of this House.

I will do my best and I also the members of this House for their cooperation and support. Thank you.

DISCUSSION OF MOTION OF THANKS

SPEAKER : We will move on to discussion of *Motion of Thanks* with five minutes allotted to each member. Let us call upon Lt. Col. Clement Lalhmingthanga to start the discussion.

LT. COL. CLEMENT LALHMINGTHANGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I thank God for putting me in this position that I do not deserve. I also thank Champhai South Constituency for putting their faith in me and giving me an opportunity to represent them. I also thank ZPM Legislature Party for giving me the opportunity to move this motion.

The hon. Governor congratulates the members of this House and wish them the best as they embark on this new journey. He also mentioned that the people of Mizoram were clear on who they want to represent them. It is apparent that they have been craving for a corruption free government and have put their trust and faith on this ministry.

The hon. Governor also praises the participation and dedication of the public, NGO's, Mizoram Peoples's Forum (MPF) and government officials during the election. He also mentioned the peaceful nature of the election where he described as the most peaceful election in the country.

He also mentioned that he wholly supports the austerity measures declared by the new ministry which will start from the Chief Minister and Council of Ministers itself. He also referenced that the budget for this year will be budget for the people.

This ministry will be corruption free where CBI will be given extensive authority to root out corruption. The hon. Governor also mentioned that farmers, workers and agriculture will be given priority. He also mentioned that this ministry will have better healthcare scheme and better education policy. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Lt. Col. Clement Lalhmingthanga has moved *Motion of Thanks* to the Governor's address. Each member be allotted five minutes each. Let us call upon Pu lalrinsanga Ralte to start the discussion.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I thank God and Serlui Constituency for putting me in this position. I congratulate the hon. Chief Minister, Pu Lalduhoma, the hon. Speaker and Deputy Speaker, Council of Ministers and Members of Legislative Assembly.

I hope this new ministry keep their pledges to the people as promised. As highlighted in the Governor's speech, I am glad that steps will be taken to eliminate corruption and that plans will be made to purchase harvest from farmers and that Health Care Scheme will also be revised. I was also hoping that at least one member will be

appointed as a minister from the district councils to represent districts from the South. Anyway, I express my support in passing the Governor's Speech. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu Rohmingliana.

PU R. ROHMINGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Firstly, I thank the Almighty God and the people of my constituency for giving me the opportunity to be where I am today. Pu Speaker, I am glad that in the last election, voters turn out is 80.43 % and that there are three women legislators in this Hon. House.

Pu Speaker, as we enter into a new regime, we, who are sitting at the *opposition bench* will try our best to be a constructive opposition member. Rumors' had been flying that MSSSB will be terminated, but we believe that MSSSB is an excellent body. Beyond Hnahthial District, there are 12 constituencies and among the selected legislators there is only one Minister, which is disheartening for the people of the South. It is saddening to know that works done under SASCI are given a stay order and I am afraid funds will lapse since it is to be utilized within the financial year 2023-2024. Anyway, I want to add that the last point, No- 29, gives us confidence and encourage us to uplift Mizoram in to the most developed state. So, I will conclude by expressing my support in passing the Governor's Speech. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu. Hrahmo.

PU H. HRAHMO : Thank you, Pu Speaker. There are more than 20 points highlighted, I have high hopes for the execution of all the points stated. We have more than 700 hectares at Phura which is a very good potential area for agriculture and with the hand holding policy of this Ministry, I hope tractors could be provided since the people have been pursuing it for a long time. Pu Speaker, the Southern region had always been very neglected which also reflects in the appointment of Ministers in this ministry. So, I request that Southern regions be given attention in developmental work. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. member, Pu Lalramliana.

PU LALRAMLIANA PAPIA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank the Almighty God and the people for giving me the opportunity to stand in the hon. House. I am glad that Project Monitoring Committee will be established as stated in the speech and that time bound delivery of government service will be executed. Apart from these, I hope Right to Public Service Act will be exercised more proficiently. I am glad that manpower assessment of various departments will be conducted and that initiatives will be taken to eradicate corruption. It is also heartening to know that post- harvest management and storage, scientific practice and agro-technology are also mentioned in the speech.

So, I express my support in passing this *Motion of Thanks* by the hon. Governor. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu H. Lalzirliana.

PU H. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank the Almighty God and the people of my constituency for their support. I express my support of the *Governor's speech*. I will stress on the basic needs, social security and protection of the environment. I believe it is important to know that our constitution is at stake, that the democracy is under treat and has to be taken care of under the BJP Ministry. We have to make the people aware of their hidden agendas in a Christian community like ours and it is crucial to maintain a strong regional party.

Judging from the inner dispute at Manipur, I cannot help but wonder if such crisis will occur in our state in the future. Article 370 had been abrogated in J&K, so, it is unclear how long Article 371(g) will be able to give us security, so, we need to thread carefully bearing in mind the security of our state and its people. I hope Mizoram Development Bank will also be highlighted in the upcoming budget session and I hope blueprint for development projects and plans for farmers and rural areas will be provided in the near future. I will conclude by expressing my support in the *Motion of Thanks* by the Governor. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Prof.Lalnilawma.

PROF. LALNILAWMA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank the Almighty God for lifting me to this position and also to the people of my constituency and the hon. House Leader for appointing me as a Minister of State. As stated in point no -5, this ministry is voted by the people placing their trust in us, so, we will try our best to achieve an overall progress. The word 'corruption free' gives a challenge to stand in our word and also to protect the environment as stated in point no – 8. I am glad that austerity measures are implemented from the facility entitlement of the Ministers and MLA's.

As often mentioned, funds to promote farmers will be allocated in the budget and hand holding policy will also be executed. All innovative ideas will be welcomed and projects started by the former ministry, if deemed worthy will be continued as stated in point no- 20. Convergence of different schemes to attain progress will be executed. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Hon. member Pi Prova Chakma.

PI PROVA CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank God and the people of my constituency for putting their faith in me, I will give my best to be a legislator for

all in my endeavours. The people of my constituency have high expectations in this new ministry and I am glad that three women are elected as a representative of the people in this ministry. I will conclude by stating my support in passing the *Motion of Thanks*, thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu B. Lalchhanzova.

PU B. LALCHHANZOVA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank the people of my constituency for casting their vote for me. ‘Good governance’ is mentioned thrice in the Governor’s speech where its components are – involvement of the people, transparency, responsibility, cooperation, extended far enough to improve and trustworthy. I am glad that an amount of Rs 110 crores will be allocated for farmers and that hand holding policy and project monitoring will be executed.

It is heartening to know that civil society organization which is social capital will be prioritize and that an amount of ₹40 crores is allocated for liabilities of Health Care. I am also glad that empowerment of women is highlighted and that we, all the people are worthy, from the lowest to the highest status and I believe the Governor’s speech includes everyone and I, as a first timer declare that I will give my best in performing my duty as an MLA. I will conclude by stating my support in passing the *Motion of Thanks*. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Ramthanmawia.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank God and the people of my constituency for casting their vote for me. I congratulate this new Ministry and wish them the best for their future endeavours and hope they do not face any kind of catastrophe like the former ministry. I hope they could accomplish all the points highlighted in the Governor’s Speech. I will conclude by stating my support in passing the *Motion of Thanks*. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu T.Lalhlimpaia.

PU T. LALHLIMPUIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank the Almighty God and the people of my constituency for giving me the opportunity to stand in this hon. House.

I am glad that the collaboration in civil society like the NGO and churches are mentioned but I believe we should be mindful of the austerity measures if it could have a consequence in an inadequate supply of other things. It is gratifying that the Governor stress on the equitable distribution of income and that NEP 2020 will be continued and I believe the syllabus could be revised as well. With that I will express my support in passing the *Motion of Thanks*. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu V. Malsawmtluanga.

PU V. MALSAWMTLUANGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker, I thank God and the people of my constituency for giving me the opportunity to be where I am today.

I am glad that austerity measures will be taken and that financial support will be provided to our youths along with a hand-holding policy. It is gratifying to know that projects which had been started by the former ministry, if deemed worthy will be continued and that healthcare system will also be revised. The speech clearly states the confidence of the Governor to achieve a well-developed state by working together in order to achieve 'Greater Mizoram' status. So, I will conclude by stating my support in passing this *Motion of Thanks*. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. minister Pi Lalrinpuii.

PI LALRINPUII, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. The points highlighted in the Governor's speech are all very satisfactory but I will state a few points which are not mentioned in the speech.

Under social security, the carrying of a dead body will be administered by the government which will be reflected in the budget revised estimates and that liabilities of Rs 40 crores under health had been paid and plans are also made to pay the remaining balance. In the meantime, upgradation of healthcare scheme is also ongoing. With that, I express my support in passing the *Motion of Thanks*. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu F. Rodingliana.

PU F. RODINGLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank the people of my constituency for voting for me. Starting with the hand holding policy, MSME cell will be established like other states and bamboo resource mapping will also be conducted. Plans are made to place a new budget head and in order to decrease our power expenditure, plans will be made to activate different solar plates installed in 89 nos. of offices. In order to utilize more time for the people, I believe putting on the designation plate is preferable though we have mentioned that it will be taken down. Anyway, I conclude by stating my support in passing the *Motion of Thanks*.

SPEAKER : Pu Robert Romawia Royte.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank God and the people of my constituency for giving me the opportunity to stand in this House for the 2nd term.

Regarding the speech of the Governor, I wonder if it may be a bit bias or subjective? Anyway, I am glad that plans to continue projects from the former ministry are stated and we hope the 60,000 beneficiaries of SEDP will receive their remaining balance and that teachers recruited under SEDP will continue to be employed. I am glad that this ministry will take steps regarding illegal areca nut trading, thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalmuanpuia Punte.

PU LALMUANPUIA PUNTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thanked God and the people of my constituency for giving me the opportunity to stand in this House. As mentioned before, there is a great difference in areas where MPF are established and where they are not.

It is gratifying to know that harvest will be bought by the government but if merchants could buy it at a higher rate, the government need not involve in the matter and funds could be diverted for other purposes. I am glad that liabilities of ₹40 crores for health care bill had been paid and plans to eradicate corruption will be initiated.

As mentioned by the hon. Member Pu Zira, if our state is not safe under the BJP rule, I suggest their party should withdraw their ties with the Central BJP. On the matter of ADC, if we are advised to permit direct funding by the Central Government, we will accept it as they have been pursuing for this matter. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank God and the people of my constituency for giving me the opportunity to stand in this hon. House.

In the meantime, I am glad to hear that our House Leader, ministers and higher officials publicly announced that they will take the lead. I also hope for the immediate implementation.

Point-13 from his speech was a relief for us having village constituencies. It was regarding separate allocation for farmers devised by the Agri & Allied Department and to set the price list for identified crops under the Hand-holding policy such as brooms, chillies, ginger and turmeric. I think my constituency has one of the largest broom plantations in Mizoram and is the main source of income for many residents. This is because, under the previous government, we took a lot of initiatives.

Hon. Governor also states in Point-17 that there will be zero tolerance against corruption and I am glad to hear that. Let's hope to see real action being taken.

I am also pleased to hear that in point-21, the Governor mentions how the government takes various actions to look after the poor and needy, substance abusers, underage convicts etc. Pu Speaker, as our hon. member stated, that our House Leader finally arose after 39 years. I've known him for many years and am close to his family as well so I congratulate him. We can see from the Governor's speech point 2 that he congratulates the 23 new members, especially the 3 new female members. In this case, I questioned why he did not mention the senior members like Aizawl West - III MLA, Pu VL Zaithanzama and Aizawl South – III MLA, Pu Lalchhuanthanga, who have 40 years of experience in the field of politics while he mentions only about the first timers. Sadly, we did not get to hear about the 'Zoram Development Bank' which was often talked about during campaigns, and that ZPM would act as a guarantor for poor farmers taking loans. I will be eager to watch out for these in the next session which will be held in the new year.

We have thousands of Mizo brethren who fled from Myanmar, Manipur and Bangladesh to seek refuge and help. Sadly, we did not get to hear this in the Governor's speech also. I believe that he must also mention how we help each other and give shelter to them. As much as I support this motion, I do have some doubts about it.

Before, our hon. ministers Pi Rinpui and Pu Rohmingliana have made their speeches. However, I believe most of their speeches should be done during budget speech or when the concerned department is given the time. In case of urgent matters, it must be the Speaker who must do the necessary but it seemed like they took the role of a Speaker. It is advisable to look at the old practice and not only focus on the 'new ways'. I am afraid that due to our excitement for the 'new system', we might look at our female MLAs not for their titles but based on their appearance, for example, we do not know how to address them.

In any case, I support the Governor's Speech- Motion of Thanks. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let me call our senior member, Pu VL Zaithanzama.

PU VL ZAITHANZAMA: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

I thank God for allowing me to be a part of the House. I also thank the people of Aizawl West – III for showing me a favour.

Regarding the Governor's Speech today, I believe we are satisfied and that we have no criticisms. If we continue to focus on what needs to be done, and not only on what the government has done or is currently doing, we will make the best use of it.

I am also impressed to hear that we shall continue to adopt austerity measures and that the MLAs and the Ministers will also take the lead. Besides that, many of the benefits enjoyed by MLAs in the previous government would be terminated. I hope this will pave the way for their austerity measures.

Among the many things I want to say, one thing that pleased me is that the MLAs will be informed of the department initiatives taken in all the constituencies. I want to make sure that the concerned MLAs are informed about what actions will be taken under Lunglei Municipal Council and Aizawl Municipal Corporation, the department's activities regarding the utilization of funds etc. so that we'll know how to plan and manage what all are needed for the people.

Sadly, after 19 years, we have the highest number of deaths due to substance abuse. I hope that by next year, the numbers will decrease. I wish that the new government take measures to reduce the number of deaths due to substance abuse.

Pu Speaker, I would like to suggest one thing during your tenure kindly. In the past years, we used to have the Budget Speech only in English. Starting from the 7th Assembly, we started having Budget Speech in Mizo. Following that, it would be really helpful if we could also have the Governor's speech in Mizo as well.

What has been my joy is that the new government will get involved in selling the vegetables. The farmers used to face a lot of hurdles in selling their produce. The meaningful involvement of the government will help in earning the desirable profits for the farmers.

People are also eagerly waiting for a better healthcare scheme that government tries to adopt. I support today's Governor's Speech. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : From *the Opposition bench*, I would like to invite Pu K. Laldawngliana.

PU K. LALDAWNGLIANA: I congratulate Pu Speaker, our House Leader, our Opposition Leader and my fellow members.

As the hon. Governor said it is an auspicious moment to conduct the Ninth Legislative Assembly in an organized manner. The ZPM party secured 27 seats and their vote share was 37.67%, while our party, MNF secured only 10 seats but our vote share was 35.11%. Special thanks to the people of Tuirial for electing me for the second time and I thank God for his guidance. It is remarkable to have 23 new members and I am conveying hearty congratulations to them. AOs the hon. Governor mentioned it is great to have 3 new female members who complete and add to the beauty of the House.

I have heard that our new government already announced their '100 days priority'. Let's hope their enthusiasm does not end after 100 days and I wish them the very best to meet people's expectations and not focus on revenge or halting the previous government's projects. As they publicize themselves, I hope we see a government without corruption. Our leaders may take the lead and I expect them not to depend only on the CBIs.

We heard the emphasis on austerity measures and fiscal disciplines from the Speech. We are about to see a change right from the Chief Minister, our Cabinet, our Ministers and our MLAs who are about to lessen the facilities they are about to enjoy like motors and staff. Our officers must also follow them and this would be a good continuation of the new ways that the new government tries to bring in. We shall also hope to see not only the external appearance but also right from the roots.

However, I was disappointed not to hear anything about the refugees. I kept thinking if they tried to shut down the home of the Zo tribes.

It was great to hear the Governor's mention about the continuation of the ongoing projects since the old government's tenure. I give full support to the way the new government tries to implement the 'Hand-holding policy', I also support the Governor's speech.

Lastly, I wish this party goes hand in hand with Jesus, I wish them the best and we shall try our best to provide support. I wish everyone happy holidays and a Merry Christmas. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Session timing is between 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The Opposition Leader needs to comment and the House Leader needs to do a wind-up and it needs to be adopted. Do we have any opinions on this?

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: We still have 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. for the afternoon session. Let's go as per schedule.

SPEAKER : Do we all agree? (*The House agreed*). Let me call Tuichang MLA, Pu W. Chhuanawma.

PU W. CHHUANAWMA: I am grateful today to have the maiden speech. I thank God and the people of Tuichang for allowing me to stand here today.

People voted for ZPM Pary because they wanted to see a change. I therefore let myself believe that God put us in the position to form a government.

I was impressed to hear the austerity measures were mentioned in the Governor's speech, it is vital not only for the state but also at home. I am also glad to hear about the separate allocation of the budget for this.

Besides this, under the new government, everyone shall get to participate in the government's functioning. Development Committee will be set up from state-level to village-level as mentioned in point 15. Power Decentralization is very important.

Regarding agriculture, there are two things in Mizoram. The first one is that around 60% of the population depends on agriculture as their source of livelihood. The new policy would bring a great change for the better.

Soon the budget session will commence. What comes to my mind is that just as not all the keys can open the locks, there is only one important key towards our demands and policies that we want to work on; that is, we must fight against corruption. I am glad to hear the ZPM candidates promised not to be involved in any acts of corruption. I request people not to continuously compare various things and judge us. We must frequently evaluate ourselves. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall have recess and we'll come back at 2:00 P.M.

Recess (1:03 P.M.)

2:00 P.M.

SPEAKER : We shall continue with the Motion of Thanks. Let me invite Pu JejeLalpekluia.

PU JEJE LALPEKHLUA: Pu Speaker, our House Leader who is also the Chief Minister, and Opposition Leader and my fellow members, I congratulate you all and I wish you the best to be the best leaders for this State. I thank God for guiding us together in this 9th Mizoram Legislative Assembly that will last for 3 days. Hearty congratulations to the newly elected Dy. Speaker, Pu Lalfamkima, MLA of Kolasib constituency.

Pu Speaker, I felt that people are thirsty for a good government and that is why I find myself entering politics to start making change from the core. The authorities must not let the people down and whoever goes according to God, lives in the heat of the people for the longest time.

I would like to point out two things from the Governor's speech. I agree with what he said about austerity measures and to fulfil that, the Chief Ministers, Cabinet

Minister, Minister of State and MLAs took the lead by downsizing the number of IV-Grades. That itself, I believe is great progress.

We the South Tuipui constituency are a community that depends on daily labor and we request everyone to keep supporting us to be on the same page with others. I thank the people of my constituency for electing me and I can't run away from them to attain wealth and riches, rather, I will keep representing them.

I thank God and the people of the South Tuipui constituency for giving me the chance to be a part of change-making. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let me call upon Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you.

As we talk about the Motion of Thanks, let me say that people are eagerly on the lookout for the new government. Pu Speaker, just as I have no arguments against the Governor's speech, I hope the new government of this 9th Legislative Assembly keeps going without the need for criticism. All we want is a transparent government, free of corruption and a people's government.

The same thing goes for the old governments, we all wish the best for us. However, help from the Central government is vital for our functioning and we cannot ignore this. We are all enthusiastic about this new government. But let me assure you all that just like two lovebirds get over their honeymoon phase and things seem more realistic; the same thing goes in governance systems. Expectations would be a bit different from the reality.

It's impressive how the government opts for a corruption-free government. But as we all know; this is very prevalent in our society. The MLA of South Tuipui constituency, who happens to be my relative have said that he refuses to gain riches by neglecting his people. No one devotes themselves to involve in corruption and there is no need to make promises that they will not indulge in corruption. We came out to represent people and we must work with all our strengths. People must not assume that MLAs and Ministers are all corrupt. Through the grace of God and support from the people, I have sat in that place; we never took money beyond our salaries.

They said that they are ready to be tested. Pu Speaker, I wonder if the Autonomous Councils are included or not under this new government. The PC Party came to power in 1972, and in 1977, the southern region could not get a Minister from that side since there were no MLAs. There was one MLA from Sangau constituency in 1979, but he was not appointed as a Minister so he did not hold office. We have finally reached the 9th Legislative Assembly and there are 5 MLA constituencies in the

autonomous areas, from there one candidate, who, by profession is a doctor from the new party was elected from the Lawngtlai East constituency. Even though the Governor mentioned the ‘division of powers’, we do not see that opportunity in the so-called Autonomous Council area- Undivided Chhimtuipui.

We have heard about the post, ‘Adviser to Chief Minister – Health & Family Welfare’, since the Chief Minister is not in charge of the Health Department, does it mean he is going to help the Health Minister? It seemed too made-up and we must ponder upon these things. In the past governments, Autonomous Councils used to be given designations. But today, in the Undivided Chhimtuipui District and Lunglei District, the southern region has only one MLA while there are 12 MLA constituencies. At the same time, there are 5 MLAs in Aizawl city with 11 constituencies. We must carefully consider the way we opt for the division of powers.

Pu Speaker, our House Leader once said in the ZPM Office how it was wrong to keep requesting the position of a Minister, is that true? There is a huge difference between a Minister’s constituency and other constituencies. To develop our state, we must ensure that there is ‘division of powers’. (The warning bell rang.)

For the last point, we heard from the Governor’s speech that our Mizo people living outside the state and abroad admire our House Leader a lot. Recently, when we travelled to America, he was pampered with gifts. They even told me to be a part of the ZPM Party. Our brethren and the refugees have high expectations for the new government. But, from the Governor’s speech, I didn’t hear about the refugees and those who fled their state conflicts and have been staying here. That’s all on my part. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Let me call upon Dr. Lorrain

DR. LORAIN LALPEKLIANA CHINZAH: Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, thank you for inviting me to talk about the Governor’s Speech- Motion of Thanks.

Through the guidance of God, I can be in this place today. I thank the people of Lawngtlai East and the people of the District Council for their support. Today, I assure you all that I shall give my best for my constituency.

Pu Speaker, I congratulate you on your new responsibility and I wish you perform your duties by remembering God. I also wish the same for our new Dy. Speaker, Pu Lalfamkima. Congratulations to all my fellow members, our Chief Minister and the Council of Ministers and I wish you all the very best.

I have analyzed the Governor's speech as much as I could and I do support all of it. One can see that there is a lot of hope and reason for gratitude in this new government. Three female members were elected, out of the three, two were elected from the southern region and it goes well with our advocacy for women's empowerment and us being a Christian state.

The voter turnout this time was 80.43%, which shows that people want change and a transparent government. We also heard the CBI will consent to the investigation of corruption cases. I am delighted that the government immediately is against corruption and will continue to resist corruption.

We also heard from the speech that enormous steps shall be taken in the Agriculture sector. This would be useful for my constituency which also largely depends on agriculture for living. The government also stood true to its promises when it promised that funds would be allotted to purchase new seeds. The Chamdur Project from Lawngtlai District can be assumed as the 'Rice Bowl of Mizoram, so, I request the government to take measures to improve that place.

I request through the Speaker that special consideration be given to us and to take steps to give us Direct Funding.

Pu Speaker, I agree with the governor's speech and hope that the government works hard to accomplish its objectives. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I invite Pu H. Ginzalala.

PU H. GINZALALA : Pu Speaker, thank you.

First, I want to say that the people from my constituency harvest lots of sesame. They are unable to sell since Burma and Manipur are in conflict. They wish to receive some pocket money out of it since Christmas is approaching. Pu Speaker, I request you to kindly make note of this.

In Sl. No. 5. the hon. Governor mentioned 'Inclusive Growth', which means the 'people's government' where everyone can be a part of it. The past governments had no idea about this concept and it was never mentioned. The citizens will get to participate in the administration process in the form of representatives like the NGOs, YMAS and the Church. This 'new way' will engage everyone. As said before, let us hope that regional inclusivity in governance is also more prevalent. The same goes for financial inclusiveness as well.

In the previous governments, we hardly see inclusivity right from the budget level. 60-70% of the population that depends on agriculture and manual labour were not

given importance. On the contrary, we have more financial inclusiveness for this section of the population.

Sl. No.8 mentions about the ‘trust area’. Under sustainable development, the ‘trust areas’ are supposed to be the ‘agriculture and allied sector’. It is clear from our discussions that the agriculture sector cannot be the main focus. Focusing on the service sector will boost our economy.

In Sl. No. 10, we see ‘financial hardship, but my main focus is ‘pruning non-developmental expenditure’ which is noticeable since this is how we often commit mistakes in the past. Expenditure used to be so high but no great achievements were seen. For example, the ginger processing industry, bamboo chipping industry, poorly maintained tourist lodges etc.

Sl. No. 10 mentions regarding the ‘resource mobilization’. I think we are about to start an investment policy which will be done through the Planning Department. I suggest we use the PPP mode for this.

Employment generation must be given importance since without it, there can be no development as a state. As much as focussing on agriculture is important, the service sector would generate lots of employment which would benefit all of us. Besides this, we also need to go ahead with a state-wide convergence.

As the other members spoke about Sustainable Development, it is important to note that real sustainability entails environmental issues. Our environment means those that surround us, meaning our immediate environment. For example, our fellow human beings, our fellow MLAs, our fellow citizens etc. It is important to come up with policies that will benefit and satisfy all our fellow human beings. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Let me call Pi Baryl.

PI BARYL VANNEIHSANGI: Pu Speaker, it has been reported that the Mizo women have written a new chapter in our history. May all glory be to God, I am not worthy of this historic milestone. I express my gratitude to the citizens of South-III constituency for their unwavering support.

Firstly, we have started a new government that never existed before. This is a new change, and since change is a process, a result cannot be seen at once, and sometimes it may require a year or two or even a term; it could be more than that. We have to trust the process to see our desired results. It requires all of us to obey and comply with the change, have faith, and be obedient. Success highly depends on us and the way we execute things. So, today, I request everyone to try out the new practices

that we haven't tried before. We might need to leave behind certain things, and certain things need to be adopted.

Secondly, the people of our constituencies are who made us sit in this place today, including the votes that came from the neutral as well. It is my wish that our preconceived minds are kept aside as we gather in this place today, instead, I request everyone to work together for the betterment of the state and I wish you all the best in executing that mindset.

We have heard about the district area-wise as mentioned by our respected member. I assume that there still exists a sense of categorisation and a feeling of the out-group. We also heard that inclusivity has been practised. At the same time, they also expressed that they were discriminated against on various grounds and that they did not get enough facilities. I think that shows how we were not satisfied with the political systems before. So, let us trust the way we designate the Cabinet Ministers and the MOS. They are owned by Mizoram, so their responsibility is to represent every corner of the state without distinctions such as sub-tribes, region-wise etc. I hope that those who practice these kinds of distinctions stop it already.

Sl.No.-18 talks about Crop Insurance which I am keenly interested. I know that manual labourers and farmers are working hard but there is no specific insurance for them. The three schemes undertaken by the government such as 'PMBGY', 'weather base' and 'coconut palm insurance' are eagerly waited for its implementation. May God bless the new government so that everyone sees the advantage. I am in favour of this Motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let me call Pu K. Beichhua.

DR. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, thank you.

As we talk about the Governor's address, the member who moved the Motion also played his part very well. The voter turnout at the 9th Legislative Assembly was 80.12%, showing how people wish for good and righteous governance.

Secondly, we have 23 new members and it shows that people hope for new changes. I think the 'new way' which is often spoken by the ZPM Party is taking the people's attention and maybe next time, I think the BJP might need to start 'a better and a new way'. Pu Speaker, people have high hopes just as we do. The most impressive one has to do with your promises not to indulge in corruption and to eradicate the practice. That itself is a success and I wish everyone to bring out the best.

Let me also state that people must not rush to push the government to provide for their needs. So, time management is the most important key. I think the way files are processed hierarchy-wise also needs to be revised to save more time.

We have great plans and aspirations but unless and until we're in this together, development would be incomplete. The support of the people would surely prove to be an important factor in this regard. At the same time, we are running short of money, so we must adjust ourselves with a broad mindset. We must think about who provides us with what we need and who can help us out of our troubles. I hope that we do not make enemies with those who can help us and that we must not turn our back against them.

Pu Speaker, when I think of various departments, there have been uneven divisions. Some departments have lots of vacant posts and some posts are difficult to fill up. Some departments seem to be over-staffed. I think we must carefully consider and rearrange these things. In technical departments, recruitments are hardly conducted and the long term needs to be considered carefully. I wish the best to the new government to take action.

We, the BJP legislature shall try our best to support the new government. If God permits, right after the Session, Pu K. Hrahmo and I shall go to Delhi and talk with our authorities there and discuss with them what we need as a state, and things related to government. Let me talk about three important things.

The government must prioritize road communication. An Engineer would say that the Aizawl-Lunglei Word Bank Road is a 'pothole', or in medical terms, 'an ulcer'. Please ensure proper connectivity.

Secondly, as the supply of drugs and the number of drug and substance abusers increase in every nook and corner of Mizoram, please take quick action.

Thirdly, I suggest preventive measures and promotive measures in healthcare delivery systems as we mostly focus on the creative and therapeutic parts. We are famous for all the wrong reasons such as the number of cancer patients, people living with HIV+, Hepatitis+ affected people etc. I wish that these are given priority so we all contribute towards progress.

Let's all challenge ourselves to put Mizoram as a model state all over India and let's all contribute and coordinate for the development of this state. Pu Speaker, I support this Motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let me invite Pu TBC Lalvenchhunga.

PU TBC LALVENCHHUNGA: Pu Speaker, first of all, I thank God for putting me here today to talk about the Governor's address- Motion of Thanks. I also thank the people of Aizawl West-I for giving a chance to 'a village boy' to represent the people of the city.

I believe that the Governor's speech aligns with my preferences and vision which is well elaborated on page 10. Let me say that I agree with the speech.

Pu Speaker, the first seven paragraphs are mostly an introductory part and it highlights the people's aspirations. We see that this government aims to be a transparent government and a government in which people can rely. Paragraphs 9 to 27 are an explanation of the 8th paragraph and it highlights well about my visions and aims.

As much as I am glad about the other points, it was disappointing that points related to the protection of the environment are left out in the subsequent paragraphs. Besides this specific part, the aims, objectives and policies of the new government are well highlighted.

The financial condition plays an important part in achieving the policies. In paragraphs 9 to 11, we saw that it clearly mentions our financial situation and the aims of the Administrative Reform Commission. I didn't mean to blame the past government but as we talk about 'inclusivity', these are the people's debts. I am pleased to see that paragraphs 10 and 11 discuss measures to save the state from these debts. I also commend the House Leader for introducing the 'year of consolidation' and austerity measures required for the success of the '100 days plan'.

Three points explain our financial situation. The next two points are about budget and I appreciate what he put forward so that laymen also understand our financial situation.

I give importance to good governance as also seen in paragraphs 14,15,16 and 17. I appreciate our Chief Minister for initiating the steps toward austerity measures and being a role model for the people. I also appreciate how he promised to take responsibility rightly.

The other members have mentioned their thanks already but let me also mention that I thank the Finance Minister for allotting ₹40 crores for the healthcare scheme. Not only that, ₹110 crores have been allotted for people engaged in primary sectors and this brings benefits for them. I am happy for the beneficiaries of the healthcare scheme at this time when Christmas is approaching and I wish them the best.

Lastly, sitting here in this place makes me nervous. Since it is our first time, there might be times when we make mistakes, have a slip of the tongue or say things out of

eagerness. I request the members for their kind understanding since we all wish the best for us.

For my last point, I request the Ministers to keep an eye open on the Sakawrtuichhun road that connects the NH-54 road. We place everything in the hands of the Almighty. I thank the Governor for mentioning how he wants to guide the new government and the Chief Minister for dedicating himself to putting all these into action. The Leader of Opposition and all the members, I wish you the best. Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

SPEAKER : Now I invite Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Pu Speaker, thank you.

I thank God and the people of Aizawl South - II for putting me in this respectable position.

Pu Speaker, I believe we all agree with the Governor's speech and it must be the best ever. I will be talking about two to three points only.

I saw that Sl.No.18 mentions the upliftment of the poorer sections of the community and the poor conditions of the people engaging in primary sectors. It mentions how to plant seeds, how to look after them scientifically, crop insurance, storage facilities and many more are included. As we know, I am glad to hear that ₹110 crore is kept separately for this sector of the economy.

I want the Ministers to know that the link road is the most important need for the success of agriculture. If we do not have proper link roads, there is no room for progress and I request the authorities to revamp the link roads. Since there are plans to buy new vegetables, I would like to know the state of the link roads.

We know that we have lots of debts. So, let's make a link road that accommodates Jeep 4-wheel or 2-wheeled vehicles. Our farmers would make use of these to supply their produce.

On No. 19 we see an intention to improve Industry. In the past Industry Department used to be a major department. However, it became smaller and now it was amalgamated with Commerce Department. In spite of this it is still a small department. We need to broaden our industry and built it up again. There is talk of opening agriculture and horticulture base industry. If this is so let us try to find the usefulness of our bamboo as we have plenty. In international market bamboo was in high regard. Besides, our youth will have the opportunity to start their entrepreneurship through small scale industry.

On No. 23 regarding healthcare system. Health is the most important in our live. Our healthcare system is not enough for the people and its facility cannot meet the peoples demand. This causes many problems to the poor. We need to take step in this regard and make DPR to open another Hospital in Aizawl. Otherwise the poor will become poorer. We have to strengthen our Health Department.

Next, education is very important. Many Mizos cannot enter civil services due to our poor education system. We are going backward especially in elementary school. In stead of trying to hook 'super IAS' from the top, let us try to improve from the early stage. We need to change our education system. Also posting should be done with care. Pu Speaker, as my time is up I give my support to our Governor Speech.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Tetea Hmar.

PU LALNGHINGLOVA HMAR, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. I thank God for giving me the opportunity to participate in this august House and would like to convey my thanks to the people of Aizawl West II for electing me. I also thank the governor for conveying his congratulation to 23 newly elected members by calling out our name. It is also thankful that we have 3 women members and hope they fulfill their duty and bring development to their constituency and leave a legacy for others.

On no. 5 we see Youth Welfare & Development which is one of the seven things this ministry intends to fulfill. As it concerns our department I am pleased to note that it was mentioned. On no. 13 we see the definition of hand-holding policy this ministry intends to follow. The one definition mention that is 'start up' concern LESDE. As mentioned by other members, this start up will be introduce under different departments. If we are going to do skill development we mat need to converge with other departments.

On no. 17, we see about giving general consent to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). I hope this will bring good moral among the workers. On no.19 we see about promoting our own handicraft. I hope this will bring among the youth to earn their living through their skill. On no. 21, we see about taking all out effort in the fight against drugs and other illegal substances. As the concern Minister I request my fellow members and the people to fight against substance abuses.

On no. 22 Sports was mentioned. This ministry intend to promote sport person instead of building football ground. We aim to achieve to win more medal in national and northeast level. Infrastructure build by the previous ministry will be used fully in order to achieve our goal.

For the last, in no. 20 regarding National Education Policy, 2020, we are going to try to adapt our education according to our culture. I am happy to participate in this discussion where our Governor point out our intention to run this State, thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu PC. Vanlalruata.

PU PC. VANLALRUATA, MIINISTER: Pu Speaker, first I thank God and the people of Tuikum constituency for bringing me here in this august House. I also would like to convey my congratulation to the newly elected Deputy Speaker, Pu Lalfamkima.

Today I am happy to know that the Governor in his speech highlighted the welfare of our farmers. In our current financial year, our Chief Minister also Finance Minister put 110 crore plan to purchase crops, the Cabinet Meeting also approve 150 crore for the new financial year. On no. 11 we see about bringing austerity measures. We will start from the Chief Minister and other Ministers and then toward the administrative. As mentioned by my fellow members and want to quote the concluding word that is "I am confident together we can make Mizoram one of the most developed stated in India". This gives us a new hope and for all our sake a better Mizoram will born, thank you.

SPEAKER : It is thankful that 20 members participate in the discussion. Now we will call upon the Opposition Leader and then the House Leader.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. Today I am thankful that we have the opportunity to discuss our Governor speech. I want to congratulate the mover Lt. Col. Lalhmingthanga for moving the speech with precise point in spite of being his first time. I also want to convey my congratulation to the newly elected Deputy Speaker Pu Lalfamkima, hon. member from Kolasib constituency.

I am happy that the Governor pointed out the efforts put in by the civil society, NGOs and Churches and the Mizoram People's Forum (MPF) to ensure we have a fair, free and peaceful election. It is also thankful that we have 3 elected women members. In the past, we used to have if I am not wrong 8 women members including 1 nominated seat during UT.

From this morning discussion we hear from the Social Welfare Minister a new idea will be develop in social security. The intention to take care of dead body by the government is a tremendous relieve for the members. If possible, it would be appreciate if the House Leader can during his wind-up mention the time when it will be started. Also, I like the concern Minister to inform us whether members or the government will take care of the death.

There many to be thankful for in this speech. Among them is the intention to allocate fund targeting farmers engaged in agriculture and allied sectors in the budget. I am also thankful that 110 crore was allocated for purchase of crops and 40 crore to enhance healthcare. If possible, it would be welcome if the House Leader can make clarification in regard to the fund source.

What will be the rate of ginger, turmeric, chilli and broom? I am certain new healthcare scheme will be soon available.

There is no mention of power generation in the Governor's speech. What is the ministry's plan regarding power and power generation?

It was mentioned that the hon. Home Minister will be visiting border areas. There is no mention of border plans in the Governor's speech, what is the plan for border areas?

Resource Mobilization Department will be dissolved and in its place Resource Mobilization Committee will be established. What is the purpose of this committee?

It was also mentioned that Mizoram Subordinate Service Selection Board (MSSSB) will be dismantled as well. Can the hon. Chief Minister explain what his intention is regarding this action?

Will 881 MR teachers who were employes by the previous ministry be regularized?

I hope that we will work with unity and with better understanding for the greater good of Mizoram. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Chief Minister and House Leader.

PU LALDUHOMA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. The hon. Governor has given priority to the '100 days programme' in his speech. There are several other important projects and issues that were not mentioned in the speech as priority was given to '100 days programme'. Among those not mentioned were refugee status and Manipur issue as these were ongoing issue and we have spoken with the hon. Prime Minister and External Affairs Minister and will have a meeting with them soon.

The hon. Home Minister will soon establish Boundary Committee and any necessary action will be taken by this committee.

We do not feel the need to have a whole department for Resource Mobilization which is why this department will be dissolved. Instead, Resource Mobilization Committee is established which will run under the Vice-Chairmanship of our previous Chief Secretary.

MSSSB are in the middle of conducting an exam, after which the whole board will be dissolved. The board is just a gateway for political appointment and we feel that MPSC is enough to handle recruitment in Mizoram.

In regards to SEDP teachers, they will be retained till the end of the current financial year after which measures will be taken according to need basis. This is because there are several who were not qualified for the post, who have hired replacements and who were not in their post. These posts were made through political appointment and we feel that after the current financial year, we were not obliged to continue their employment.

We will welcome constructive criticism from everyone and hope to work towards developing Mizoram.

I was told that they excitedly came to vote since they wanted change and the people of Mizoram spoke loud and clear. I was also told that the people of Mizoram know what they want and they are loudly expressing it. We are here on behalf of the hopes of these people to fulfill all the hopes, aspirations and dreams they had envisioned. One important thing he said was that the budget should be prepared in order to fulfill the promises made by the government to the people.

The *Budget Session* held in February is too short for preparing a budget. The deadline for submission is December 20. We will try and apologize to any departments that cannot submit by the 20th and we will forgive any departments that cannot submit by the 20th. We will not hold the session in February and we plan to have it in March or at the end of February because we want this new budget to come out in accordance with the policy of this new government. The Ministers have just taken office and road maps have been given to them to guide their departments. The Governor also said that the budget should be prepared in accordance with these commitments. He stressed that the budget should be simple and it should be made understandable to the common-man. The Governor also said that there will be zero tolerance for corruption and general consent is given to the CBI for this. The Lok Ayukta's three proposals to the CBI were blocked by the previous government but we on the other hand, will give general consent and I have already given instructions to our Chief Secretary. They do not need to ask any permissions and they will investigate the information that comes into their hands.

The Monitoring Committee will soon be established and we will then invite people from each recognized party to contribute. They will monitor all the important

projects and they will work together. Technical support will be required and quality control divisions will be available.

In case of financial measures, we will immediately pay the salaries of Government employees. However, ASHAs, sanctuary workers and old age pensioners are often delayed in receiving pensions and we should pay attention to these people in the future.

SPEAKER : It is now 4:00 pm and should we continue? (*The House agreed*) You may continue.

PU LALDUHOMA, CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. We know the amount of healthcare bills that stuck here and some of them passed away before receiving their bills. This is our first priority and ₹40 crore has been sanctioned for this purpose that we paid from the SEDP fund. ₹110 crore is also sanctioned for vegetables and as mentioned by the Agriculture Minister, ₹150 crore will be allocated for the initial phase in the new year.

I would like to add that work order workers who are already working should complete it and no one is to interfere. However, the works should be on hold if it is not yet started. We will intensify manpower assessments in resource mobilization. Proxies and those who are not in their respective posts are instructed to submit their justifications to the Chief Minister's office before the end of January. The reason why we demand justification is that sometimes proxies are needed. However, we believe that we can reduce this and that is why we have the list.

There are assets in the departments that are not consistently utilized and we will consider disinvestment. We talk about austerity measures a lot and we know that we are cutting back on our facilities. We mentioned that we will not raise our salaries and electricity bills and this is our promise before God and the people and we will keep it. We do not have to owe electric bills anymore and we will always pay the bills on time without any interests.

I would like to urge the public to save electricity, water etc. and we need to economize everything where we can. Administrative reforms and file tracking devices will be implemented including simplifications.

Alcohol and drugs will be implemented in PPP method and we believe that Excise Act should be amended. Our NGOs have no legal rights as of now and they are the ones to be put in jail if someone files a case. It is said that drugs and alcohol are sold in MINECO, Secretariat and no CCTV is functioning. So, CCTV will be repaired as soon as possible and Police duty room will be available where CCTV will be monitored.

The Mizoram Right to Public Service Act, 2015 was passed many years back but we do not operate it. We are currently providing written instructions to each department to start using it. Biometric Attendance will also be implemented immediately as ordered by the cabinet meeting and we have taken steps starting from the Secretariat.

Finally, Pu Speaker, let us not forget the Governor's speech. Overnight change is impossible and so, we will do our best and we will be able to improve our situation. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I request hon. Lt. Col. Clement Lalhmingthanga to beg the House to adopt his motion.

LT. COL. CLEMENT LALHMINGTHANGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to thank the members of this House for discussing my motion. Pu Speaker, all the 12 members sitting on your left side excluding the Dy. Speaker participated and 19 members sitting on your right side participated as well. After careful consideration of the Governor's speech, I believe that the House unanimously approved the *Motion of Thanks* for the Governor's speech and I beg the House to adopt the motion I have put forward.

SPEAKER : The *Motion of Thanks*- "*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 13th December, 2023*" was discussed and all those members in favour to adopt may say 'Yes' (**Members:** 'Yes') All those members not in favour may say 'No'.

The House has unanimously adopted the Motion (**Lt. Col. Clement Lalhmingthanga:** Thank you, Pu Speaker).

31 members participated according to my record. Pu VL Zaithanzama mentioned about the Mizo version of the Governor's Speech and we will try to make it available in the future. I am also grateful to the House for electing a new Deputy Speaker.

I would like to take counsel from the members regarding *'.....' Should we expunge it or leave it as it is? I would like the opinion of Pu K. Hrahmo.

PU K. HRAHMO : Pu Speaker, we should expunge it.

SPEAKER : Let it be expunged.

(*Expunged as ordered by the Chair.)

Our business is now over and I would like to thank the various departments that take part in this session and also our Police personnel for their security. I wish all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The House is adjourned Sine Die. (4:22 PM)