

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR FIRST SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 12th DECEMBER, 2023
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

OATH OF AFFIRMATION

Members to take/subscribe Oath of Affirmation.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

1. Members to elect Speaker.

LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE
Commissioner & Secretary

PROTEM SPEAKER (PU LALFAMKIMA): *Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

-Psalms 37:3-4

The first session of the Ninth Mizoram Legislative Assembly is held today and it is pleasing to see that most of the members are present today.

OATH OR AFFIRMATION TO NEW MEMBERS:

Oath Taking and Election of Speaker will be held today. The oath form is here with me and the officials will give it to you. The oath form contains '*swear in the name of God*' and '*solemnly affirm*' and the members can use whatever they please. We will now take the oath. The oath taker will go up to the right where the official will hand you the oath taking letter and then go down to the left. We will then sign the Roll of Members at the Commissioner & Secretary's table. Our Chief Minister and House Leader, Pu Lalduhoma will be the first to take the oath of office and then the Commissioner/Secretary will invite the members in order.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: With the approval of our Protem Speaker, I request the Hon'ble Member Pu Lalduhoma to take the Oath.

PU LALDUHOMA : I, Lalduhoma, having been elected a member of the Legislative Assembly of Mizoram do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu Robert Romawia Royte, Hachhek representative to take the oath.

ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE: I, Robert Romawia Royte, having been elected a member of the Legislative Assembly of Mizoram do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo, Dampa representative to take the oath.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: I, Lalrintluanga Sailo, having been elected a member of the Legislative Assembly of Mizoram do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that

I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu H. Lalzirliana, Mamit representative to take the oath.

PU H. LALZIRLIANA : I, H. Lalzirliana, having been elected a member of the Legislative Assembly of Mizoram do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu K. Laldawngliana, Tuirial representative to take the oath.

PU K. LALDAWNGLIANA: I, K. Laldawngliana, having been elected a member of the Legislative Assembly of Mizoram do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte, Serlui representative to take the oath.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: I, Lalrinsanga Ralte, having been elected a member of the Legislative Assembly of Mizoram do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu Lalchhandama Ralte, Tuivawl representative to take the oath.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE: I, Lalchhandama Ralte, having been elected a member of the Legislative Assembly of Mizoram do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu Lalbiakzama, Chalfilh representative to take the oath.

PU LALBIAKZAMA : I, Lalbiakzama, having been elected a member of the Legislative Assembly of Mizoram do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Prof. Lalnilawma, Tawi representative to take the oath.

PROF. LALNILAWMA : I, Prof. Lalnilawma, having been elected a member of the Legislative Assembly of Mizoram do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu Vanlalhlana, Aizawl North-I representative to take the oath.

PU VANLALHLANA : I, Vanlalhlana, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Dr. Vanlalhlana, Aizawl North-II representative to take the oath.

DR. VANLALHLANA : I, Dr. Vanlalhlana, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu K. Sapdanga, Aizawl North-III representative to take the oath.

PU K. SAPDANGA : I, K. Sapdanga, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu Lalthansanga, Aizawl East-I representative to take the oath.

PU LALTHANSANGA : I, Lalthansanga, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu B. Lalchhanzova, Aizawl East-II representative to take the oath.

PU B. LALCHZHANZOVA: I, B. Lalchhanzova, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu TBC Lalvenchhunga, Aizawl West-I representative to take the oath.

PU TBC. LALVENCHHUNGA: I, TBC Lalvenchhunga, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu Lalnghinglova Hmar, Aizawl West-II representative to take the oath.

PU LALNGHINGLOVA HMAR: I, Lalnghinglova Hmar, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu VL. Zaithanzama, Aizawl West-III representative to take the oath.

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: I, VL. Zaithanzama, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold

the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu C. Lalsawivunga, Aizawl South-I representative to take the oath.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: I, C. Lalsawivunga, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu Lalchhuanthanga, Aizawl South-II representative to take the oath.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: I, Lalchhuanthanga, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pi Baryl Vanneihsangi, Aizawl South-III representative to take the oath.

PI BARYL VANNEIHSANGI: I, Baryl Vanneihsangi, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu F. Rodingliana, Lengteng representative to take the oath.

PU F. RODINGLIANA : I, F. Rodingliana, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu W. Chhuanawma, Tuichang representative to take the oath.

PU W. CHHUANAWMA : I, W. Chhuanawma, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu H. Ginzalala, Champhai North representative to take the oath.

PU H. GINZALALA : I, H. Ginzalala, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Lt. Col. Clement Lalhmingthanga, Champhai South representative to take the oath.

LT. COL. CLEMENT LALHMINGTHANGA: I, Lt. Col. Clement Lalhmingthanga having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu Ramthanmawia, East Tuipui representative to take the oath.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : I, Ramthanmawia, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu PC. Vanlalruata, Tuikum representative to take the oath.

PU PC. VANLALRUATA: I, PC. Vanlalruata, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear the true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu Lalmuanpuia Punte, Hrangturzo representative to take the oath.

PU LALMUANPUIA PUNTE: I, Lalmuanpuia Punte, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu Jeje Lalpekhlua, South Tuipui representative to take the oath.

PU JEJE LALPEKHLUA: I, Jeje Lalpekhlua, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu V. Malsawmtluanga, Lunglei North representative to take the oath.

PU V. MALSAWMTLUANGA : I, V. Malsawmtluanga, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pi Lalrinpuui, Lunglei East representative to take the oath.

PI LALRINPUUI : I, Lalrinpuui, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu T. Lalhlimpaia, Lunglei West representative to take the oath.

PU T. LALHLIMPUIA : I, T. Lalhlimpaia, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold

the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu Lalramliana Papua, Lunglei South representative to take the oath.

PU LALRAMLIANA PAPUIA: I, Pu Lalramliana Papua having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu R. Rohmingliana, Thorang representative to take the oath.

PU R. ROHMINGLIANA: I, R. Rohmingliana having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pi Prova Chakma, West Tuipui representative to take the oath.

PI PROVA CHAKMA : I, Prova Chakma having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Rasik Mohan Chakma, Tuichawng representative to take the oath.

PU RASIK MOHAN CHAKMA: I, Rasik Mohan Chakma having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu C. Ngunlianchunga, Lawngtlai West representative to take the oath.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: I, C. Ngunlianchunga, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Dr. Lorrain Lalpeklia Chinzah, Lawngtlai East representative to take the oath.

DR. LORRAIN LALPEKLIANA CHINZAH: I, Dr. Lorrain Lalpeklia Chinzah, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Dr. K. Beichhua, Saiha representative to take the oath.

DR. K. BEICHHUA : I, Dr. K. Beichhua, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: I request Pu K. Hrahmo, Palak representative to take the oath.

PU K. HRAHMO : I, K. Hrahmo, having been elected a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly do swear in the name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER:

PROTEM SPEAKER (PU LALFAMKIMA):..... *(audio failure)*

We will now have the election of Speaker and I request Pu Lalhmahruaia Zote, Commissioner & Secretary

PU LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE, COMMISSIONER & SECRETARY: Pu Dy. Speaker, with your permission and of the House—

Order No. H13011/1/2016 PAD, Dated Aizawl, the 7th December, 2023 in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-Rule 1 of sub-Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure & Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly; I, DR. Hari Babu Kambhampati, the Governor of the State of Mizoram hereby fixed 12th December, 2023 (Tuesday) as the date of holding the election to the office of the Speaker of the State of Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

Signed/-

DR. HARI BABU KAMBHAMPATI
GOVERNOR OF MIZORAM

PROTEM SPEAKER (PU LALFAMKIMA): Pu Lalbiakzama from the Ruling Party is nominated for Speaker and this nomination is supported by Pu T. Lalhlimpuia. Pu Labiakzama is elected Speaker of this House without any contender. The House Leader and the Opposition Leader may take the newly elected Speaker to his seat.

SPEAKER : First of all, I never thought I would occupy this honourable Chair and I gladly accepted it as God's will. Before looking at our business, is there anyone among us who has reservation in understanding English? If so, kindly raise your hands. Hum log ko beech mein koe Angrezi nahin samajh mein bolana hai mahaan koe nahin?

We all understand Mizo language and we can now start our business. I thank God for guiding me to this point (...*audio failure*...) I would also like to thank our Chief Minister Pu Lalduhoma and the people of Chalfilh constituency for electing me. We entered this House at different times and Pu Vanlalhlana is the first member among us to step in this House and he has graced this House in 1998, 2018 and 2023. Hon' Chief Minister Pu Lalduhoma also stepped in this House 5 times that is in 2003, 2008, 2018, 2021 (bye-election) and 2023. Our Leader of the Opposition, Pu Lalchhandama Ralte has also served here in 2003, 2018 and 2023. Pu Lalthansanga was also elected in 2008 and 2023 and Dr. K. Beichhua was elected three times in 2013, 2018 and 2023. Similarly, Pu C. Ngunlianchunga also served here in 2013, 2018 and 2023. Pu Rasik Mohan Chakma was also elected in 2003 and 2023.

Two-timer members (2018 and 2023) are Pu Robert Romawia Royte, Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo, Er. H. Lalzirliana, Pu K. Laldawngliana, Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte, Pu V.L. Zaithanzama, Pu C. Lalsawivunga, Pu Lalchhuanthanga, Pu Ramthanamawia and Dr. Vanlalhlana. The total number of members who are re-elected is 17.

There are 23 members who are elected for the first time and they are- Pu Lalfamkima, Pu Labiakzama, Prof. Lalnilawma, Pu K. Sapdanga, Pu B. Chhanzova, Pu TBC Lalvenchhunga, Pu Lalnghinglova Hmar, Nl. Baryl Vanneihsang, Pu F.

Rodinglina, Pu W. Chhuanawma, Pu H. Ginzalala, Lt. Col. Lalhmingthanga, Pu P.C. Vanlalruata, Pu Lalmuanpuia Punte, Pu Jeje Lalpeklua, Pu V. Malsawmtluanga, Pi Lalrinpuui, Pu T. Lalhlimpaia, Pu Lalramliana Papuaia, Pi Prova Chakma, Pu R. Rohmingliana, Dr. Lorrain Lalpeklia Chinzah and Pu K. Hrahmo.

Former Speakers who had sat in the Chair and led the House with dignity are as follows-

1. Dr. H. Thansanga, 1972 – 1975; 1984 – 1987;
2. Pu Vaivenga, 1975 – 1978; 1993 – 1998;
3. Pu Thangridema, 1978 – 1979;
4. Dr. Kenneth Chawngliana, 1979 - 1984.

After becoming a state: –

1. Pu J. Thanghuama, 1987 – 1989;
2. Pu Hiphei, 1989 – 1990; 2013 – 2018;
3. Pu Rokamlova, 1990 – 1993;
4. Pu R. Lalawia, 1998 – 2003;
5. Pu Lalchamlia, 2003 – 2008;
6. Pu R. Romawia, 2008 – 2013;
7. Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, 2018 – 2023;

We will try to preserve the dignity and good governance that our predecessors left behind. We are to discuss the nation's development and let us use our thoughts carefully and maintain neutrality, At the same time, members will be able to exercise their rights and privileges. We should also listen to each other without interrupting.

Time is essential and it is very important that the government uses its resources as effectively as possible. So, we will try to make the most of the time in this honourable House. The people should always come first in our thoughts rather than an individual. We must try to run this House in a harmonious manner. However, our friendships and relationships should not be mistaken as weaknesses. We will invite our hon' Chief Minister Pu Lalduhoma followed by our Leader of the Opposition, Pu Lalchhandama Ralte. We will also invite group leaders; members of BJP and INC. Members are free to express their views and I would now like to invite our hon' Chief Minister Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA, CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Firstly, I congratulate you on this high and honourable position. We listened to your plans to lead the House and I thought it was comforting. I wish you to lead this House honestly, dignifiedly and smoothly.

Secondly, I would like to thank the people of my constituency, 26 - Serchhip Constituency, who elected me three times during the two terms. I would like to congratulate all our members and being an MLA is very difficult for some. I have faced

14 elections where I lost 8 times and won 6 times. Therefore, I would like to urge our fellow candidates who have not yet succeeded to continue without despair. As members of the House, we must always take the initiative as if we are students taking exams. Diligence and hard work is very important; There are many things to learn and know which we have never experienced before. The diligent and negligent members will be known from the first session. Orientation courses will be organized by the parliament again and it is good to attend as there is always something new. I was a Lok Sabha MP when the first MNF government led by Pu Laldenga was in power and I was a guest lecturer in the orientation course. I am one of those who knows its importance and benefits.

We are aware of our financial situation and we will have to take austerity measures. Members will no longer enjoy the things they enjoyed during the previous term and salary will not be increased. As leaders, we will lead the people.

Pu Speaker, I would like to urge all members to have a fair competition and also a fair competition in the administration of their respective constituency. Regardless of ruling and opposition, this government will do its utmost to ensure that all constituencies move forward equally. In the past, MLAs have never seen a copy of the departments' initiatives in their own constituencies but as of today, the departments' initiatives in each constituency will be given to all members.

Great leaders like Pu Ch. Chhunga, Brig. T. Sailo, Pu Denga, Pu Lal Thanhawla and Pu Zoramthanga had led this House in the past and I worked with all of them. I learned a lot from them and I would like to thank them today. I was the opposition group leader for three terms and worked with Pu Lal Thanhawla and Pu Zoramthanga. I believe we left a good tradition in this House and I thank them. I also hope to leave a good tradition for the future.

It is important to obey the Speaker and it is an important place to express ourselves in a friendly manner as Mizo and Christians. We see the behaviours in Parliament and Legislature in various parts of India and many of these bad actions have never been introduced here. We have a different culture and we are all asked to uphold it. We will try to follow in the footsteps of our previous leaders. We often use the term 'Honourable Member' but Pu Speaker, we do not want it to be used much in this term. The word 'honourable' used when addressing the Chief Minister is not necessary and we should not casually praise the Chief Minister in every way.

There is a book called '*Humour in Parliament*' which contains the jokes made by Members of Parliament in the House. We will be sitting all day and sometimes we will reach 11 pm. It is hard to be in a serious mood all day and so Pu Speaker, with your permission, we can tell jokes without disrupting our business while we are sitting here.

Pu Speaker, I wish the people of Mizoram a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I wish you a happy and peaceful holiday. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I now invite our Leader of the Opposition, Pu Lalchhandama Ralte.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I sincerely congratulate you on leading this 9th Mizoram Legislative Assembly. The opposition party also has a good tradition where we do not want to contest for the Speaker's seat since we want to preserve the dignity of the Speaker's position. This shows that we truly support you.

Secondly, the new ZPM Government has come to power by the grace of God and we would like to congratulate you through this House. We will support the government in every way if it means for the good of the nation. I would like to add that we are trying to be a Constructive Opposition. At the same time, we will strongly oppose anything that we feel is not good for our nation. I sincerely congratulate all the newly elected members and I would like to thank the 7-Tuivawl Constituency for electing me to this position.

Pu Speaker, I would like to add two brief remarks. Firstly, the position of the Speaker is an honourable and important position. As for the opposition, you are our safe place where we can express our grievances and you are on the 2nd rank in Mizoram Government protocol. The former Speakers etched a good name for themselves and they even got elected 3 to 7 times. However, you do not have much experience but we hope that you are fit for your position. I would like to say that the members on your left are determined to support you to the best of our ability.

I would like to view it from the other side. The Speaker's position is the second most important position in the government and new members hardly occupy the position. We expected an experienced senior member to keep the dignity of the House because 40 people representing various constituencies had important debates here with hundreds of people sitting in the official gallery, hundreds of people sitting in the public gallery, and thousands of people waiting us at home. The dignity of this House depends on the leadership of our speakers and we were expecting a senior member. We also heard that the House Leader himself is looking for a senior member to be the Speaker and 'Val Upa Council' also thought of it in the same way. However, they are unable to fill the Chair as they intend and this makes us doubt about corruption free government.

Pu Speaker, this does not undermine your dignity and what I am trying to say is that this House has been in existence for 50 years and is always led by senior members. However, we will do our best to support you. God will be with you and we will pray

for you to keep the dignity of this House. I wish you to lead this House to govern well for the nation. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I request Dr. K. Beichhua from the BJP Party.

DR. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Pu Speaker, I would like to greet my fellow members and the people of Mizoram through you. I would also like to thank God and the people of Siaha constituency for allowing me to serve as an MLA for the third term. We the BJP Legislature party are committed to supporting this government in whatever way we can.

I would like to talk about the 9th Legislative Assembly election that brought us to this position today. There were no incidents and problems during the election and the public voted in a good atmosphere. Pu Speaker, the dignity of this Assembly was well maintained by our former leaders especially our former Speakers. Our behaviour, ethics and etiquettes are admirable compared to other states and this is how our House has been conducted. I have great hope that the dignity and the glory of this House will continue under your Speakership.

Today's government is a 'new government' that we have never seen before and it is the government that the people are looking forward to. 100 Days of Work and action plans are already known to some extent and our party is pleased to know that this Government is committed to such a move. We are stepping in this politics for the sake of the nation and not for a party. So, I would like to say that we will step forward in the best way we can.

Finally, Pu Speaker, I have high hopes for you when I look at you even though you are a first-timer and you maintain mutuality. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I request Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I wish you the best in occupying the Speaker's Table and also to protect this House with dignity and neutrality. I wish you the best in this 9th Legislative Assembly term.

Pu Speaker, a bulletin was issued last night regarding the recess room and I represent the Congress Legislature Party even though I am an only member. I will not occupy the room unless it is assigned separately. So, as an elected representative of the Indian National Congress Party, I kindly request you to give us a separate recess room for our recess in this House. This government is a government of experimentation and you need to be very careful. You have drawn up 100 days of work plans and I wish you the best. I maybe an only member but I will not be tamed. However, I will do my best to help you since the Congress Party wants a good government for Mizoram. An

Experimental Government has been established today and we wish the newly born Government to provide a good government that meets the expectations of the people. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I request Pu K. Sapdanga.

PU K. SAPDANGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I congratulate you for your high position in this House. We gathered from 4 different parties and 21 out of 40 members are first-timers and so, we will need a lot of your guidance. We will be following the steps of you and the senior members a lot and we will imitate your speech and language pattern. Therefore, we look forward to working together under your leadership to serve the nation in a harmonious manner. So, I urge you and the senior members to be an example in this regard. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I request Pi Rinpuii.

PI LALRINPUII, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I congratulate you on your election as Speaker today and I am confident that you will lead us well. I am thankful for having three women in this 9th Assembly. I am very happy that ZPM has nominated two candidates for women. I am grateful that ZPM nominated two women and we both got elected. MNF candidate Pi Prova is also elected and women's representation in this Assembly is a new chapter in Mizoram. I am especially pleased that the Chief Minister has appointed me as a Cabinet Minister as it is a great achievement for me and I am very pleased to make a history in Mizoram. I would also like to thank the people of Lunglei East for their votes and for putting me in this important position. I also request all government officials to kindly cooperate with us according to our road map. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I request Pu H. Ginzalala.

PU H. GINZALALA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. We see the glory of democracy and I am proud to be able to enter this House. I would like to thank the people of my constituency, our party leaders and relatives for their true support.

Pu Speaker, we have a state government for 30 years but development is not going equally as expected. There are still some families in my constituency who could hardly afford 2 meals a day. Therefore, I would like to request everyone to promote sustainable development and it is important to work together so that our policy can be successful.

In conclusion, it is best for this government to run smoothly. As mentioned by the Speaker, there should be no unnecessary shouting and unnecessary criticism in this House and we need to be an example to everyone else. Pu Speaker, I would like to

extend my best wishes to the Council of Ministers in particular to help run the House smoothly without copying the bad practices of other states. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am pleased that the Ninth Assembly Session has begun and I congratulate you on your honourable and high position. I believe this determines your personal quality and I would also like to thank the people of Dampa for electing me for the second term.

On the other hand, senior members are valuable and we should follow their footsteps inside the House. I would like to say that we will try to conduct constructive opposition and we expect to go boldly and strongly.

The hon. Chief minister does not support the use of the word 'honourable' but this is a respectful word which is practised for over 50 years. Pu Speaker, I wish you the best to gently administer orders from your chair in order to rebuild this nation that is falling apart. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Rasik Mohan Chakma.

PU RASIK MOHAN CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, thank you. I am fortunate to be a part of the first sitting for Ninth Mizoram Legislative Assembly Session. I congratulate the hon. Speaker at his first sitting. I also thank Tuichawng Constituency for giving me the chance to represent them.

I sincerely hope that the new ministry will do more for my constituency. It is one of the most backward constituencies with little or no road infrastructure. I believe that this ministry will give equal importance to my constituency in terms of development. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Robert Romawia.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. I sincerely congratulate you on your post as Speaker of the House. It has been mentioned that your position should have been given to the more senior members and not a first timer. However, I believe this is a new approach.

I thank the people of Hachhek Constituency from the bottom of my heart for giving me the opportunity to represent them. Thank you.

SPEAKER : It is apparent that expectation for the new ministry is quite high and we will do our best to deliver those expectations.

I would like to mention that I am not the only one who have held the post of Speaker of the House as a first timer. It was also held by Pu Thangridema, Pu H. Thansanga and Pu Kenneth Chawngliana on their first term.

We have concluded our business for today. We will continue the Session tomorrow at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned. (12:51 PM)