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#### OBITUARY

**No. H.13011/1/2012-POL, the 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 :** The Government of Mizoram has learnt with profound sorrow the sad demise of Brig. T. Sailo, former Chief Minister, Mizoram on 27.03.2015.

Brig. T. Sailo s/o Pu Vanchheuva, Chief of Thuampui and Pi Hrangvungi was born on 01.01.1922 at Lunglei. He was married to Pi Thansiami d/o Dr. P.S. Dahrawka and had three sons and a daughter.

He passed his Matriculation Examination in the first division from Shillong in 1940 with letters in four subjects. He proceeded to Serampore College to study Intermediate of Science but later joined the Indian Army in 1942. He saw active action in the Burma front during the Second World War. He joined the Assam Regiment in 1944 and went again to Burma theatre and returned in 1947. He served as Commandant, Assam Regiment Centre, Shillong for many years. He was awarded AVSM for his meritorious work for the flood victims in Bihar Sub-Area. He was the first among the Mizos to become Lieutenant Colonel in 1960, promoted to full Colonel in September 1963, and to Brigadier in 1966.

He founded the Mizoram Human Rights Committee in 1974. His endeavour to serve the people through Human Rights was greatly appreciated by the people of Mizoram. On 17<sup>th</sup> April, 1975, he founded the People's Conference Party and was elected as its first President.

He was arrested under MISA and jailed at Nowgong Special Jail for ten months. After his release in March, 1977, he resumed his work for the people of Mizoram even more vigorously. He was elected to the State Legislative Assembly in 1978 from Aizawl North

Constituency and on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 1978, he was sworn in as the second Chief Minister of Mizoram. However, the Assembly was dissolved a few months later.

He was again returned from the same constituency in the 1979 Assembly elections and was sworn in for the second time as the Chief Minister. Under his leadership the relation between the armed forces and the civilians improved greatly. He also developed strong ties with the Centre. He laid a strong foundation for the development of Mizoram through his untiring efforts, vision and commitment.

He was elected as MLA in 1984 as People's Conference party candidate. In 1998, he was again elected as MLA from Mamit Constituency and again in 2008 from Aizawl West-II constituency. He was the oldest sitting MLA in 2013 at the age of 91 years. He was awarded Padma Shree in 1999.

The Government of Mizoram places on record its deep appreciation of the sincere services rendered by Brig. T. Sailo and conveys its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

May his soul rest in peace.

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Chief Secretary  
Government of Mizoram