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OBITUARY

No. H.13011/1/2012-POL, the 27th March, 2015 : The Government of Mizoram has learnt with profound sorrow the sad and untimely demise of Paty Ripple Kyndiah, popularly known as P.R. Kyndiah, former Governor of Mizoram on 26.3.2015.

Shri P.R. Kyndiah was born in 1928 and brought up in Shillong. He was married to Gavvy Khyriem and had three sons and three daughters.

He was associated with the Indian National Congress at his early life and took up active part in the freedom movement of the country. In 1964, he plunged in the Hill State movement in North Eastern India spearheaded by the All Party Hill Leaders Conference.

During his political career, he held many posts, a few of which were as Municipal Commissioner in 1962, Chairman of the Shillong Civil Body in 1967 till 1972, Member of provisional Meghalaya Assembly in 1970 till 1993, State Cabinet Minister in 1975-76, 1978-79, 1983, 1986-88, State Home Minister and Acting Chief Minister during the crucial years of the students movement in 1987-88, Leader of Opposition in 1987-88 during which he played a notable and constructive role in the affairs of the House and the State, Chairman of Estimate Committee, Public Undertaking Committee etc, Chairman High Powered Meghalaya Commission on resource mobilization in 1988-89, Speaker of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly from 1989 to 1993, veteran leader of the Congress party in the North Eastern Region and an active member of the All India Congress Committee.

He founded Shillong Co-operative Urban Bank in 1964 and Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd..

As an active member of the Assam Sangeet Natak Academy, he wrote many papers on drama, music and tribal dance. He was the Chief of Red Cross in Assam and later on in Meghalaya and was involved in the massive relief operation organized for the Bangladesh refugees who fled to India from the erstwhile East Pakistan in 1971. He was a great writer and wrote many popular books. He became the Governor of Mizoram on February 10, 1993 and held the esteemed position till January 10, 1998.

The Government of Mizoram placed on record its deep appreciation of the sincere services rendered by Shri P.R. Kyndiah and conveys its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

May his soul rest in peace.

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Chief Secretary
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