

State: Mizoram

Period: Legislative Assembly elections, 1998

Name of voter:

Assembly Constituency:

Polling Station:

Title: I WILL CHOOSE MY LEADER

This incident happened during Legislative Assembly Election, 1998 in a small village under undivided Aizawl District.

There was a village called Rasthali which is now in Kolasib District but was under Aizawl District during that time. The Village was quite remote and there were neither proper roads nor vehicles to travel to and fro. In that village there was a young male who earned his living by selling woods/timber to the neighboring village.

It was the 23rd of February, 1998. It was declared a public holiday by the Government as it was Poll Day. But for this youth there was no holiday. As usual he went out early in the morning to sell his woods/timber to the neighboring village which was about 8 KMs away from his village and had to walk the whole way as there was no conveyance.

As it was Poll Day for the Legislative Assembly Election, after selling his wood/timber, he hurried back on foot all the way, traveling another 8 KMs to his village where the polling station was located.

He cast his vote just before the close of poll as he was determined and willing to exercise his duty as a citizen of India and choose the candidate

whom he thinks fit to become the leader of the State. Till this day he never misses an opportunity to vote, even though his economic circumstances are not the best.