

After settling somewhere in Burma (Myanmar), they immigrated into Lushai Hills (Mizoram), Manipur, Tripura, etc. In the present Mizoram, they first occupied places like Champhai, Vanlaiphai, Saitual, etc. where they offered a sacrifice to a snake god. This mode of ritual was called *simbak*. The date of migration was not known.⁹

After several years passed, they migrated to Cachar, Assam from Mizoram. Tribal migration also took place from Tripura. Jagadis Gan-Chaudhuri writes, "Following intra-tribal feuds, a large number of Rangkhals (sic. Irangkhols) community had left Tripura for Haflong in Assam in the distant past."¹⁰ In North Cachar Hills, Dr. Tanmay Battacherjee writes, "...the Irangkhawls had their hamlets here (Haflong) for a long time".¹¹ In 18th century, a large group moved to the plain Cachar from Mizoram and some lived in North Cachar Hills, Assam.¹² K. Zawla asserted that they departed Mizoram in 1750.¹³ Perhaps, it was the last group migration that took place. It was said that as this large group were crossing the river named 'Tuiruang dung' (Barak river) by boats, a danger sign of disaster suddenly appeared on them. Therefore, the ropes of the boats were cut off by some one. Hence, a great split occurred between them. Some group moved to North Cachar, some moved down to South Cachar and far to Tripura.¹⁴ As a

⁹ Interview with Chonbuangril of Michikhur, on 28th April, 1997.

Information from Laphirthang of Lungkhok, date 1st June, 1997. Cf. Dangliana, *Irangkhawl Hnam*, pp.22,23; Rev. Liangkhaia (ed.), *Mizo Chanchin*, Fourth Edition, Aizawl, 1976, p.7.

¹⁰ Jagadis Gan-Chaudhuri (ed.), *The Perennially Charming Tripura in Tripura: The Land and its People*, Delhi, 1980, p.12.

¹¹ Dr. Tanmay Battacherjee, "From Gunjung to Haflong-The story of the Head Quarters" in *100 years of Haflong Centenary Commemorative Souvenir (1895-1995)*, Haflong, 1995, p.26.

¹² Sipra Sen, "Brief description of the Tribes" in *Tribes of Mizoram (1840-1990)*, New Delhi, 1992, pp.7-11. Cf. Lt. Colonel. J. Shakespear, *The Lushai Kuki Clans*, Part II, Aizawl, 1975, p.183.

¹³ K. Zawla (ed.), *Mizo Pi Pute leh an Thlahthe Chanchin*, 6th Edition, Aizawl, 1993, p.151.

¹⁴ Interview with Chonsuilian of Tangpui, on 14th May, 1997. Information from Rev. Kashi Irangkhawl of Tripura, date 12th July, 1997. Information from Chungliamril of Loskor, N.C. Hills, date 24th June, 1997.