

Section VIII

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (ROIREL DAN)

The Administration of justice are divided in 3 (three) categories:-

- (a) **Village Court (Gaonbura):-** The case, offences like ininor hurt (inphop), theft, defamation (baiirsuk milak) intimidation (khaibang), compensation dispute, cattle ownership dispute, land cattle loose (belali) etc. are dealt in village court, the customary practices are from the ancient fore fathers.

At the bottom, trial is dispensed at the village Council, headed by Gaonbura (G.B.) in his residence, assists by the prominent village elders (tar ulien) and the next eldestmost (szom).'

The complainant has to complain his grievances to the Gaonbura (GB). On hearing the grievances, the Gaonbura (GB) may permit him/her (it depends under circumstances) to call for trial/justice in the village court. Sometimes the petty/minor cases are solved by Gaonbura (GB) himself, without holding the Panchayat/Cabinet. If it is necessary to call the Panchayat, the Gaonbura(GB) accords him/her permission, thereafter the person/party has to bring a pitcher of zu called Devanseng (Court fee) and then he may to place the grievances before the court.

In the trail, if the particular complaint, the case the guilty person/ party is liable to pay a fine/compensation as decided by the court which carries according to the gravity of the offence.

Satha:- In some particulars cases; like theft, hurt, divorce adultery etc. has to be performed, the Satha by ho lost the case, the person/party has to pay a medium size of pig called Sakeminli or a pair of elder cock/ and a pitcher of zu.

This pig or cocks will be killed and eaten up by the all people associated with solving the case as the mark of swearing and witness.

Pafong Court (Within the clan and clan):- The case like juorruk Nujuor, Irchonluo, Palanta-roi etc. are solved within the clan and clan. The eldest in age of the clan, male/female (Paforng ulien Nujuor ulien) be the chief of the Court.

- (c) **Halam Court (Halam roirel):-** The kalim is the chief in Halam Court, there are several village courts under his jurisdiction in N.C. Hills, he can be called the chief of the Hrangkhols' Community of entire district.

The Kalim may send his representative called kalim Sabok to the court/council. He is assisted by other officials called Kabur, Chapia, mauza and Prominent elder persons.

- (i) The case like Pabi, deltha (divorce case) bisoi roi (Halam council matters).
- (ii) Murder case (Hnalinsat/Mithat) - and the gruvous hurt (inphop/liem).
- (iii) A person/ party can appeal to the Halam Court, if he/she is dissatisfied in the judgment from the village court or from the Paforng court, he/she may appeal to the Subordinate Autonomous Council Court.