

THE ROLE OF TRADITIONAL LEADERS IN THE NEW DISPENSATION

- 1 Under the discussion of fundamental rights (Annexure C) the technical committee is required to address the issue of the role of traditional leaders in the new dispensation.
- 2 It is highly recommended that the sub-committee be constituted to look into this matter.
- 3 We would like the sub-committee to bear the following in mind:-
 - (a) Traditional leaders still exercise some measure of authority over their subjects.
 - (b) The allocation of land (residential as well as business land) is still the prerogative of the traditional leaders.
 - (c) Our view is that we are gradually moving away from the practice of communal towards individual ownership of land.
 - (d) The administration of the justice (especially the hearing of certain criminal cases, falls within the jurisdiction of the Chiefs.
 - (e) Customary marriage is still a recognised and practised institution in our country.
 - (f) The hearing of civil cases within the area of a chief's jurisdiction should also not be lost sight of.
 - (g) Representation of traditional leaders in the various levels of government (Central, Regional and Local) must be considered.
 - (h) The Law of Succession of the Blacks.


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