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CHIEF MINISTER RELEASES BOOK

Shillong, May 25, 2004: "Ka Jymbriew bad Ka Thymmei Longkur Longjait U Khasi", a book written by Rev. I Kharkongor was released by the Meghalaya Chief Minister, Dr. D D Lapang today at an impressive function held at the Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian (KJP) Assembly, Conference Hall, Shillong.

While appreciating the efforts of the Author of the Book for his contributions to enrich and put in records the different aspects of the Khasi Society, Dr. Lapang said that the people of Khasi Hills are bestowed with many talents and he felt that these talents should be utilised fully and judiciously for uplifting the society.

Expressing his concern on the influx of Bad Books in the society, he said that children and the youth should be encouraged to read good books that will built up their mind in a positive way.

Concluding his speech, Dr. Lapang hope that the Book will help to build up a better society equipped with moral values where the world will look with dignity and respect.

Dr. Lapang was accompanied by the C.E.M., KHADC, Mr. Prestone Tynsong and the Minister for Cooperation, Mr. Charles Pyngrope.

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MR. PAUL LYNGDOH SEEKS CLARIFICATION

Shillong, May 25, 2004: Meghalaya Minister for Sports & Youth Affairs, Mr. Paul Lyngdoh has directed the Director of Sports & Youth Affairs, Meghalaya, to prepare a detailed report on the status of various pending bills of the Directorate.

In his letter, Mr. Lyngdoh said that with a view of promoting sporting culture in the State, the Directorate has supported various sports events by way of grants-in-aid, sports materials and trophies. However, over the years, the manner of distribution of such assistance has found to be defective and dedicated by considerations, not in conformity with the smooth running of the Department. This has resulted in Supplier's Bills remaining pending and litigation filed against the Department. Citing his inability to understand how a single firm could claim payment exceeding Rs. 1 (one) crore, the Minister has directed that a detailed report be submitted to him indicating how such enormous bills were allowed to accumulate, the justification for placing huge orders in absence of sanction and the name of suppliers utilised.

The Minister desires that the report be submitted to him by June 14 next.