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MR. MUKTIEH VISITS MAWLONG

Shillong, May 27, 2004: With a view to bring all-round development closer to the people, Meghalaya Minister for Soil Conservation, Mr. P W Muktieh, and a host of Officers of different Departments visited Mawlong, Ri Bhoi District, on May 26 last.

During his interaction with the public, Mr. Muktieh assured speedy development of the village in terms of electricity, water supply, road communication and others. At the same time, he strongly urged the people to cooperate with the Departments for the benefit of the area.

Mr. Muktieh dwelt upon the urgent need that people should judiciously exploit the rich natural resources, particularly forests, so that fertility of the soil is preserved..

Others speaking on the occasion were the Executive Engineer, PWD Umsning, D.O. (Soil), Block Development Officer, Umling, S.D.O., PWD, S.D.O., MeSEB and Headmen of different villages. The meeting was presided over by Mr. R Lyngdoh.

CM INAUGURATE 40TH BRANCH OF MCAB AT BHOIRYMBONG

Shillong, May 27, 2004: Meghalaya Chief Minister, Dr. D D Lapang, today inaugurated the 40th Branch Office of the Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd., (MCAB) at Bhoi Rymbong, Ri Bhoi District, about 40Kms from here. The Chief Minister was accompanied by the C&RD Minister, Mr. J D Rymbai, Cooperation Minister, Mr. C Pyngrope and the Minister of State, Mr. S W Rymbai who is also the local MLA of the area. The inaugural function was presided over by Mr. G Myllemngap, Chairman, MCAB Ltd.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Lapang said that the MCAB, as one of the premier financial institutions in the State, has rendered various public utility services. It has been playing a pivotal role in the promotion and strengthening of cooperative movement and serving the rural development through the affiliated Cooperative Societies, he added.

Dr. Lapang felt that the financial assistance rendered by the Bank in the Agriculture sector, Handlooms, Handicrafts, Transport and Tourism development etc., should be made aware among the rural masses so as to enable the people to avail the opportunities offered by the bank.

Dr. Lapang also urged upon the people to patronize the bank by depositing their money which in return will reward them in the form of interest, loan facilities and the most important factor, security for their money.

While stressing the importance of trust and credibility, Dr. Lapang said that the people should not be defaulters with the bank but to pay their loans in time so that they can also avail other facilities from the bank.

He also urged upon the bank authorities to play the role of a supporting agency for the rural people who require the assistance of the bank.

He hoped that this branch of the bank will help develop the Bhoi Rymbong area economically.

It may be mentioned that as a mark to commence the working of the bank and as a sign to encourage the people, the Chief Minister, Dr. D D Lapang, Minister for C & RD, Mr. J D Rymbai, Minister for Cooperation, Mr. C Pyngrope and Minister of State, Mr. S W Rymbai has opened their saving account with the bank.