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OFFICIAL RESOLUTIONS

Two Official Resolutions have been received and admitted by the Speaker to be taken up on Friday, March 19, 1982.

1. "Whereas under the customary law and practices, in Mizo Society a male member can claim his right over a girl only because of his making love earlier with the girl;

And, whereas, such a system under which girls are often subjected to a wretched condition which brought down the status of women in the whole society;

And, whereas, the well being of a society depends on the moral sense of the society;

And, whereas, such practices are also against the religious belief of the Mizo society;

And, whereas, it is necessary to emancipate the women of the Mizo society by doing away with such evil practices;

Now, therefore, this House resolves to put an end to such so-called right of the man over a girl on the basis of Mizo customary law and practices and requests the Govt. to take all necessary steps to give effect of this resolution as early as practicable.”

2. “Whereas, under the Customary Law applicable to the Mizo society, the penalty for sexual offences leading to birth of illegitimate children is so meager that it does not serve as a deterrent against such undesirable practices;

And, whereas, such a system under which young girls are duped into a situation leading to the birth of illegitimate children which affects not only such mothers and such children but also their relationship with different members in the family and affects family life which is the basic foundation on which the well being of a society is built upon;

And, whereas, the well being of a society depends on the moral sense of the society;

And, whereas, such practices are also alien to the religious belief of the Mizo society;

And, whereas there is now a great amount of public opinion against such indulgence in illegitimate relationship in the Mizo society;

Now, therefore, this House is of opinion that the Government should take all necessary steps, administrative as well as legal to put an end to such undesirable practices in the society.”

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SECRETARY