

"On and from the commencement of this Act in the Union territory of Mizoram and until other provisions in this behalf are made by a competent Legislature or other competent authority, the administration of justice in those areas of that Union Territory which are not comprised in any autonomous district under the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution shall be carried on, so far as may be, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5 of that Schedule, as if those areas were comprised in an autonomous district under that Schedule and the provisions of the said paragraphs were in force in those areas and for those purposes -

- (i) all powers and functions of the District Council under the provisions of the said paragraph 4 shall be exercised and discharged by the Administrator or any officer appointed by him in this behalf,
- (ii) the said paragraph 5 shall have effect as if reference to the District Council, the Regional Council and the courts constituted by the District Council, by whatever form of words, had been omitted therefrom, and
- (iii) references to Governor in the said paragraphs 4 and 5 shall be construed as references to the Administrator".

The Government of Union Territories Act, 1963 as amended in 1971 came into force in the Union Territory of Mizoram on 3/5/72. So, the transitional provision i.e. the continuance of the courts constituted under the Lushai Hills Autonomous District (Administration of Justice) Rules, 1953 even after dissolution of the District Council, came into effect from 3/5/1972. So far no alternative provision could be made till 20/2/1987, as required in sec. 54 of the Government of Union Territories Act, 1963 and thus the transitional provision continued to remain in force sanctifying the life of these courts. On and from 20/2/87, the Government of Union Territories Act, 1963 ceased to apply to Mizoram, as it becomes a State. A specific provision has been made for further continuance of these courts in sec. 45 of the State of Mizoram Act, 1986 which is also a Central Act. Sec. 45 of the State of Mizoram Act, 1986 provides as follows :

"All courts and tribunals and all authorities discharging lawful functions throughout the existing Union Territory of Mizoram or any part thereof immediately before the appointed day shall, unless their continuance is inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or until other provision is made by a competent legislature or other competent authority, continue to exercise their respective functions".

Since 21.1.1972 the districts of Aizawl and Lunglei in Mizoram having ceased