

**PROCEEDINGS AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED DURING THE 42ND SESSION OF THE  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF BHUTAN HELD ON 25.5.1975 CORRESPONDING TO 15TH  
DAY OF 4TH MONTH OF WOOD RABBIT YEAR**

1. MATTER RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF LAND TO THE LANDLESS PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN BHUTAN

Due to the increase in the number of landless people in Southern Bhutan every year, a thorough examination into the matter would be conducted by the Royal Advisory Council. On receipt of the recommendation of the Royal Advisory Council, the distribution of land would be undertaken. The government would select suitable sites for the allotment, and in case of scarcity of water, irrigation channels would be constructed by way of assistance. Those expressing a lack of interest on the allotted land would be debarred from any claim when such land was again allotted in future.

2. MATTER RELATING TO EXEMPTION OF TAX ON CENTRAL MONK BODY AND RABDEYS' FIREWOOD COLLECTION

It was decided that no firewood tax would be levied on Central Monk Body and other Rabdeys provided they issued a certificate stating that the firewood in question meant for the Central Monk Body and other Rabdeys.

3. MATTER RELATING TO INSTALLATION OF WIRELESS STATION AT DAGAPELA AND YANGTSE DZONG

The Assembly discussed the matter regarding the installation of wireless stations at Dagapela and Yangtse. Since no provision had been made for the purpose in the Third Five Year Plan, it was decided that the Ministry of communications should include the schemes in the Fourth Five Year Plan.

4. MATTER RELATING TO RESTRICTION ON THE PEOPLE OF EASTERN BHUTAN FROM TEMPORARY SETTLEMENT IN INDIA

Since the time of their ancestors, the people of Dungsam Shumar had gone to Tsoki in India for residing there in winter, and had brought back rice and other essential commodities on their return. However, in view of the government of India's strict restrictions from this year on the export of rice to Bhutan, the people of Dungsam Shumar were not facing difficulties. As such, the Ministry of Development assured them assistance by way of providing food

commodities. However, though they were permitted free movement in connection with trade, the people of Dungsam Shumar were strictly prohibited from settling down in Indian territory. The Hon'ble Home Minister would investigate the migration and report back to the next session of the Assembly for a decision on the matter.

5. MATTER RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF FERTILISERS TO THE PUBLIC

As per the request of the public of Bumthang regarding the distribution of fertilizers it was decided that the Ministry of Development would try to obtain fertilizers from neighbouring countries and sell the same to the public at subsidized rates.

6. MATTER RELATING TO THE BENBI CHANNEL OF TONGSA

It was decided that the Ministry of Development would undertake the early construction of Benbi irrigation channel in Tongsa after examining the feasibility of the scheme.

7. MATTER RELATING TO THE EXTRACTION OF MINERALS

It was stated that although the Geological Survey had been functioning in Bhutan for a long time, no progress seemed to have been made so far. Since progress in this field was very important, it was decided that the Ministry for Trade, Industry & Forests would look into the matter and submit his report to the next session of the National Assembly.

8. MATTER RELATING TO REGULATIONS CONCERNING INSURED BUILDINGS

It was decided that for eligibility for compensation, the insurance premium for buildings would have to be deposited within the months of January and February each year. In case of failure to do the same, no compensation would be payable even to those who had paid premium the previous year. The premium for the various categories of buildings was to be deposited as per prescribed rates e.g the owner of a class II building was not to deposit the premium for a class I building.

9. MATTER RELATING TO OPENING OF TRANSPORT SERVICE

Although motorable roads had been opened to some of the Dzongkhag, the Government had not been able to organize transport services to certain areas, where vehicles were not permitted to carry passengers. This caused the public great inconvenience. As such, new transport facilities were introduced in the following places on a fixed time-table.

Tongsa to Bumthang and vice versa once a week (to be introduced). Mongar to Tashigang and vice versa twice a week. Wangdiphodrang to Tongsa and vice versa thrice a week. Tongsa to Shemgang and vice versa twice a week.

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