

their own for the integrity of the Christian living standard in the Hrangkhoh inhabited area. In this connection, a joint-committee was formed and its first committee was held on 12/2/92 at Zion Presbyterian Church, Haflong.²⁴ This Tangram Presbytery is spearheaded by Hrangkhoh people but at the same time, there are members from Khasi, Nepali, Sakachep, and Biate people.

As a result of this movement, a new presbytery called Tangram Presbytery was created out of Haflong Presbytery in 1993, and was formally constituted on the 25th April, 1995 at Zion Presbyterian Church by the CHT Synod.²⁵ According to the statistical report of 1996 the presbytery consists of 14 full fledged local churches and three branch churches.²⁶ At present there are four ordained pastors and one probationary pastor, serving in pastoral ministry within the Tangram Presbytery. In spite of their poverty and economic backwardness the financial contribution of this new presbytery to the pastoral fund of the CHT Synod has been steady and highly commendable.

4. The Administrative Structure

The head quarter of the Tangram presbytery with its own building is located at Zion village from where the office is run. In the Presbyterian system, the Executive Secretary is considered to be the chief functionary. However, this presbytery has no such Executive Secretary at present for want of sufficient trained workers. For this reason, the Session Secretary is at present taking care of all office and administrative matters. The activities of the presbytery are as follows:

²³ Minutes of the 30th Session of Tang District dt. 27th-29th, Feb., 1989

²⁴ Minutes of the Tangram Presbytery, 1993 p. 6

²⁵ Ibid., p. 8 of Sumchonlal Hrangkhoh, op.cit., p. 32