PROFILE OF PILER VILLAGE

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Piler village is located in the eastern side of Mizoram within Serchhip district about 145 kilometers away from the capital of Mizoram (Aizawl). According to 2011 census, the total population is 467 (236 male and 231 female).

Pic 1 : Photo of Piler Village.

A sketch of Piler Village

Pic 2 : A sketch of Piler Village.
Piler village was formed in 1910 and the village derived its name from the famous chief of the village named ‘Pileri’. In 1966, there was an outbreak of insurgency in Mizoram. The Government came up with a plan of grouping several villages under one group called grouping village or grouping centre. Piler village was also grouped into Khawlailung village along with adjoining villages in 1967 and later re-grouped again at the same place since 1972.

Pic 3 : Memorial stone of Pileri.
In 1910, the two Christian missionaries Mr Khuma and Mr Duma came to the village and preached the words of God, and then three teenagers Thangruaia, Suakkhuma and Lalzika converted into Christian. They built a Church at the below mentioned place and used to have worship service in the Church. Now (2014), there are two Churches at Piler village.

Pic 4 : The place of the first Church of the village.

In 1934, Mr Liansawia was appointed as the first teacher in this village by the Welsh Mission. During his teachership, he worked so hard to educate the villagers but the village authority did not pay any heed. So, only two students viz. P.C.Lalchhunga and Hautea had passed Lower Primary. Then the School Inspector felt that the village was not fit for having a school, therefore, Mr Liansawia was also transferred out from Piler village.
When King Edward-VIII was died in 1972, the Government of Mizoram issued notifications to all the Chiefs of Mizoram to lay the memorial stone of the departed King in each village. Following the Government order, the people of Piler village also laid King Edward VIII memorial stone at the village.

Pic 5 : King Edward VIII's memorial stone.
A brief report of the present condition of the village are as follows:

1. No. of households : 84
2. No. of schools :- 1) Government Middle School : 1
               2) Government Primary School : 1
3. No. of anganwadi centre : 2
4. No. of creche centre : 1
5. No. of retailer : 1
6. No. of Village Council : 1
7. No. of Village Council member : 3
8. No. of church : 2
9. No. of BPL families : 41
10. No. of person who are in service sector : 14
11. No. of women Self Help Group : 11

Agriculture is the mainstay of the village economy. In 2013, five households have grown coffee successfully in Piler area and sold their output to Indian Coffee Board at Bualpui village and exported around 26 quintals of coffee to other states. The total income from coffee was Rs. 4,68,000/- (approx.)

The people of Piler also sold charcoal which cost Rs. 300/- per bag to other villages and the total amount of income from charcoal in 2013 was Rs. 1,80,000/- (approx.).

Ginger is one of the main products from this village. They sold at various rates and the money collected totaled Rs. 18,00,000/- (approx.) in 2013.

There are three grocery shops, their daily needs are obtained from Khawlailung village and other nearby villages. They are self sufficient in vegetables as they have grown in large numbers.

Various centrally R.D schemes like National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP), Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) and National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) have been implemented in this village and there are many beneficiaries in the said schemes.