

functions is land allocation and deprivation. Regarding this function, the majority of chiefs have so abused their powers that the whole nation accuses them of malpractices.

Another function which our chiefs have failed to carry out as arms of government, is to execute all laws passed by Parliament and implement all government policies. Unfortunately some adopt a hostile or indifferent attitude when they are expected to execute these laws.

Do the chiefs really continue to draw such fat allowances with a clear conscience when they render this poor performance? We are all servants of the nation and we are paid our salaries in order to serve the nation and not become a burden to the taxpayer.

Let us now examine carefully by fact and figures how much this institution costs the taxpayers. Every year Parliament votes large sums of money for chieftainship:

R24,150 for the civil list:  
R56,000 for Principal and Ward Chiefs' Allowances;  
R62,530 for Chiefs' and Headmen's Allowances;  
R700 for Chiefs' acting allowances;  
R800 for other allowances for Chiefs and Headmen;  
R2,000 Horse allowance for Chiefs' messengers;  
R24,000 for wages of clerks to Principal and Ward Chiefs and also their messengers.

Over and above, all Principal and Ward Chiefs, as members of the Senate, draw an additional allowance of R20,900.

It is unfortunate that our monarch agreed to be used by the M.F.P. to play off one group against another. What is most disappointing is that the M.F.P. declared itself the Royalist Party. This came to a head after the elections when the B.N.P. won 31 seats, the B.C.P. 29 and the M.F.P. 4, and then Motlotlehi nominated 3 B.N.P. Senators, 1 B.C.P. and 7 M.F.P. This was diametrically opposed to the wishes of the people. What baffled the whole.....