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### PART-IIA

#### GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

#### NOTIFICATIONS

The 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

#### OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject:- Guidelines for Compulsory Forensic Crime Scene Investigation.**

**No.HPL.271/2022/Pt/77.** - The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to frame the "Guidelines for Compulsory Forensic Crime Scene Investigation" for the mandatory visit of Forensic Experts to all crime scenes of heinous cases with punishment of Seven (7) years and above in the State of Meghalaya, as mandated by Section 176(3) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023:-

#### **AIMS & OBJECTIVES**

In order to bolster the conviction rates and fortify the criminal justice system, the collection of forensic evidence right from the initiation of any criminal investigation is paramount. An essential primary measure involves the professional management of crime scenes by forensic experts, encompassing the identification, location, collection, and careful packaging of physical evidence before it is sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory. In pursuit of this objective, the Directorate of Forensic Sciences, Meghalaya, has taken a significant stride by establishing the Mobile Forensic Crime Scene Unit. Furthermore, the Directorate has diligently appointed technical staff members tasked solely with conducting comprehensive forensic crime scene investigations. With the coming into effect of the BNSS, 2023, it is to be noted that section 176(3) of the new criminal procedure code mandates compulsory visit by Forensic Experts to crime scenes of crimes having punishment of Seven (7) Years and above. This Office Memorandum is designed to delineate explicit guidelines necessitating the mandatory utilization of forensic services at crime scenes in specific offenses that carry punishments exceeding seven years by all Investigating Officers (IOs) within the Meghalaya Police.

#### **Guidelines for Compulsory use of Forensic**

The Mobile Forensic Crime Scene Unit (MFCSU), Directorate of Forensic Sciences, Meghalaya has procured Mobile Forensic Crime Scene Vehicle which is equipped with state-of-the-art forensic kits to identify and collect physical, chemical, biological and digital evidence for crime scene management. The Unit shall have 1 (one) Forensic Crime Scene Vehicle per district for faster incident response time and also to procure fingerprint collection kit. The Forensic Scientific staff will provide technical and scientific assistance on the spot to the IOs whenever any need is arisen. These Mobile Forensic Crime Scene Vehicle shall be under the

direct administrative control of the Directorate of Forensic Sciences responsible as an independent entity to the Court of Law. However, they shall visit the scene of crime whenever called by the SPs of the respective Districts or any other Investigating agency of Meghalaya Police.

The following guidelines are hereby provided to ensure the efficient utilization of the Mobile Forensic Crime Scene Vehicles:

**A. For requisition of Mobile Forensic Vans:-**

1. Upon the report of any incident where the Officer-in-Charge of the respective Police Station or Investigating Officer (IO) anticipates the registration of an offence carrying a punishment exceeding seven years, and deems it necessary to gather forensic evidence from the crime scene, they shall promptly request the presence of the Mobile Forensic Crime Scene Unit by telephone call to the In-charge of the MFCSU or the respective District In-charge of the Unit.
2. Subsequently, the Officer-in-Charge of the respective Police Station or the IO must perform initial photography of the crime scene and refrain from further disturbance of the same, instead, their responsibility shall be to safeguard the area, attend to the injured & take photographs of injury if any, remove all persons from the scene, barricade it, and prevent any potential contamination.
3. The SP of the respective District or respective investigating agency is mandated to formally request the Director of Forensic Sciences, Meghalaya, or the designated authority in charge of the Mobile Forensic Crime Scene Unit, or the relevant authority responsible for the Mobile Forensic Crime Scene Vehicle within the respective district.

**B. For Forensic Crime Scene Investigation**

1. The designated authority overseeing the Mobile Forensic Crime Scene Vehicle shall be a Scientific Officer or a Senior Scientific Assistant of the Mobile Forensic Crime Scene Unit, DFS, Meghalaya who is entrusted with the task of inspecting the crime scene, documenting its particulars, identifying pertinent evidence, lifting such evidence for forensic purposes and packaging of the same. The Investigation process is to be video-graphed throughout by the responding Forensic Unit.
2. Subsequent to the inspection, the designated authority, in consultation with the IO, will assess if the crime scene has been contaminated. Based on this evaluation, a decision will be made regarding the appropriateness of collecting and preserving the evidence. In the event of an uncontaminated scene, the designated team will meticulously document all evidence, including its packaging and labelling. Conversely, if extreme gross contamination is identified, the designated authority reserves the right after consultation with the Officer-in-Charge of the respective Police Station to decline any further forensic investigation of the crime scene.
3. Following the collection and sealing of evidence, the designated authority shall hand over the sealed evidence to the IO. Subsequently, the IO will initiate the preparation of a Seizure memo, which will be deposited in the police station Malkhana for later transmission to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) or Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) within 15 days.
4. All procedures conducted by the IO and the Mobile Forensic Crime Scene Unit, from the initial inspection to the handover of evidence, must be meticulously recorded in the IO's Case Diary.
5. If feasible, independent witnesses may be summoned to participate in the process of collecting forensic evidence. Their statements under section 103 (4) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha (Second) Sanhita, 2023, must be duly recorded to corroborate the proceedings.

**ROLE OF SUPERVISORY OFFICERS**

The supervisory officers *i.e.* DSPs and above shall personally ensure that in all cases in which punishment is more than 7 (seven) years, the Mobile Forensic Crime Scene Unit shall be summoned at the spot and carry out proper Forensic Investigation.

**Heinous cases covered by this Office Memorandum are:**

1. Offences against women and children having punishment more than 7 years.
2. Offences under Protection of Children from sexual offences (POCSO) Act 2012, The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956.
3. Murder, culpable homicide, attempt to murder, grievous hurt, acid attack, outraging modesty of woman, rape, gang rape, robbery, dacoity.
4. Offences under Arms Act.
5. Serious road accident cases.
6. Any other cases/incident as deem fit by concerned Superintendent of Police.

**C. V. D. DIENGDH,**  
Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Home (Police) Department.

The 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

**No.SCD.15/2024/7.** - The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to notify the Department of Soil & Water Conservation, Government of Meghalaya, as the Nodal Department for the implementation of the State Coffee Mission in the State, with immediate effect and till further orders.

**JORAM BEDA,**  
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Soil & Water Conservation Department.

The 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

**No.SCD.15/2024/8.** - The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to notify the "Meghalaya State Watershed & Wasteland Development Agency (MSWWDA) as the implementing Agency of the State Coffee Mission in the State, with immediate effect, till further orders.

The Agency shall function as the State Coffee Mission Agency and report to the Nodal Department.

**JORAM BEDA,**  
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Soil & Water Conservation Department.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2024.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**No.LR(B).23/2024/19.** - In continuation with the Office Memorandum No.LR(B)50/2017/19, dated Shillong the 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, of this Department fixing the rate of fees for Panel Advocates appearing on behalf of the State Government of Meghalaya at the Supreme Court, National Green Tribunal and Other Benches/Courts/Tribunals, the Government of Meghalaya is pleased to decide as under:-

1. The Panel Advocates shall be entitled to fee of one appearance in a day only.
2. The Panel Advocate shall be entitled to appear in a case on behalf of the State Government only upon marking or allotment of the case by the Learned Advocate General. The Panel Advocates shall not be entitled to appearance fee if the case has not been allotted or marked to the Panel Advocate.
3. The Panel Advocate shall also communicate in writing the proceedings of the case to Office of the Advocate General at the earliest, preferably within a period of one week of appearance in the case and also to the concerned Department.
4. In any case, not more than two Panel Advocates, in addition to the Standing Counsel, shall be entitled to fee for appearance/argument in a particular case on a particular date.
5. Rest of the terms and conditions of the Office Memorandum No.LR(B)50/2017/19, dated Shillong the 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 shall continue to remain in force.

This Office Memorandum shall take effect from the date of issue.

**C. V. D. DIENGDOH,**  
Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Law (B) Department.

The 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.

**No.PW/Admn/39/2015/Pt.I/38.** - In the interest of works of the Department and for administrative convenience, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to order transfer of the following Road indicated below with immediate effect and until further orders:-

Name of Roads	Length in Kms.	Transfer	
		From	To
Rongjeng-Bamil Adokgre Road	2 Kms.	P.W.D. (Roads), Williamnagar Division, Williamnagar.	P.W.D. (Roads), Mawshynrut Division, Mawshynrut.

**K. K. MAWA,**  
Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
Public Works (R&B) Department.

The 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.

**No.EDN.217/99/870.** - In order to fix the accountability of the School Management in the matter of Safety and Security of Children studying in Government, Government- aided and Private Schools and in exercise of the power under section 35 (2) of the RTE Act, 2009 and as per its mandate under Rule 93 of the Juvenile Justice Model Rules, 2016, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to notify the 'Guidelines on School Safety and Security' in the State, as appended to this notification.

**VIJAY KUMAR MANTRI,**

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Education Department.

The 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.

**No.PLA.36/2023/17.** - The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to notify Meghalaya Basin Development Authority as Secretariat for the Meghalaya State Council on Climate Change & Sustainable Development with immediate effect.

**VIJAY KUMAR D,**

Commissioner and Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Planning, Investment Promotion and  
Sustainable Development Department.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2024.

**No.DC.III/RA/140/2023/6.** - Whereas in exercise of the powers conferred by section 12 of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District (Khasi Social Custom of Lineage) Act, 1997, the Executive Committee, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council through the Registration Authority is pleased to pass the following order:-

Khasi Hills Autonomous District (Khasi Social Custom of Lineage) Act, 1997.

Preamble:- Whereas it has become expedient to accept the petitions for change of surname of the following Petitioners Smti. Prescila Lyngdoh to "Markhap" and Smti. Yashmin and Mehzabin "Choudhury" to "Markhap".

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1. Smti. Prescila Markhap.
2. Smti. Yashmin Markhap.
3. Mehzabin Markhap.

Now, therefore, it is satisfied that due procedure prescribed in the said Act was duly followed by the Petitioner and that the proposed change of surname is not in contravention of the prevailing Khasi Social Custom of Lineage in any way form hence the aforementioned Petitioner are allowed to assume the surname of Markhap and shall henceforth be known as such for all intents and purposes.

**A. L. BASAIAWMOIT,**  
Registration Authority,  
Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council,  
Shillong.

The 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2024.

**No.DC.III/RA/90/2024/5.** - Whereas in exercise of the powers conferred by section 12 of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District (Khasi Social Custom of Lineage) Act, 1997, the Executive Committee, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council through the Registration Authority is pleased to pass the following order:-

Khasi Hills Autonomous District (Khasi Social Custom of Lineage) Act, 1997.

Preamble:- Whereas it has become expedient to accept the petitions for the change of surname of the Petitioner from "Kharhujon" to "Kharnaioir".

1. Smti. Regina FulGida Kharnaioir.

Now, therefore, it is satisfied that due procedure prescribed in the said Act was duly followed by the Petitioner and that the proposed change of surname is not in contravention of the prevailing Khasi Social Custom of Lineage in any way form hence the aforementioned Petitioner is allowed to assume the surname of Kharnaioir and shall henceforth be known as such for all intents and purposes.

**A. L. BASAIAWMOIT,**  
Registration Authority,  
Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council,  
Shillong.

The 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

**No.JHADC/GENL/3/2012/233.** - The Executive Committee, Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council, Jowai is pleased to promote and appoint Shri Harbard Pariem, Assistant Forest Officer as Deputy Chief Forest, Officer, Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council, Jowai in the level of pay of ₹ 49,000-1,09,100/- p.m. plus other allowances as admissible under the rules in force with effect from the date of joining the post.

**B. BAMON,**  
Secretary,  
Executive Committee,  
Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council,  
Jowai.

The 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

**No.JHADC/GENL/3/2012/235.** - The Executive Committee, Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council, Jowai is pleased to appoint and promote Shri Dikil Pohchen, Assistant Chief Engineer, Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council, Jowai as the Chief Executive and Administrative Officer, Village and Town Administrative Department in the level of pay of ₹ 71,600-1,29,200/- plus other allowances as admissible under the rules in force with effect from the date of joining the post.

**B. BAMON,**  
Secretary,  
Executive Committee,  
Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council,  
Jowai.

The 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

**No.JHADC/GENL/EM/5/2009/425.** - In partial modification of this Office Notification No.JHADC/GENL/EM/5/2009/405, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2022, No.JHADC/GENL/EM/5/2009/420, dated 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 and No.JHADC/GENL/EM/5/2009/422, dated 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, the following subjects shall with immediate effect, constitute the Port Folios of the Chief Executive Member, Deputy Chief Executive Member and Member of the Executive Committee.

1. **Shri T. Shiwat, Chief Executive Member:-** General Administration, Establishment, Appointment, Posting and Transfer, Planning, Trading by Non-Tribal and Enforcement Machineries, Non Tribal Employees Service Licences, Taxes on Profession, Trades, Calling and Employments, Entry Tax on Vehicles (Check Point), Administration of District Council Fund, Revenue Receipt, Finance, Budget, Pension, Gratuitous Relief Fund, Investment, Relief and Rehabilitation, Investigation, Share of Royalty on Minor and Major Minerals, Permission and No Objection Certificate for setting up Plants and Industry, and any other types of No Objection Certificate. Land Revenue, Land Reform and Cadastral Survey, Land Holding Certificate and No Objection Certificate, Land Valuation, Non-Encumbrance Certificate, Land Acquisition and Compensation, Land Settlement, Mutation and Relinquishment of Pattas, Land Lease,

Buniaj Land, Puja Land, Service Land, Community Land, Religious Land and Land Rent for the area falling under the Elaka of Nartiang and all other subjects not allotted to any Members of the Executive Committee.

2. **Shri Lasky Rymbai, Deputy Chief Executive Member:-** Administration of Forest Department, Grant in aid from the State Forest for raising Plantation, Registration of Village and Sacred Grove, Community Forest, Private Forest and Zaminder Forest, Encroachment and Illegal Felling of Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council Protected Forest and Plantation, Permission for Felling of trees for Domestic purpose from Private Forest, Illegal Extraction of Stone Boulder and Sand and Mining Lease of all types of minerals, Weighbridges, Working Schemes, Custom and Usages and Codification of Customary Law, Land Revenue, Land Reform and Cadastral Survey, Land Holding Certificate and No Objection Certificate, Land Valuation, Non-Encumbrance Certificate, Land Acquisition and Compensation, Land Settlement, Mutation and Relinquishment of Pattas, Land Lease, Buniaj Land, Puja Land, Service Land, Community Land, Religious Land and Land Rent for the areas falling under the Elaka of Nongkhlieh.
4. **Shri W. G. Sungoh, Executive Member:-** Administration of Arts & Culture and Judicial Department, Share on Taxes on Motor Vehicles, Legislation of Act, Regulation and Rules, Land Revenue, Land Reform and Cadastral Survey, Land Holding Certificate and No Objection Certificate, Land Valuation, Non Encumbrance Certificate, Land Acquisition and Compensation, Land Settlement, Mutation and Relinquishment of Pattas, Land Lease, Buniaj Land, Puja Land, Service Land, Community Land, Religious Land and Land Rent for the areas falling under the Elaka of Raliang.
5. **Shri Lakhon Dkhar, Executive Member:-** Administration of Education Department, Land Revenue, Land Reform and Cadastral Survey, Land Holding Certificate and No Objection Certificate, Land Valuation, Non Encumbrance Certificate, Land Acquisition and Compensation, Land Settlement, Mutation and Relinquishment of Pattas, Land Lease, Buniaj Land, Puja Land, Service Land, Community Land, Religious Land and Land Rent for the areas falling under the Elakas of Amwi, Shilliang Myntang and Nongbah.

Port Folios in respect of other Members of the Executive Committee as notified *vide* the above Notifications remain unchanged.

Chief Executive Member,  
Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council,  
Jowai.

The 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

The following Licence is hereby published for general information of the Public

**LICENCE**

**TO SOLEMNISE MARRIAGE AND GRANT A CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE**  
**No.JHADC/GENL/MARR-408**

**No.JHADC/GENL/MARR/62/87/17(Pt-I).** – Under Section 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (Act No. XIV of 1872) as adopted and made applicable by the Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council, Licence is hereby granted to **Pastor Ha-oo Wanroiki Paslein**, Church elder of the **Church of God Meghalaya & Assam** belonging to **Church of God Meghalaya & Assam** enabling him to solemnise marriage in accordance with the relevant provisions and procedure of the Act aforesaid and to grant a Certificate of Marriage to Persons one or both are Christians belonging to the **Church of God Meghalaya & Assam**.

This Licence is applicable to the areas within Jaintia Hills only and may be revoked by a like Notification in the Official Gazette.

Secretary,  
Executive Committee,  
Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council,  
Jowai.

The 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

The following Licence is hereby published for general information of the Public

**LICENCE**

**TO SOLEMNISE MARRIAGE AND GRANT A CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE**  
**No.JHADC/GENL/MARR-409**

**No.JHADC/GENL/MARR/62/87/18(Pt-I).** – Under Section 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (Act No. XIV of 1872) as adopted and made applicable by the Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council, Licence is hereby granted to **Pro Pastor Dawanpynhun Syad**, Church elder of the **Pnar Thor Sepngi Presbytery** belonging to **Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian Synod Mihngi** enabling him to solemnise marriage in accordance with the relevant provisions and procedure of the Act aforesaid and to grant a Certificate of Marriage to Persons one or both are Christians belonging to the **Presbyterian Church of India**.

This Licence is applicable to the areas within Jaintia Hills only and may be revoked by a like Notification in the Official Gazette.

Secretary,  
Executive Committee,  
Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council,  
Jowai.

The 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

The following Licence is hereby published for general information of the Public

**LICENCE**

**TO SOLEMNISE MARRIAGE AND GRANT A CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE**  
**No.JHADC/GENL/MARR-410**

**No.JHADC/GENL/MARR/62/87/20(Pt-I).** – Under Section 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (Act No. XIV of 1872) as adopted and made applicable by the Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council, Licence is hereby granted to **Pro Pastor Dines Tang**, Church elder of the **Wapung Presbytery** belonging to **Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian Synod Mihngi** enabling him to solemnise marriage in accordance with the relevant provisions and procedure of the Act aforesaid and to grant a Certificate of Marriage to Persons one or both are Christians belonging to the **Presbyterian Church of India**.

This Licence is applicable to the areas within Jaintia Hills only and may be revoked by a like Notification in the Official Gazette.

Secretary,  
Executive Committee,  
Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council,  
Jowai.