

VILLAGE AUTHORITY RULES

RULES UNDER THE MANIPUR (VILLAGE AUTHORITIES IN HILL AREAS) ACT, 1956 (80 of 1956), the Chief Commissioner is pleased to make the following further rules for the conduct and election of members of the Village Authorities, namely 1. In these rules "the Act" means the Manipur (Village Authorities in Hill Areas) Act, 1956 (80 of 1956)

2. The election for Village Authorities shall be held on such date or dates and in such place or places within the village as may be by the S.D.O. Or if there is no S.D.O., the S.D.C. in charge of the Sub-division within whose jurisdiction the village in respect of which the election shall be held lies. The place or places at which and the dates and hours between which the voters will attend for the purpose of giving their votes shall be notified by means of notice on the Notice Board of the S.D.O. or S.D.C. as the case may be, and also by beat of drum in the village, not less than 3 days before the date of election

3. The election shall be held by the S.D.O. or if there is no S.D.O., the S.D.C. in charge of Sub-division, or such other officer as may be nominated by him in the notice. No S.D.C. in charge of a Sub-division, the function of the S.D.O. or S.D.C. may be performed by the S.D.O. or S.D.C. of the Head Quarters as may be appointed by the Deputy Commissioner. The officer holding the election under these rules shall be called the Election Officer

4. On the day of elections, the Election Officer shall announce by beat of drum and thereafter shall allow one hour's time for the The proceedings of the election shall commence by the Election Officer explaining nature and of the to the assembled 10 5. The Electoral rolls prepared for elections to Lok Sabha shall be used for (2) The Election Officer then shall call for objection, if any, about the eligibility of any person to vote. No objection to voter shall be entertained except on the ground that he is not a person under whose name, as entered in the electoral roll, he claims to vote. Such objection shall be summarily decided by the Election Officer whose 6x After objections to the eligibility of any voter have been settled in the manner aforesaid, the Election Officer shall then ascertain the names of those present who wish to offer themselves as candidates, Each such candidate shall be supported by at least one of the electors present. • The Election Officer shall suo moto or on objection taken by any voters present reject the name of any candidate whom he considers to be disqualified under section 4 of the Act and shall announce the names of the candidates whom he considers to be qualified

7. The Election Officer shall then proceed to take poll for each candidate according to the number of votes given for each candidate in his own hand

8. Each voter shall be entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are but shall not give more than one Vote for any candidate

9. All persons wishing to vote must be present at the election. No vote by proxy or in writing shall be received. 10. If the number of qualified candidates is equal to or less than the number of members to be elected, the Election Officer shall at once declare such candidates to be duly elected and shall take steps subsequently for the election of remaining members, If any, 11. If the, qualified candidate is in excess of the number of members to be elected, then the Election Officer shall put the name of each of the qualified candidates to vote one by one and require the electors present; who may be desirous of giving their votes, to vote for them in turn by raising their hands. No elector shall raise more than one hand

12. After the number of votes for each candidate has been recorded, the Election Officer shall then and there declare such candidates as have the largest number to be duly elected. In the case of equal number of votes being recorded in two or more candidates, all of whom cannot be returned, selection shall be made from such candidate by lot in such manner as the Election Officer may deem fit. The candidates thus selected shall be declared duly elected 13. The Election Officer shall immediately prepare, in his own hand a list of duly returned-candidates together with a return showing the following particulars and forward it to the Deputy Commissioner within a week after the election and the Deputy Commissioner shall forward a copy of the same to the Administrator : (a) total number of members required to be elected in the village under 3 of the Act. (b) total number of electors present, objections, if any, raised again any elector under Rule 5 above and the decision of the Election Officer ; (c) number of

persons offering as undidates for election,tany objection if raised .under Rule 6 above!and the decision.of the Election!Offcec thereto ; (d) total number of votes secured by each candidate whose name has been put to vote ; (e) declaration of persons elected!and result of lot if any (f) any other matter which the Election Officer may desire to include in the retürn. S. C. BARDHAN, Secretary (Law •e Home), Manipur Administration. l. Published in the Manipur Gazette Extraordinary No. 74-E-39 dt. 16,12.57

2. Inserted by Govt.of Manipur.L.S,G. Deptt. Notification No. 3/20/71 dt.16.7.71. SECRETARIAT. : L.S.G. DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATIONS Imphal, the 16th July, 1971 No. 3/20/71-Act/L.—In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sub-sections (2) of section 57 of the Manipur (Village Authorities in Hill Areas) Act, 195' (80&of 1956) read with Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs Notification No. F. 1/65/69-HUT dated 26th December, 1969 the Lieutenant Govrnor gratör), Manipui pleased to make the follöwing rules to further rulea theßconduct and* électi_on of members •of Village Authorities published in 1 11 The Manipur Village Authoritie\$in Rill Areag (Conduct and Election of Member: Amendment) Rules, 1971. l. Short title and nese ruleg may be called the Manipur Village Authorities in' Hill Areas (Conduct and Election of Mernberg) (Fint Amendment) (2) These rules shall como into force at qnce, 2. Amendment Of the exiéting Rule 5 of the Rulea_for Condu4 and Election of Members of the Village Authoritie8f the following 8ball namely— "5 (l) ThekElectoral rolls prepared for elections to Lok Sabha Bhalt be for the elections to the Village Authorities. (2) The Election Officer shall call for objection, if any, about the eligibility of any person to vote. No objection to a vote shall be entertained except on the ground that he i! not a person uhder whose name, as entered in the electoral roll, he claims to vote« Such objection shall be summarily decided by the Election Officer whose dvision shall final". Imphal, thé 17th July, 1971 No. exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of 3 of the Manipur (Village Authorities in Hill •1956 (80 1956) read with Government of India* Ministry of Home Affairs Notification No, F. 1/65/69-HMT dated 26th næemberj 1969, the Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), Manipur iS pleased to declare that all the hill villages in Manipur having 20 or more tax paying hous•es shall have elected village authorities. By order etc., O.P. MEHROTM, Secretary (Law) to the Govt. of Manipur. Puoiï*hed in the Manipur Gantte Extraordinary No. 33-E-19 dt. 20.7.1971.