

SIKKIM REGULATION OF SOCIETIES, ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACT, 2008

SMKKIM GOVERNMENT EXTRAORDINARY GAZETTE Gangtok No.20/LD/P/2008 PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY Tuesday 8th July, 2008 LAW DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM GANGTOK NOTIFICATION No. 260 Date: 07.07.2008 The following Act passed by the Sikkim Legislative Assembly and having received the assent of the Governor on 28th day of June, 2008 is hereby published for general information:- THE SIKKIM REGULATION OF SOCIETIES, ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACT, 2008 (ACT NO. 20 OF 2008) AN ACT to provide for legislation on regulation of societies, associations and other voluntary organizations. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Sikkim in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows:- Short title and commencement. Definition. 1. (1) (2) This Act may be called the Sikkim and Regulation of Societies, Associations and other Voluntary Organizations Act, 2008, It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,- (b) (c) "Act" means the Sikkim Regulation of Societies, Associations and other Voluntary Organizations Act, 2008; "Association" means a group of people associated or assembled or united together for the purpose of achieving one or more objects and includes organization, society, committee, samiti, sanstha, club etc. (government or non-government); "Authority" means the Registering Authority: Registration of associations etc. Renewal of association etc. Submission of audit report/ annual report. (d) (2) (a) (b) (d) "Registering Authority" means the Secretary to the Law Department, Government of Sikkim; "Government" means State Government of Sikkim; "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under the Act. All associations, organizations, clubs, societies and voluntary Organization etc, intending to operate within the State of Sikkim shall make an application for registration of their organization in the manner as may be prescribed, All such application shall be accompanied with the following requirement namely:- Memorandum of association containing:- (ii) (i) name of the organization, its registered office; aims and objectives; name, address and occupation of the executive members, promoters, governing body, executive committee, managing committee to whom the management of its affairs is entrusted. Article of Association containing rules and regulations, A resolution passed by the executive members/promoters/ governing body/executive committee/managing committee or its equivalent. Atleast 50% of the members of the governing body/executive body should have Sikkim Subject Certificate or Certificate of Identification. No objection Certificate from concerned Panchayat/MLA. No Objection Certificate from the concerned Department where the purpose and aim of the organization relates to other government department Bank receipts of such amount as may be notified from time to time by the State Government. All associations registered under the provisions of this Act and the rules framed thereunder shall be renewed on expiry of a period of one year from the date of registration on payment of such fees as may be notified in this behalf. Failure to renew an association within a period of three months from the date of expiry of the registration would render the organization liable for suspension or cancellation of its registration without issue of any further notice: Provided that registration can be renewed on payment of such fee by way of penalty in addition to renewal fee as may be notified. All association shall submit annual audit report alongwith annual reports of activities during the preceding year i.e during the last 12 (twelve) months immediately before the date due for submission of annual report. 2 Receipt of grant. Other conditions. power to make rules. Saving. (3) (2) (2) 8

9. All association shall maintain proper record of their account including income and expenditure account and the balance sheet in such form as may be prescribed and the accounts shall be audited by recognized or registered chartered accountant before submission of the annual audit report to the authority. In the event of failure to submit annual return/ report the registration shall be liable to be suspended/cancelled. Organization or association receiving any grant or aid or other financial assistance from either Central or State Government, utilization certificate of such financial grant or aid shall be submitted before renewal of the registration or at the time of registration of the association In the event of any donation or other financial donation or grant is received by the organization from outside the country the same shall be communicated to the authority specifying the grant of such foreign assistance or grant and only after clearance of the authority including the clearance as may be required from the Central

Government the amount may be received. No association or organization shall resort to use of any violent activities or use of fire arms against the state or individuals in any manner threatening the safety and security or endangering peace and tranquility and integrity of the State or the Country, The nomenclature of the organization or association should not be made in a manner that would promote communal disharmony or threaten the integrity of the state or country or causes hurt to the sentiments of any community or class of people or promote hatred or ill feeling among different section of the society, The authority in all such cases resolves the right to reject any application for registration of such organization or association. The State Government may make rules for carrying out the purposes of the Act. Notwithstanding the provision contained in this Act, the Notification Number 2602 A/H dated the 25th March, 1960 regarding rules and regulations for registration of various organization in Sikkim shall, however, continue to be validly operative in respect of its enforcement and the present Act shall be in addition and to supplement the aforesaid notification. By Order. R.K. PURKAYASTHA (SSJS) L. R. - cum- Secretary Law Department SIKKIM GOVERNMENT GAZETTE Gangtok No. 31/ LD/P/2008 EXTRAORDINARY PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY Monday 8th September, GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM LAW DEPARTMENT GANGTOK NOTIFICATION 2008 No. 392 Date; 23.08.2008 The following Act passed by the Sikkim Legislative Assembly and having received the assent of the Governor on 4th day of August, 2008 is hereby published for general information:- THE SIKKIM REGULATION OF SOCIETIES, ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2008. (ACT No. 31 of 2008) ACT further to amend The Sikkim Regulation of Societies, Associations and Other Voluntary Organizations Act, 200B. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Sikkim in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows:- Short title and 1. (1) This Act may be called The Sikkim Regulation of Societies, Associations and other commencement. Insertion of new sub-section (3) in Section 4. Voluntary Organizations Act, 200B, (2) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette. In the Sikkim Regulation of Societies. Associations and Other Voluntary Organizations Act, 2008, after sub-section (2) Of Section 4, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:- "(3) All associations, organizations, clubs, societies and voluntary organization etc at the time of renewal of their Certificate of Registration shall have 50% of members who possess Sikkim Subject Certificate or Certificate of Identification." BY ORDER. R.K. PURKAYASTHA (SSJS) LR-cum- SECRETARY Law Department File No. 16 (82)/LD/P/2008 S.G.P.G. - 392/ Gazette /150 Nos./Dt.. 8.9.2008. SIKKIM GOVERNMENT Gangtok No. 04/1-D/P/2009 EXTRAORDINARY PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY Tuesday 0th March, 2009 GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM LAW DEPARTMENT GANGTOK NOTIFICATION GAZETTE No. 71 Date: 07.03.2009 The following Act passed by the Sikkim Legislative Assembly and having received the assent of the Governor on 2nd day of March, 2009 is hereby published for general information:- THE SIKKIM REGULATION OF SOCIETIES, ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2009 (ACT NO. 4 OF 2009) AN ACT further to amend The Sikkim Regulation of Societies, Associations and Other Voluntary Organizations Act, 2008. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Sikkim in the Sixtieth Year of the Republic of India as follows:- Short title, extent and commencement Insertion of new sub-section (3) In Section 6 2. This Act may be called The Sikkim Regulation of Societies, Associations and Other Voluntary Organizations (Amendment) Act, 2009. It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette. In The Sikkim Regulation of Societies, Associations and Other Voluntary Organizations Act, 200B, after sub-section (2) of Section the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:- "(3) Where an association or organization or society or committee of samiti or sanstha or club etc. (Government or Non-Government) is receiving or has received any grant or aid or other financial assistance from either Central or State Government and the said association or organization or society or committee or samiti or sanstha or club etc. (Government or Non-Government) is found to be Involved in internal dispute arising out of mismanagement, misuse of funds or organizational disputes involving running -the organization and management of the organization or is involved in any other internal disputes among different groups within such said association or organization or society or committee or samiti or sanstha or club etc. (Government or Non-Government), the State Government may, if deemed appropriate in public interest, take over the functioning and management of such said association or organization or society or committee or samiti or sanstha or Club etc (Government or Non-Government)) and run or manage the organizational activities in such manner as may be prescribed. 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event Of having taken over the running and managing the affairs may appoint] designate an administrator to run the affairs for such period as may be specified in the notification appointing such administrator. The administrator shall function in such manner as may be prescribed: Provided that the State Government if it is of the opinion that the administrator so appointed is no more required may rescind the notification appointing such administrator. BY Order. R.K. PURKAYASTHA (SSJS) LR-cum-Secretary Law Department File No. 16 (82)/LD/P/2009 SIKKIM GOVERNMENT EXTRAORDINARY GAZETTE Gangtok No. 19/LD/P/10 PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY Wednesday 16th March, 2011 GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM LAW DEPARTMENT GANGTOK Dated: 14/02/2011 NOTIFICATION No. 114 The following Act passed by the Sikkim Legislative Assembly and having received the assent of the Governor on the 5th day of January, 2011 is hereby published for general information.- THE SIKKIM REGULATION OF SOCIETIES, ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2010 (ACT NO. 19 2010) ACT to amend Sikkim Regulation of Societies, Association and Other Voluntarily Organizations Act, 2008. Be it enacted by the Legislature of Sikkim in the Sixty-first Year of the Republic of India as follows:- Short title and 'Commencement Amendment of Section 4 2 (1) This Act may be called the Sikkim Regulation of Societies, Association and Other Voluntarily Organizations (Amendment) Act, 2010. (2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the day of July, 2008. In the Sikkim Regulation of Societies, Associations and Other Voluntarily Organizations Act, 2008, (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), in section 4,- (ii) for the existing sub-section (I), the following shall be substituted, namely:- Amendment of Section 5 Amendment of Section 6 3 4 All Associations registered under the provisions of this Act shall be required to renew their registration in the event of any change in Memorandum of Association.' for the existing sub-section (2), the following shall be substituted namely:- "(2) The amount of fees payable for renewal of registration on any change in Memorandum of Association shall be half the amount paid as registration fees: Provided that where any association whose Memorandum of Association has already been changed or amended or modified, shall not be required to pay any such fees." In the said Act, in section 5,- (i) for the existing sub-section(I), the following shall be substituted namely:- "(I) All Association shall maintain record of their activities during the preceding year and submit the same when called for.' for the existing sub-section (2), the following shall be substituted (ii) namely:- "(2) All Association shall maintain proper record of their account and the balance sheet and submit the same when called for." for the existing sub-Section (3), the following shall be substituted namely:- (iii) "(3) In the event of failure to submit any of the documents mentioned under sub-sections (I) and (2), the registration of the association may be suspended or cancelled and suspension/cancellation order could be revoked on payment of fine of an amount equivalent to the rate of registration." In the said Act, in sub-section (I) of section 6, for the words "utilization certificate of such financial grant or aid Shall be submitted before renewal of the registration or at the time of registration of association" the words "the record of utilization of any financial grant or aid shall be maintained and the same shall be submitted when called for." shall be substituted. S.G.P.G. R.K. Purkayastha) SSJS L.R.- Cum-Secretary, Law Department. File No. 16 (82)/LD/P/2010 - 114/Gazette/ 100 cps./ 16.03.2011 SIKKIM GOVERNMENT Gangtok No. 6/1.0/15 EXTRAORDINARY PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY 2015 Wednesday 2nd September, GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM LAW DEPARTMENT GANGTOK NOTIFICATION GAZETTE No. 332 Date: 24/08/2015 The following Act passed by the Sikkim Legislative Assembly and having received assent of the Governor on 6th Day of August, 2015 is hereby published for general Information:- THE SIKKIM REGULATION OF SOCIETIES, ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2015 (ACT NO 6 OF 2015) ACT to amend the Sikkim Regulation of Societies, Associations and Other Voluntary Organizations Act, 2008 Short title and Commencement Amendment of section 3 (1) This Act may be called the Sikkim Regulation of Societies, Associations and Other Voluntary Organizations (Amendment) Act, 2015. -it shall come into force once, in the Sikkim Regulation of Societies, Association and Other 2. Voluntary Organizations Act, 2008, in sub-section (2) of section 3,- In clause (d), for the words and figure "atleast of" the word "all" and for the word "should", the word "shall" shall respectively be substituted after clause (d). the following explanation shall be inserted, namely:- Explanation.- where any organization representing any particular group, either ethnic or religious or in any other form or denomination, intends to form an organization or society or committee or samiti or sanstha or club etc, for any purpose. the member of the governing body/executive body, as the case may be, or by whatever denomination, must be

from the said group or organization belonging to the same ethnic or religious group as the case Iliay be LAKCHUNG SHERPA, SSJS L.R.-CUM-SECRETARY, LAW DEPARTMENT. S.G.P,G. - 332/Com. 6/Gazette /30 Nos./ Dft- 02.09.2015. SIKKIM GOVERNMENT Gangtok No. 13/LD/18 EXTRAORDINARY PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY 14th June, 2018 Thursday GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM LAW DEPARTMENT GANGTOK NOTIFICATION GAZETTE No. 322 Date: 13.06.2018 The following Act passed by the Sikkim Legislative Assembly and having received assent of the Governor on 11th day of June, 2018 is hereby published for general information- THE SIKKIM REGULATION OF SOCIETIES, ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2018 (ACT NO, 13 OF 2018) AN ACT further to amend the Sikkim Regulation of Societies, Association and other Voluntary Organizations Act, 200B. Be it enacted by the Legislature of Sikkim in the Sixty-ninth Year Of Republic of India as follows:- Short title and commencement Amendment of section 4 (I) This Act may be called the Sikkim Regulation of Societies, Associations and other Voluntary Organizations (Amendment) Act, 2018, (2) It shall come into force at once

2. In the Sikkim Regulation of Societies, Associations and other Voluntary Organizations Act, 2008 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Principal Act'), for section 4 and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely:- Societies, Organizations and Associations (hereinafter referred to as the "Association") registered under the provisions of this Act and the rules framed thereunder shall be renewed on expiry of a period of every 2 (two) years from -the date of registration on payment of such fees as may be notified in this behalf. Amendment of section 5: (2) Failure to renew an association within a period of I (one) month from the date of expiry of the renewal of registration would render the organization liable for suspension or cancellation of its registration as the case may be without issuance of any further notice', Provided that registration can be renewed on payment of the registration fee upto G(three) times of usual registration fee in addition to renewal fee as may be notified in this behalf, subject to the satisfaction of the Registering Authority on reasonable and bona fide ground, showing thereby sufficient cause. (3) All Associations registered under the provision of this Act shall be required to renew their registration in the event of any change in the Memorandum of Association and change of nomenclature, (4) The amount of fees payable for renewal of registration on any change in the Memorandum of Association and change Of nomenclature shall be half the amount paid as registration fees: Provided that where any association whose Memorandum of Association has already been changed or amended or modified, shall not be required to pay any such fees, (5) The Association shall submit the names of the newly elected governing body, minutes of meeting, and other relevant documents to the Registering Authority for its approval within 3(three) weeks. Failure to submit the relevant documents as referred to above, within I (one) month shall be liable to pay upto 2 times of usual renewal fees for its approval." 3. In the Principal Act, for section 5 and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely:- All Association shall maintain proper record of their account including income and expenditure account and the balance sheet and the account shall be audited by a recognized or a registered Chartered Accountant or such authority as may be assigned/ authorized by the Annual General Body meeting to be signed by atleast 3 (three) members of the General Body before submission of the annual audit report to the Registering Authority (2) All Association shall maintain proper record of their activities during the preceding year and shall submit annual report of activities by 31st March of each year. (3) All Association shall maintain a record of their account and shall submit the balance sheet, certified copy of bank passbook or statement of account from the concerned bank along with the annual audit report by 31st March of each year. (4) In the event of failure to submit any of the documents mentioned under sub-sections (2) and (3) within the 10th day of the following month, the registration of the association shall be liable to be suspended or cancelled. However, order of cancellation or Amendment of section 6 suspension could be revoked on payment of fine of an amount equivalent to the rate of registration subject to the showing of sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the Registering Authority.' 4, In the Principal Act, in section 6, for sub-section (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:- "(1) Organization or Association receiving any grant or aid or other financial assistance from either Central or State Government, utilization certificate of such financial grant or aid shall be submitted before renewal of the registration or at the time of registration of association as the case may be, failure of the submission of the utilization certificate, the renewal of registration shall be withheld till such time utilization certificate is submitted,' (2) after sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:- '13(i) Irregularities found in the Fund

Status Report is subject to the inquiry and verification by the Registering Authority. The Registering Authority may seek for an expert opinion in the matter if any irregularities, foul play and misuse of fund is found in the fund status report and forward the report to the concerned authority for taking appropriate action as per law. (ii) The registration or renewal of the organization shall be upheld or suspended till such time or till the finalization of the matter as the case may be. Jagat B. Rai (SSJS) L.R-cum-Secretary Law Department S.G.P.G. -322/ Com. 2/Gazette 1100 Nos./ Dt:- 14.06.2018. SIKKIM GOVERNMENT Gangtok No. 08/L&PAD/2021 EXTRAORDINARY PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY Tuesday 30th March, 2021 GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM LAW & P. A. DEPARTMENT GANGTOK NOTIFICATION GAZETTE No. 82 Dated: 30.03.2021 The following Act passed by the Sikkim Legislative Assembly and having received assent of the Governor on 30th day of March, 2021 is hereby published for general information : THE SIKKIM REGULATION OF SOCIETIES, ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2021 (ACT NO. 08 OF 2021) AN ACT further to amend the Sikkim Regulation of Societies, Associations and Other Voluntary Organizations Act, 2008. Be it enacted by the Legislature of Sikkim in the Seventy-second Year of Republic of India as follows:- Short title and commencement Amendment of Section 3 (2) 2. This Act may be called the Sikkim Regulation of Societies, Associations and other Voluntary Organizations (Amendment) Act, 2021. They shall come into force at once. In the Sikkim Regulation of Societies, Associations and other Voluntary Organizations Act, 2008 (hereinafter referred to as the "said Act"), in clause (d) of sub-section (2) of section 3, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:- "Provided that this provision shall not apply in case of Government Organizations where the governing body comprises of Government functionaries in their official capacity." Insertion of 3. new section 8A (Power to Relax) In the said Act, after section 8, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:- "8A. Where the State Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may, with the approval of the Council of Ministers and for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of this Act." Suraj Chettri (SSJS) L.R-cum-Secretary Law & P.A. Department S.G.P.G. 82/ Com. 2/Gazette 11 OO Nos./ Dt: 30.03.2021