

TRIPURA STATE RIFLES ACT, 1983

Tripura Act No. 4 of 1984 TRIPURA STATE RIFLES ACT, 1983 (As amended up to date) TRIPURA STATE RIFLES ACT, 1983 AS AMENDED UP TO DATE Töpura •Act No. 4 of 1984. TRIPURA STATE RIFLES ACT, 1983 AN ACT to provide Constitution and regulation of the Tripura State Rifles. WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the constitution and regulation of the Tripura State Rifles: BE it enacted by the Tripura Legislative Assembly in the Thirty Fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows

CHAPTER—I PRELIMINARY I. Short title. extent and Thig Act may be called the Tripura Act, 1983. (2) It extends to the whole of Tripura. (3) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may appoint by notification in the official Gazette in this behalf

2. Application of the Act—This Act shall apply to all members of the Rifles, wherever they may be serving. 3. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context "active duty" means — (i) the duty to restore and preserve order in any the event of any disturbance therein; (ii) the duty at guards, picquet, patrol, efforts to protect life and arms, ammunition, cash and valuables in any area in the event of any disturbance therein; (iii) the duty at outposts, demarcated areas against extremists, hostiles, enemy or other persons; and (iv) such other duty as may be specified to be active duty by the State Government or the Inspector-General; and the same shall be deemed to have commenced on and from the moment of receipt of the Rifles order of any to do such duty on receipt of any information from other sources about loot, arson or raid by extremists, hostiles, enemy or other persons; (b) "Assistant Commandant" means a person appointed by the State Government to be an Assistant Commandant of a Battalion of the Rifles who may be assigned with the duties of an Adjutant, Quarter-master or Company Commander by the Commandant; (c) "Close arrest" means confinement within the Lines or a detachment or a post or quarter guard building or tent under charge of a guard; (d) "Commandant" means a person appointed by the State Government to be a Commandant of a Battalion of the Rifles; (e) "Deputy Commandant" means a person appointed by the State Government to be the officer of a Battalion of the Rifles; (f) "Deputy Inspector-General" means a Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Tripura, who has been empowered by the State Government to do the duties relating to regulation of the Rifles and to exercise powers and under this Act; (g) "Follower" means any person appointed to do the work of a follower, water-carrier, ward-boy, washer, cobbler, barber, sweeper, helper or cleaner; (h) "Inspector-General" means the Inspector-General of Police, Tripura; (i) "Member of the Rifles" means a person who has been appointed to the Rifles by the Inspector-General or, as case may be, by the Commandant and includes a subordinate officer, a Rifleman, an Enrolled Follower, and a person appointed in subordinate rank under the Police Act, 1861 or in Defence Service or a paramilitary personnel, posted to the Rifles on deputation in such ranks; "Naib Subedar" means a person appointed by the Commandant to be a Naib Subedar who may be assigned with the duties of the Platoon Commander or with such other duties as may be specified by the Commandant from time to time; (j) "Open arrest" means confinement within precincts of any barracks, lines or camp for the time being occupied by any part of the Rifles; (k) "Prescribed" means prescribed, by rules made under this Act; (l) "Quarter Guard" means a building or tent under guard within the precinct of the of a Battalion, Company or Platoon of the Rifles used permanently or temporarily for the storage of arms, ammunition, munitions and stores for the imprisonment, detention or custody of the members of the Rifles accused of or (u) (o) (p) (q) convicted for any offence under this Act or other Acts; (r) "Rideman" means a person appointed as a Rideman by the Commandant and includes a Havildar, Naik and Lance-Naik; "State Government" means the Government of Tripura; "Subordinate Officer" means a member of the Rifles who is of the rank of Subedar or Naib Subedar; "Subedar" means a person appointed by the Inspector-General to be a Subedar who may be assigned with the duties of the second-in-command of a Company or with such other duties as may be specified by the Inspector-General from time to time and includes a person who may be transferred by the Inspector-General to fill a post of Subedar on deputation from amongst the of Police Tripura; "Superior Officer" in relation to any of the Rifles, means (i) any officer of a rank which is higher than that of a member; and (ii) a Commandant, Deputy Commandant or Assistant Commandant; "the Rifles" means the Tripura State Rifles; (t) the expression "assault", "Civil Disobedience force", "fraudulently" or "reason to believe" and "voluntarily causing hurt" shall have the same meanings as assigned to them respectively in the Indian Penal

Code (Act XLV of (a) All, words and expressions used and not defined in this defined in the Indian Penal Code shall have the meaning assigned to them in that code. CHAPTER—11 CONSTITUTION OF THE RIFLES AND GENERAL DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE RIFLES 4. There shall be a force raised and maintained by the State Government and named the Tripura State Rifles. 4 (2) The State Government, the Inspector-General or the Deputy Inspector-General specially empowered by the State Government in this behalf, may— (8) divide the Rifles into Battalion, each Battalion into companies, each company into platoons and each platoon into Sections, groups and detachments; (b) post any Battalion, Company or platoon at such places as the State Government, the Inspector-General, the Deputy Inspector-General or the Commandant may deem fit. G) The members of the Rifles shall receive such pay, pension and other remuneration as may be prescribed

5. Appointment and powers of Superior Officers—(1) The State may appoint to the Rifles a Commandant and such other persons as it thinks fit to be Deputy Commandants and Assistant Commandants. (2) The Commandant, Deputy Commandant or Assistant Commandant shall have, and may exercise such powers and authority as may be provided by or under this Act. (3) The Inspector-General may appoint Subedars. Provided that the Inspectors of Police, Tripura, may also be deputed to the Rifles as Subedars by the Inspector-General. (4) The Commandant may appoint Subordinate Officers (other than Sub-Wars), Rifleman and Enrolled Followers

6. Enrolment.—Before a person is appointed to be a member of the Rifles, the Statement contained in the Schedule to this Act shall be read out and, if necessary, explained to him in the presence of an officer appointed under sub-section (1) of section 5 and shall be signed by such person in acknowledgement of its having been read out to him; Provided that any person who has, for a period of six months, served with Rifles, shall, on appointment to the Rifles thereafter, be deemed to be a member of the Rifles, notwithstanding that the provisions of this have not been complied with in any case

7. Resignation and Withdrawal from the Rifles.—No member of the Rifle shall be at liberty; — (a) resign his appointment during the term of his engagement except before the expiration of the first three months of his service ; or (b) withdraw himself from all or any of the duties of his appointment, without the previous permission in writing of the Commandant or Deputy Commandant or any other officer authorised by the proper authority. 5 & 8. "The members of the Rifles—shall be duty bound every member of the Rifles promptly— (a) obey and to execute the orders and instructions lawfully issued to him by any competent authority, to detect and bring offenders to justice and to apprehend all persons whom he is legally authorised to apprehend and (or) whose apprehension is necessary on grounds of public safety; and to take all adequate measures for extinguishing fires and for preventing damage to persons or property on occasion of occurrence of fires, goods, earthquakes, cyclones, actions or riots. (2) Every member of the Rifles shall be liable to serve without pay beyond as within the limits of India. CHAPTER—III SUPERINTENDENCE, CONTROL AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE RIFLES 9. & 10. Administration of the Rifles (1) The powers, and control over, the Rifles shall vest in the State Government and the Rifles shall be administered by the State Government in accordance with the provisions of this Act and of any rules made thereunder through the Inspector-General, or such other officer as may be authorised by the State Government from time to time in this behalf. (2) The Headquarters of the Rifles shall be at places as may from time to time be specified by the State Government. (3) While on active duty of the State, the Rifles shall be subject to the full control and direction of authority or officers as may be prescribed or as may be specially by the State Government in this behalf. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES. Every member of the Rifle who— (a) begins, or conspires to cause or joins in any mutiny, or, being present at any mutiny, does not use his utmost endeavour to suppress it, or knowing, or having reason to believe in the existence of any mutiny, or of any intention or conspiracy to mutiny or of any conspiracy against the State or Government, without delay, gives information thereof to the proper authority. 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• his guard. picquet, party or patrol without • being lawfully or without leave ; or criminal force to or commits an assault person or forces A safeguard or breaks into any house or other place for plunder or destroys or damages property Of any kind ; intentionally causes or spreads a false alarm or action of • in Camp, garrison or quarters ; or (I) in the execution of his duty ; or (m) • uses or assaults or uses criminal force to any woman, intending 11. (a) (b) to outrage or knowing it to be likely that he will thereby outrage her modesty ; "shall be punishable with imprisonment for life or with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to- fourteen years or with fine extend to three months' , pay or with both". Less heinous member • of. The Rifles who— is in a state of intoxication when on, or after having been warned for. any duty or 'on parade or on 'tête à tête" On march ; or • strikes to frighten to force any sentry ; • or being in Command or being a member of a guard, picquet or patrol. refuses to any prisoner or person duly committed to his charge, or Without proper authority releases any person or prisoner placed under his charge; • or negligently • sends any prisoner or prisoner or prisoner to 7 (d) - being under arrest or in confinement leaves his post or • before he is set at liberty by lawful authority; of (a) is grossly insubordinate or insolent to his superior officer in execution of his office ; or (f) refuses to superintend Or assist in the making of any field work • or other work of any description ordered to be made either in quarters at in the field ; or (g) strikes or otherwise ill-uses any of the Rifles • subordinate to him in any rank or position ; or (h) designedly or through neglect injure: or losses or fraudulently disposes of his arms, clothes, tools, equipments, ammunition Of accoutrements, or any such articles entrusted to him or to any other person ; or (i) malingers or feigns or produces disease or infirmity in himself or intentionally delays his cure, or aggravates disease or infirmity ; or (j) with intent to render himself or any other person unfit for service voluntarily causes hurt to himself or any other person ; or (k) does not, when called upon by his superior officer to do or upon ceasing to be a member of the Rifles, forthwith deliver up or duly account for, any arms. ammunition. stores, or other property issued or supplied to him or in his custody or possession as such member ; or (l) knowingly furnishes a false return or report of the number or state of any men under his command or charge or of any money, arms, ammunition, equipments, stores or other property in his charge, whether belonging to such men or to the Government or to any member of, or any person attached to, Rifles, or who through design or culpable neglect, omits or refuses to make or • send any return or report of the matters aforesaid ; or (m) absents himself without leave, or without sufficient cause overstays leave granted to him ; or (n) is guilty of any act or omission which, though not specified in this Act, is prejudicial to good order and discipline ; or (o) • contravenes any provision of this Act for • which no punishment provided : or Who while not on active duty— commits any of the- in clause (e) to (I) 8 punishable with imprisonment for a term which may be extend to one year. or with fine which may extend to three years or with both. 'IA. -Attempt to or of (I) Every member of the Rifles who abets any offence punishable under this Act. shall be punished with the punishment provided for the offence. C) Every member of the Rifles who attempts to commit any offence punishable under this Act, or who causes such an offence to be committed, and in such attempt does any act toward' of the offence shall. where no express provision is made by this Act. for the punishment of such attempt, be punished with the punishment provided for the offence

12. Dealt with by the Commandant or by other authority may be prescribed. may, subject to any rules made under this Act, impose on a member of the Rifles one or more of the following punishments for disobedience, in duty, remissness in the discharge of any duty or misconduct is prejudicial to good order and discipline Rifles. that is to say . (a) deprivation of • pay or of • rank ; of • month's pay and • quarters ; confinement in quarter guard for not more than twenty eight days With or without punishment drill or extra guard or fatigue or other duty , removal from any command • of • promotion in 'the censure of severe censure. up to Punishments • (t) subaltern rank ; (t) compound ; (\$ remain) • an not. be. usquequo (an employment under Government , (j) dismissal or that punishment (d) shall • not be imposed member of the Rifles who is 'of above rank of a Lap* Naik , 9 (i) When in command of any detachment • any term the Head Quarter, • any officer, specially authorised by the Commandant in this award any punishment • specified in clause (c) or clause (d) • of • Rifleman or an Enrolled Follower. (3) The Deputy Commandant. all assistant Commandant or 80b' subordinate not being below the rank of Subedar. Commanding • separate detachment an outpost or in a temporary command at the headquarters of a Battalion of the Rifles, may, without a formal trial. award to any Rifleman or Enrolled

Follower, who for the time being subject to his authority, any one or more of the following punishments for the commission of any offence against discipline which is not otherwise provided for in this or which is not of a sufficiently serious nature to require trial of before a criminal court, that is to say— (a) confinement not more than seven days in the quarter guard such other place may be considered suitable with for kit and pay allowances during its continuance; (b) punishment drill. "tar-guard, fatigue or other duty, not Qian fourtesa days, with or Without confinement to quarters, line or camp (c) censure or severe censure; Provided the punishment specified in clause (a) and (b) shall not be awarded to a Headquarter, Naik or Lance Naik. (4) A Naib Subedar who is temporarily in command of a detachment of an outpost, may, in like manner and for the commission of any like offence, award to any Rifleman below the rank of Lance Naik or any Enrolled Follower, for the time being subject to his authority, any of the punishments specified in clause (b) of sub-section (3) for not more than seven days. (5) When two or more punishments amounting to confinement in line and in quarter guard are to be given to a person jointly, whether or not he is already undergoing one or more of the said punishments, the total period of such confinement shall not exceed forty-two days at time. (6) No order imposing any punishments specified in clause (c) of sub-section (1) shall be made except after an inquiry held in the manner as may be prescribed.



23. Place QC and B•MUty (l) E«ry person under this Act to dismin.d frem tbc Rifles and rur&r be liable to forfeit.re of pay, other dut te him,-at ot any medali idd r•seiyed by him. 10 •uch persen 'hall, if .he i' dismissed, be imprison.d in the prescribed pciso.a, but ithe is not also dismissed from the Rifle. he may, if thé' Cowt. Commanâaat SD be•confned in the quart" guard or such other place as the Cogrt or the Commandant may consider suitable. 14. from pay and allowance.—Thß following penal deductions may be made from the pay and allowances of a member of the Rifles by his Company Commander. that is to say,— (a) * •pay and allowances for every day of absence either on desertion or and for every day of imprisonment awarded by a criminal CöaEt_ or of cdhfinemeat awarded under section 12 ; (b) allowances for every day whilst he is io custody on a charge for-ai 'Ysbee of which 'he is afterwards convicted ; (c) all pay and allowances for every day on which he is in hospital on account OT siékäeis certified by the medical omcer attending on him? at the have been caused by an aence committed by him under this Act ; (d) pay and' allowances ordered to be forfeited under section 12 and (e) such sum as may be ordered by tbe• Commandant or Deputy Commandant ia order to make good any expense caused by the member of the Rifles, or any loss of or damage ot destruction done by him to any arms,— ammoeitiön, equipment, clothing. iasttuments or deeootions belonging to the Rifles oc to any buildings or property. ,Collective fines.—Whenever any weapon. part of a weapon or ammunitiqn.



forming part of the equipment of a Cornoany or other similar unit of the R-ifæs, is lost or stolen. the

Commandant may, after making such inquiry as he thinks fit and subject to such rules as may be prescribed, impose a collective fine upon subordinate officers and men or such unit, or upon so many of them as, in his judgement, should be held for such loss or theft. If arrested any member of the Rifles who commits any offence specified in Section 11 may be placed on open or close arrest by any of the Rifles superior in rank to the soldier. (2) Where any subordinate Officer orders an arrest, subjection (I), or at the earliest opportunity report the arrest to his Commandant; Deachment Commandant who shall, after investigation of the case order the release or the continued arrest of the member of the Rifles arrested.

1-7. The Inspector-General, Deputy Inspector-General or a Constable place a member of the Rifles under pending inquiry under this Act or any other law for the time being in force. (2) A Deputy Commandant or an officer authorised by the Commandant, may place a Riflesman or a Follower under suspension pending enquiry or trial of the Act or any other law for the time being in force. (3) Unless otherwise ordered, a member of the Rifles under suspension shall not leave the headquarters of the Battalion, or Platoon may be specified by his superior officer, and such order of suspension shall extend to all the Rifles at such Headquarters. CHAMBER—IV. MISCELLANEOUS

18. Powers and duties enforceable and, imposeable members of the Rifles, and the superior officers.— (1) All superior officers and members of the Rifles shall be deemed to be Police Officers under the Police Act, 1861. (2) Commandant, Deputy Commandant or Assistant Commandant shall be entitled to all the privileges which a Police Officer holds under section 42 and 43 of the Police Act, 1861 and Section 125 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 and under any other enactment for the time being in force, subject to such rules as the State Government may from time to time make in this behalf, exercise all the power of a District Superintendent within the meaning of the Police Act, 1861. (3) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Act No. 2 of 1974) any offence committed by a member of the Rifles and punishable under this Act, shall be enquired into or tried by Rifles' court only which be convened under section 18A; Provided that— (i) when the offender is on leave or absent from duty or is on active duty; or (ii) when the offence is not with the ordinary duties as a member of the Rifles; or (iii) when an offence is committed by a member of the Rifles along with any other person who is not whose identity is known; the offence may, if the prescribed authority, within the limits of jurisdiction the offence has been committed, so directs, be enquired into or tried by an ordinary criminal court having jurisdiction. 18A. Rifles Courts— (i) Notwithstanding anything contained in the 1983, there shall be the following of the Rifles:— (i) General Rifles Court; (ii) Battalion Rifles Court [2] (2) For the purpose of the Act, a General Rifles Court or a Battalion Rifles Court may be convened by the State Government the Inspector (3)(i) Every General Rifles Court shall be presided over by three members to be appointed by the State Government or the Police Officer; (ii) A not below the rank of a Superintendent of Police or Commandant who has completed at least seven years service in same, equivalent or higher rank. Shall be the presiding judge of a General Rifles Court. (iii) Two members of the rank of a Superintendent of Police or a Commandant of Rifles or an Additional Superintendent of Police or Deputy Commandant who have completed at three years service in the same or equivalent rank shall be the members judges of a General Rifles Court. Every Battalion Rifles Court shall be presided over by three members to be appointed by the State Government or Inspector-General of Police. (i) A not below the rank of a Superintendent of Police or a Commandant of the Rifles shall be the Presiding Judge or Battalion Rifles Court. (ii) Two not below the rank of an Assistant Commandant or Captain of Rifles be the members judges of a Battalion Rifles Court. (5) The decision of the majority shall be the decision of a Rifles Court in respect of every order of judgement to be passed by such court. (6) Subject to the other provisions of this Act, (a) any offence under section (1) of this Act shall be tried by General Rifles Court; (b) any offence under section 11 of this Act shall be tried by a Rifles Court. Provided that a General Rifles Court or a Battalion Rifles Court shall try an offence committed by a member of the Rifles against the person property of a person who got subjected to this Act. (7) A General Rifles Court or a Battalion Rifles Court pass such orders authorised by this Act. B-B Appointment of law DECREE (1) Every Rifles Court may be attended by one below the rank of an Inspector of Police appointed by the Police Officer for assisting such magistrate. (2) - Every trial by a Rifles Court and the order of the Act shall be deemed to be a judicial proceeding within the meaning of sections 193 and 228 of the Indian Penal Code a Rifles Court shall be, deemed to be a Court within the meaning of Sections 345 and 346 of the Criminal Procedure Code 1973. (3) An offence by a member of the Rifles may be enquired into and tried even after he has been released. 18C. POWER OF

Revbi0L— State Government of the lupector-Oa«al of Pouce may, on its or his 0" motion or •otherüe, call for aud examine tb' records of aty proceedings before a Geoerd Rifle Court or • Battalion Rifles Coarc respe<ivcly for the purpos of tatidyng or himself as to the correctncc• lesality or propriety of any fading •entence or order recorded or passed, and pass uch orderas it bemaý think ft. 18•D. Power of tho State Govemmsnt to direct' trial by ordina. criminal court— •mtdnod in this Aet the Stat' Ooyerame•t may, atauy time, direct vchib is to be iostituEd ot is pending before a Rifles Court to be tried by aa ordinary criminal at competeM jurisdktiaa. 18•E Refzeee to Stat' Gavrament ragardiag (I) If any ordinary of opinion {bat au 0face eommitted by a member of the Rifle is triable by it. such court may by notice in Writing require the Inspector-General or Deputy Inspector. General or the Commaadant withia •how gommaod tho acensed pona i. serving og such other omect as may be to delivar ov•t the ofeudet to that court for trial. (2) Io eve" cue, emcer as aforesaid dth« comply with the order of the court or. ' h' i' et Qipioa uch omace triable a Rines Court, rsfer the queün to the Covemnene f" decision inform tho court about sueb (3) Tbe ded8ion of tb Sate Govanmeat r.ads the oreace is niable be •ad court ordinary criminal court proced in regard to trid of oaeoc• tho deüi•a of the State G•wraønt. ALF. mace A.:rpmon subj•« to thb commib may tried -pa&d for weh 1 14 (19) Protecti0L for •abne • by the- members of the Rifles,— (I) Any member of the Riflef when qcrested shall be remanded to the c:itody Of the Qu.rcerguard. unles; o!} etwiee direct-ei by theoart or by the C.om•nandant 'or Depilty Commaa:lant or .Assi5tant Commandant. (2) In any spit .or preceed(ag against any member the Rifles tar any act dpne,by h.ica. in puts:tance of warrant ar order of a competent authority. it shall be lawful him tc plead that such act was done by him under the authority of such warraoC or order- 13) Any plsa—rqgy be proved by tba productiQQ of the warrant or ardet directing. the if it i; so proved. member of. the Rifles shau thereupon be discharged From liability i.i' •of the act so, dooe by him, natwithstanding, any defect in, the o? the.uth prity which issued such warrant or order. (4) Notwithstanding. anything eoataioed in, any ether uw for tb' time being in force, no legai proceediog (whether civil or criminal) which ta•fiHr be 'brought agatngt eny member of thé Rifles f" any thing done or intended to be done ander the powers enferced • by ot in pursuance . . .of, anyprovi9ion of thig Act -or the- rules made -thereunder, shall- be co.-n. unless-a. notice in writing of proceedings an I of af Oas - been..given to lbe defendant aed- his supeviot omgeF at lasst•oae month bdote lbe commencement of such proceeding

20. Redressa!ot Df the Rif.les ate prebibited from adopting any means Other than those spqified below for redressal cf gievar:ces.-- (t) by petition to Commandant though proper channel or by personal. appearance on revaest in the Or Room of the Cum (2) in periodical meetings to be presided ovar by the Comma D• dant; •CS) ip such. odvr manner aermay be proscribed; •n. Of GovertÄ*Ät to disDüd or tk. (I) The Stata Government may. by netiâcation in the Omgial dibboadaor EQD"titate t" 'Rifles Battalion' thereof. (2) Wbeaev•r tho Rifles or•ony, Battalion&reofi' or •eistitdted under ".&gectbn (I); it stalli notwithstanding 8 aytMag con• taioed in this Act or any othet.eaaeem«trfot being iT force and •ubject to such conditions as may be lawful for the Goveromsnt. with: view to such disbandment or racoogtiE0tW, to diictlaree any -manber• ie•mrølied; -tha- 1861, has not been- •weh IS 22. Power to make . (I) The State GovecnmRnt may. notifi:atioa ia the omcial Gazette, make rules for carrysing out thZ purpose of this Act. (2) •particular R ld without •pr:iadic:• to the- generality- of tbc foregoing such rales may provide for an or any of the following matters, namely: — (a) regulating the classes and grades of and the pay. peosiqn other remuneration of, members of the Rifles, iQd their conditions of service in the Rifles; (b) reula:ing the powers and daties of ofäcecs to exercise any function by or under this act; (e) •fixing period of setVice for members of the Rifles, (d) regulatiig the award of deiârt'rñentzl- punishments utider section 12 and providing lor appeals from, or the revision ot. orders uuder that section or the remission of fines under that section, and the remission of deductions made under section 14 • (e) 'oguiating the several or collectWe liability of members of the Rifles in the case of tbe loss or theft ot weapons •nd ammuni• tion, (O for disposal of erimina! casas arising under this act for specifying the prison i?. which a person convicted in •ay such case may be confined. (3) Every rule made under this shau be laid as soon as may be after it ii made betbte the Legislative Anembly while it is in session for a total period of not less than fourteen days which may bc comprised in cae session or in two or more successiu sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session iD which it is so laid or tho sessions aforesaid the Asembly make any modification in the rule or decide that the rule shall not be made, thc rale shall thecoaft.et have erect only in such modified form or bc of no effect, as the case may be, •o, however, that any such modißca. tioa ot aamdment Shai* be

without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule. 16 THE SCHEDULE STATEMENT Mer you have served in the Tripura State Rifles for 7 years, or such *tied the Government of Tripura may prescribe, you may, at any time •ba not on active duty, apply for discharge, through the officer to whom you may be •obordinate, to the Commandant, and you will be "anted you* discharge aft" two months from the date of your application, unless your discharge ' would cause the vacancy in the Rifles to one-tenth of the sanctioned strength in which case you shall be bound to remain •ntn _tbi• •aived or removed. But when on active duty, you have no claim to discharge, and you shall be bound to remain to do your duty •atill the necessity requiring you in the Rifles ceases •hen you may your application in the above mentioned manner, if you wish to withdraw from the Rifles, you may resign at any time before the expiration of the next three months of your service, but not afterward' •adl the completed •t Cha period prescribed, as aforesaid ; the Commandant may •itber Except your resignation notwithstanding that at the of two months from date of its receipt : and that the Commandant, may, if he is satisfied that you have been giving good service "not" of -your wish to do so. On the event of your re-enrolment after you have been discharged, you will have no claim to gratuity for pension, seniority or any other purpose, your service previous to your discharge 17 NAMB IN BLOCK LETTERS (Signature of the member of the Rifles in acknowledgement of the above having been read out to him). Father's name . Address Village Post Office District State Photograph of the candidate duly attested by the enrolling officer. (Space for impression of the members' Left thumb to be taken in the presence of the enrolling officer). (Signed in my presence after having ascertained that the candidate understood the purport of what he signed). Place. ... INA MP TN Commandant, or authorised enrolling officer Date — Note Original Act published in Tripura Gazette (Extraordinary Issue) on 27.8.84. Amending Act (Act 6 of 1985) published in Tripura Gazette (Extraordinary Issue) on 28.6.85. Original Act received assent of the President of India on 27.8.84. Amending Act received assent of the President of India on 22.2.85. Tripura Act No. 6 of 1985 THE TRIPURA STATE RIFLES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1985 Published in the EXTRA ORDINARY ISSUE OF, TRIPURA Agartala, Friday, June 28, 1985 A. D. 'Asadha, 7, 1907 S; E. Government of Tripura GAZETTE Dated, Agartala, the 14th June, 1985. The following Act of the Tripura Legislative Assembly received assent of the President on 22.2.1985 and is hereby published for general information. By order of the Governor, A. B. Paul Deputy Secretary to the Government of Tripura. Tripura Act No. THE TRIPURA RIFLES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1984. An Act •to amend the, Tripura State Rifles Act, 1983. Be it enacted by the Tripura Legislative Assembly in the Thirty Fifth Year of the •Republic of India as follows- 1. Short title and commencement Act, 1984. (2) It shall come into force on the same date when the Tripura State Rifles Act, 1983 (No. 4 of 1983) comes into force

2. Amendment of section 10.— In section 10 of the Tripura State Rifles Act, 1983 (hereinafter called 4B the Principal Act), namely detailed to remain alert, Bleeps upon his post or quif it without being relieved -or without leave ; or" (ii) for, clause (h), -the following clause -shall be substituted, namely ' (h) his commanding officer or his post or party without authority ; or". (iii) .for: (j), the following clause shall be substituted, namely S'G) ' • uses criminal force to or, commits an assault on any person or forces* safe guard or breaks into any house or other place for plunder or destruction or damage to property of any kind ; (iv) the word "or" shall be added at the end of clause (L) and after inserting new clause •Shall be inserted, namely:— "(m) rapes or assaults or uses criminal force to any woman; intending or knowing it to that he will thereby outrage her modesty" ; 3+ 4. (v) . paragraph shall be substituted, namely shall be •imprisonment for life or with imprisonment of either description for fourteen years or with fine •which may extend to or •with both". •Amendment -of -section 11 the principal Act, L. in clause (c) of section 11, after the words "-being in-command" and before the words "of a guard" the words "or being a member" shall be inserted. Insertion of new section 11A.— In the principal Act, after section 11, the following section shall be inserted, namely A. Attempt to or abetment of offence— (1) (2) 3 Every member of the Rifles who abets any offence punishable under this Act, shall be punished with the punishment provided for the offence. Every member of the Rifles who attempts to commit any offence punishable under this Act, or who causes such an offence to be committed, and in so doing does any act towards commission of the offence shall, where no express provision is made by this Act, for the punishment of such attempt, be punished •with the punishment -provided for the offence". Amendment of section 12.— in the principal Act, in section 12,— (i) for the words "-Migor punishments" appearing at the beginning, the words "Punishments" shall be substituted ; (ii) for sub-section (1)

and the proviso thereto, the following sub-section and the (e) (d) (e) proviso shall be substituted, namely : authority as may be prescribed, may, subject to any rules made under this Act, impose on a member of the rifles one or more of the following punishments for disobedience, negligence in duty, in the discharge of any duty or of his misconduct which is prejudicial to good order and discipline of the Rifles, that is to say Minor Punishments and a fine not exceeding twenty eight days ; confinement in quarters for not more than twenty eight days with or without of extra guard or fatigue or other duty ; removal from any place of distinction or special emolument in the Rifles ; censure or severe censure Major ; Punishments : reduction in substantive rank compulsory retirement , removal from service which shall not be a disqualification for future employment under the Government ; . dismissal Provided that punishment specified in clause (d) shall not be imposed on any member of Rifles who is below the rank of Naik" , (iii) After sub-section be inserted, namely (6). No order specified in clauses (g) to (j) sub-section (I) shall be made except after an inquiry held in the manner as may be Amendment; or section 18— In section 1-8 of the principal Act, for sub-Section (3), the following sub-section shall be added, namely Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal procedure, 1973 (Act, No. 2 of 1974) any Offence committed by a member of the rifles and punishable (i) (iii) 4 under this Act: shall be enquired into or tried by Rifles's court only which be conducted under section 18 A V that where the offender is on leave or absent from duty or is not on active duty ; or when the offence is not connected with the offender's duties as a member of the Rifles ; or when an offence is committed by member of the Rifles along with any other person who is not subject to this Act and whose identity is known the officer may, if the prescribed, authority, within the limits, of whose jurisdiction the offence has been committed, so direct, be enquired into or tried by an ordinary criminal court having jurisdiction. Section : In the principal Act, after section 18, the following sections shall be inserted namely :— "18A. Rifles Court= (I) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 there shall be the following classes of Rifles courts, namely (i) General Rifles Court For the purposes of the Act, General Rifles court or a Battalion Rifles court may be convened by the State Government or the General of Police. Every General Rifles Court shall be presided over by three members to be (4) (6) (a) (iii) (ii) (iii) appointed by the State Government or the Inspector General of police. An officer not below the rank of a Superintendent of Police or Commandant who has completed at least seven years in the same, equivalent or higher shall be the presiding judge of a General Rifles Court. Two officers of the rank of a Superintendent or above : Rifles Additional Superintendent or a Commandant or an equivalent rank shall be the member judges, of a General Rifles Court. Every Battalion shall be presided over by three members to be appointed by the State Government or of Police: (i) rank of a Superintendent or above of a Battalion Rifles Court. Two officers of an Assistant Commissioner of Police of the Rifles Battalion Rifles Court. The decision of the majority shall be the decision of a Rifles Court in respect of every order or judgement to be passed by such court. Subject to the other provisions of this Act, any offence under section 10 or II A of this Act shall be tried by General Rifles Court , 18 B. (1) (2) (3) 18 c. 5 Any offence under section 1.1 or IIA of this Act shall be tried by a Battalion Rifles Court . Provided that a General Rifles Court or a Battalion Rifles Court shall not try any offence committed by a member of the Rifles against a person or property of a person who is not subject to this Act. A General Rifles court or a Battalion Rifles Court may pass such sentence as is authorised by this Act. Appointment of officer.— Every Rifles Court may be attended by an officer not below the rank of an Inspector of Police appointed by the Inspector General of Police to act as a law officer for assisting such court. Every trial by a Rifles court under the provision of this Act shall be deemed to be a judicial proceeding within the meaning of sections 193 and 228 of the Indian Evidence Act to be a Court within the meaning of sections 345 and 346 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973. An 'Offence committed' by a member of the Rifles may be enquired into and tried by a member thereof. Powers of Revision.— The State Government or the General of Police may, on its or his own motion and before a General Rifles court the purpose of satisfying itself or himself as to the correctness, legality or propriety of any finding, sentence or order recorded or passed, and passes what he may think fit 18 D. Power of the State Government to direct trial by ordinary criminal court,— Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act the State Government may, at any time, direct any proceeding which is to be instituted or which is pending before a Rifles Court to be tried by an ordinary criminal court or competent

jurisdiction. Reference to the State Government regarding jurisdiction.— (1) If an ordinary criminal court is of opinion that an offence committed by an individual is triable by it, such court may by a notice requiring the Inspector General or Deputy Inspector General or the Commandant within whose command the accused person is serving, or such other officer as may be prescribed to deliver over the offender to that court for trial. In every such case the Officer, as aforesaid, shall either comply with the order or the court or, if the offence is triable by the Rifles Court, refer to the (3) The decision of the State Government as regards the Court by which such offence is triable shall be final and no Rifles court or an ordinary criminal court shall proceed in regard to trial of such offence till the decision of the State Government,

18. Place of Trial.— Any person subject to this Act who commits any offence may be tried and punished for such offence in any place whatever." 8. Amendment of section 19,— In section 19 of the Principal Act, for sub-section (4), the following sub-section, shall be substituted, namely "(4) -Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force no legal proceeding (whether civil or criminal) which may lawfully be brought against any member of the Rifles for any thing done or intended to be done under the powers conferred by or in pursuance of, any provision of this Act or the rules made thereunder, be proceedings and of the cause thereof has been given to the defendant and his superior officer at least one month before the commencement of such proceeding." 9. Amendment of section 22. — In clause (d) of sub-section (2) of section 22 of the principal Act, to the word 'minor'—the word 'Dependent' shall be substituted. By Order of the Governor, A. B. Paul Deputy Secretary to the Government of Tripura. THE TRIPURA ACT NO. 1 OF 2007. THE TRIPURA STATE RIFLES (SECOND AMENDMENT) ACT, 2006. Published in the EXTRAORDINARY ISSUE OF TRIPURA GAZETTE Agartala, Wednesday, February 7, 2007 A. D., Magha 18, 1928 S. E. Government of Tripura Law Department. Dated, Agartala, the 6th February, The following Act of the Tripura Legislative Assembly received the assent of the Governor on 03-02-2007 and is hereby published for general information. S. C. Das Law Secretary, Government of Tripura. 2 The Tripura Act No. 1 of 2007. THE TRIPURA STATE RIFLES (SECOND AMENDMENT) ACT, 2006. ACT Further to amend the Tripura State Rifles Act, 1983 BE it enacted by the Tripura Legislative Assembly in the 57th year of the Republic of India as follows:- Short title and Commencement Amendment 2. of Section 3. Amendment of 3. Clause(q) of Section 3

4. Amendment of Sub-Section(3) of Section 5.(1) This Act may be called "The Tripura State Rifles (Second Amendment) Act, 2006. (2) It shall come into force at once. In the Tripura State Rifles Act, 1983 (Hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act) - In Sub-Clause (iv) of Clause (a) of Section 3 for the words "Inspector General" the words "Director General of Police" shall be substituted. In the Principal Act in Clause (q) of Section (3) for the words "Inspector General" the words "Director General of Police" shall be substituted. In the Principal Act, in Sub-Section (3) of Section (5) and in the proviso thereto for the words "Inspector General" the words "Director General of Police" shall be substituted. Amendment of Sub-Section(1) of Section 9. Amendment of Sub-Section(1) of Section 17. Amendment of Sub-Section (2) and Clause (i) of Sub-Section (3) of Section 18A and Sub-Section (1) of Section 18 B. Amendment of Section 18C. Amendment of Sub-Section(1) of section 18E. 5. 6. 7 8. 9. 3 In the Principal Act, in Sub-Section (1) of Section 9 after the words "there under through" and before the words "The Inspector General" the following words shall be inserted such as "Director General of Police or" In Sub-Section (1) of Section 17, the words "Director General of Police" shall be added at the beginning of the sentence before the words "The Inspector General". In Sub-Section (2) of Section 18A and in Clause (i) of Sub-Section (3) of Section 18A and in Sub-Section (1) of Section 18B the words. "Inspector General of Police" wherever they occur shall be substituted by the words "Director General of Police". In Section 18C after the words "The State Government" and before the words "or The Inspector General of Police" the words "or The Director General of Police" shall be inserted. In Sub-Section (1) of Section 18E after the words "require" and before the words "Inspector General" the words "Director General of Police or" shall be inserted. S. C. Das Law Secretary, Government of Tripura. Tripura Act No. 10 of 2010 THE TRIPURA STATE RIFLES (THIRD AMENDMENT) ACT, 2010 Published in the Extraordinary Issue of Tripura Gazette Agartala, Friday, December 31, 2010 A. D., Pousa 10, 1932 S. E. Government of Tripura Law Department Agartala, the 31st December, 2010. The following Act of the Tripura Legislative Assembly received the assent of the Governor on the 27th December, 2010 and is hereby published for general

information. Samiran Das Secretary, Law. Government of Tripura. THE RA STATE RIFLES (THIRD AMENDMENT) ACT, 2010. ACT Further to amend the Tripura State Rifles Act, 1983 BE it enacted by the Tripura Legislative Assembly in the 61M year of the Republic of India as follows:- Short title Commencement. and 1. Amendment of Clause (n) of Section 3. Amendment of Proviso to SUB-section (1) of Section 12. Amendment of Proviso to SebeSectfon (3) of section 12. Ametidment. of Sub EdioM4)of Section • 12 (1) (2) 2. 3. 4

5. This act may be caned" The Tripura State Rifles (Third Amendment) Act, 2010.It shall come into force on of its publication in the Offibiai Gazeth the Tripura State Act. fn 1983(Herejnafter referred to as the—al In Clause (n) of Section for "Habilder, Naik and Lance Naik" — Habilder and Naik" shalt be substituted. In the Principal Act in the proviso to-.e- section(1) of Section 12 the Words, "Lance Naik" shall be subsütuted with the. wordÄNajk" to Sub- In the Principal Act in proviso section(3) of section 12 the words, "Naik ot Lance Naik" shall be substituted with the word "Naik" in the Principal Act in proviso to Sub- section(4) of Section 12 the. words, " Lance Naik" sh'att be substiWted with the word "Naik" Samiran Das Secretary, Law. Government of Tripura. 2

