

**RULES UNDER THE MANIPUR (VILLAGE AUTHORITIES
IN HILL AREAS) ACT.**

Imphal, the 16th December, 1957

No. J/27/54.—Under the provisions of Section 57(1) (2) of 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 on such place or places within the village as may be announced 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 by such other officer as may be nominated by him in the notice. Where there is no S.D.O. or 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 election, the Election Officer shall announce the election, by beat of drum and thereafter shall allow one hour's time for the electors to assemble. The proceedings of the election shall commence by the Election Officer explaining the nature and objects of the meeting to the assembled voters.

5. (1) The Electoral rolls prepared for elections to Lok Sabha shall be used for the elections to the Village Authorities
- (2) The Election Officer then shall call for objection, if any, about the eligibility of any person to vote. No objection to a 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 decision shall be final.
6. 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 recording 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 U/s 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 candidates for election, any objection if raised under Rule 6 above and the decision of the Election Officer 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 return.

S. C. BARDHAN,
Secretary (Law & Home),
Manipur Administration.

1. 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 (1) and (2) of section 57 of the Manipur (Village Authorities in Hill Areas) Act, 1956 (80 of 1956) read with Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs Notification No. F. 1/65/69-HMT dated 26th December, 1969 the Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), Manipur is pleased to make the following rules to further amend the rules of the conduct and election of members of the Village Authorities published in the Manipur Gazette Extra-Ordinary No. 74-E-39 dated 16th December, 1957, namely—

The Manipur Village Authorities in Hill Areas (Conduct and Election of Members (First Amendment) Rules, 1971.

1. Short title and commencement—(1) These rules may be called the Manipur Village Authorities in Hill Areas (Conduct and Election of Members) (First Amendment) Rules, 1971.

(2) These rules shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Rule 5.—For the existing Rule 5 of the Rules for Conduct and Election of Members of the Village Authorities, the following shall be substituted, namely—

“5 (1) The Electoral rolls prepared for elections to Lok Sabha shall be used 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 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 decision shall be final”.

Imphal, the 17th July, 1971

No. 3/20/71-Act/L.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Manipur (Village Authorities in Hill Areas) Act, 1956 (80 of 1956) read with Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs Notification No. P. 1/65/69-HMT dated 26th December, 1969, the Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), Manipur is pleased to declare that all the hill villages in Manipur having 20 or more tax paying houses shall have elected village authorities.

By order etc.,

O.P. MEHROTRA,

Secretary (Law) to the Govt. of Manipur.

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