

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
DISTRICT COUNCIL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong, the 16th October, 2020

NO.DCA.1/2020/146:- Whereas, the present term of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council will end on 18th October, 2020;

and whereas, in view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the General Elections to re-constitute the said District Council as scheduled, that is, before 19th October, 2020 could not be conducted and has to be postponed to a date to be decided later,

and whereas the Governor of Meghalaya is satisfied that a situation has arisen where the administration of the Garo Hills Autonomous District cannot be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India;

Now, therefore, the Governor of Meghalaya, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-paragraph (2) of Paragraph 16 of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India is pleased:-

- (a) To assume to himself the administration of the said Autonomous District and all functions and powers vested in or exercisable by the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council;
- (b) To declare that the functions and powers vested in or exercisable by the Executive Committee, Chief Executive Member, Deputy Chief Executive Member, Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Executive Members of the aforesaid District Council under the Sixth Schedule or any law in force in the said District, shall subject to his superintendence, direction and control, be exercisable by such officer of the State Govt. and/or by such person or authority as the Governor may, by notification, appoint in this behalf and that the Executive Committee, Chief Executive Member, Deputy Chief Executive Member, Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Executive Members of the said District Council shall during the period of assumption of the administration of the District Council by the Governor to himself under this order, cease to exercise the functions and powers aforesaid.
- (c) To direct that during the period of operation of this Order, all references in the Sixth Schedule or in any laws, regulations or orders to the "District Council" shall in relation to the said Autonomous District in so far as it relates to the functions and powers vested in or exercisable by the District Council be construed, unless the context otherwise requires, as reference to the "Governor of Meghalaya" and reference in any Laws, rules, regulations or orders in force in Autonomous District to the "Executive Committee", "Chief Executive Member", "Chairman", "Deputy Chief Executive Member", "Deputy Chairman", and "Executive Members", be construed unless the context otherwise requires as reference to such officer, person or authority referred to in paragraph (b) of this order.

This order shall take effect from the 19th October, 2020 and shall remain in force for a period of six months or till the constitution of the new Council through election whichever is earlier.

Sd/- A. Mawlong
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya
District Council Affairs Department.

Memo.NO.DCA.1/2020/146(A) Dated Shillong, the 16th October, 2020

Copy forwarded to:-

1. The Secretary to the Governor of Meghalaya, Raj Bhavan, Shillong.
2. The Private Secretary to the Chief Minister for kind information of the Chief Minister.
3. The Private Secretary to the Deputy Chief Minister for kind information of the Deputy Chief Minister.
4. The Private Secretary to the Minister In-charge District Council Affairs for kind information of the Minister.
5. The Private Secretary to all the Ministers for kind information of the Ministers.
6. The Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary Government of Meghalaya for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
7. The Private Secretary to the Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya for kind information of the Additional Chief Secretary.
8. The Commissioner of Division for East Garo Hills, West Garo Hills, South Garo Hills, South-West Garo Hills and North Garo Hills Districts, Tura for information and necessary action.
9. The Chief Executive Member, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, Tura for information.
10. The Chairman, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, Tura for information.
11. The Commissioner & Secretary, Law Department for information.
12. The Secretary, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, Tura for information and necessary action.
13. The Secretary, Executive Committee, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, Tura.
14. The State Informatics Officer, NIC Building, Shillong for favour of updating in the official website of the Department.
15. The Director, Printing & Stationery, Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of publication of the above notification in the Extra-ordinary Gazette of date and to supply 20 copies of the printed notification to this Department.

By Order etc.,


Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
District Council Affairs Department.