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NOTIFICATION

No.C.31012/3/2011-DCA(M), the 30th October, 2015. In pursuance of paragraph 11 of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India, the following Act passed by the Mara Autonomous District Council and approved by His Excellency the Governor of Mizoram on 9.9.2015 is hereby published for general information namely :-

“THE MARAAUTONOMOUS DISTRICT COUNCIL
(VILLAGE COUNCIL) (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2015”

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further to amend the Mara Autonomous District (Village Councils) Act, 1974 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act) and amended therein to provide for smooth functioning and better administration of the Village Councils.

Be it enacted by the Mara Autonomous District Council in its Session in the Sixty-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

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| Short title, extent and commencement. | 1. | (1) | This Act may be called the Mara Autonomous District (Village Councils) (Amendment) Act, 2015. |
| | | (2) | It shall have like extent as the Principal Act. |
| | | (3) | It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Mizoram Gazette. |

- Amendment of Section 3.
2. After sub-section (5) of section 3 of the Principal Act, the following sub-section shall be added, namely:—
- “(6) The State Election Commission shall be vested with superintendence, direction and control of the preparation, revision and correction of electoral rolls and the conduct of all elections to the Village Councils in accordance with the provisions of this Act.”
- Amendment of Section 10.
3. (1) In sub-section (6) of section 10 of the Principal Act, for the figure “100”, the figure “250” shall be substituted.
- (2) In sub-section (8) of section 10 of the Principal Act, for the figure “50”, the figure “200” shall be substituted.
- Amendment of Section 20 – B.
4. After sub-section (3) of section 20–B of the Principal Act, the following Explanation shall be added, namely:—
- “Explanation.— For the purpose of sub-section (3) of this section, a registered house holder shall not include a State or Central Government employee and an employee serving under the District Council.”
- Amendment of Section 26.
5. After sub-section (4) of section 26 of the Principal Act, the following sub-section shall be added, namely:—
- “(5) The Executive Committee may, by notification, suspend a Village Council or Councils on the like ground of dissolution as provided in clause (a) of sub-section (1) of this section:
- Provided that the Village Council or Councils shall not be kept under suspension for a period exceeding three months:
- Provided further that the Executive Committee shall, soon after such suspension, appoint a Commission to inquire into and report on the matter relating to such suspension:

Provided also that in case of suspension of a Village Council or Councils, the Executive Committee may appoint any person or persons to assume charge of the village administration of such Village Council or Councils, as the case may be, during the period of suspension."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Mara Autonomous District Council feels necessary to make new provisions for holding free and fair elections to the Village Councils and empowering the Executive Committee to suspend a Village Council when required. The Bill thus aims at entrusting the State Election Commission with a power to conduct elections to the Village Councils and to provide a new provision for suspension of Village Council in order to carry on the Administration of Villages within the Mara Autonomous District smooth and more effectively.

Hence, the Bill.

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