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#### NOTIFICATION

**No. C. 31012/11/2015-DCA(M), the 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.** In pursuance of paragraph 11 of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India, the following Rules passed by the Mara Autonomous District Council and approved by His Excellency the Governor of Mizoram on 21.7.2015 is hereby published for general information, namely :-

#### **"THE MARA AUTONOMOUS DISTRICT COUNCIL (BOARD OF MARA LITERATURE) RULES, 2015".**

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#### **Rules**

to provide for the constitution of a Board of Mara Literature to preserve, develop and promote Mara Literature.

Whereas under clause (a) of sub-paragraph (7) of paragraph 2 of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India, the District Council is empowered to make rules regulating the formation of Boards and their procedure and conduct of their business.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the said powers, the Mara Autonomous District Council is pleased to make the following rules in the Sixty-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

#### **CHAPTER – I**

**Short title, extent  
and commencement.**

1. (1) These rules may be called the Mara Autonomous District Council (Board of Mara Literature) Rules, 2015.
- (2) They shall extend to the whole of Mara Autonomous District Council areas.
- (3) They shall come into force on and from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

**Definitions.**

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:-
- (i) "Board" means the Board of Mara Literature constituted under sub-rule (1) of rule 3 of these Rules.
  - (ii) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board.
  - (iii) "District Council" means the Mara Autonomous District Council constituted in accordance with the provisions laid down in Paragraphs 2 and 20 B of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India.
  - (iv) "Executive Committee" means the Executive Committee of the Mara Autonomous District Council.
  - (v) "Executive Member" means the Executive Member-in-charge of Education Department of the Mara Autonomous District Council.
  - (vi) "Official Gazette" means the Mizoram Gazette.
  - (vii) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Board.
  - (viii) "Vice Chairman" means the Vice Chairman of the Board.

**CHAPTER – II****Constitution of the Board.**

3. (1) On and from the commencement of these Rules, the Executive Committee shall, by notification in the Official Gazette, constitute a Board to be called the Board of Mara Literature.
- (2) The Board shall consist of 11 (eleven) Members, viz; Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and other seven members.
- (3) The Executive Member shall be the *ex-officio* Chairman and the Senior Education Officer of District Council shall be a Secretary of the Board.
- (4) The other 9 (nine) members having knowledge and experience in Mara Literature shall be appointed by the Chairman. Among the members, one member shall be from an officer of Education Department of the District Council.
- (5) The Vice Chairman and Assistant Secretary shall be elected from the members themselves at their first meeting.
- (6) The Vice Chairman, Assistant Secretary and other Members of the Board shall hold office for a term of three years from the date of the first meeting of the Board.

**Term of the Board.**

4. The term of office of the Board shall be 3 (three) years from the date of its first meeting:
- Provided that the Executive Committee may, by notification, extend the term for a period not exceeding one year or shorten as it may deem necessary.

**Resignation and Removal of members of the Board.**

5. (1) Any member of the Board, other than the Chairman and the Secretary, may, by writing under his hand addressed to the Chairman, resign his membership and such resignation shall take effect from the date of its acceptance by the Chairman.
- (2) The Chairman may remove any member of the Board:-
- (i) on the ground of misconduct or incapacity;
  - (ii) who has acted or conducted himself against the decision of the meeting of the Board;

- (iii) who remains absent for three consecutive meetings without the leave of the Board.
- (3) Every member of the Board shall have the right to be informed of the charges against him and shall be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard before his/her removal.
- Vacancy.**
6. (1) When a vacancy occurs in the office of a member on the ground as stated in Rule 5, the vacancy shall be filled as provided by sub-rule (2) of this rule.
- (2) Appointment of a new member shall be made by the Chairman.
- (3) Any member appointed to fill up a casual vacancy shall hold office for the remaining period of the term of office of the member in whose place he is nominated.
- Entitlement of members of the Board.**
7. Non-official members of the Board shall be entitled:-
- (i) to sitting allowances for the date of sitting as may be determined by the Executive Committee;
- (ii) to draw other allowances for the work of the Board if he/she is engaged as determined by the Executive Committee.
- CHAPTER – III**
- Meeting of the Board.**
8. (1) The Secretary may call for a meeting of the Board on the advice of the Chairman.
- (2) The Chairman, when present, shall preside over the meeting of the Board.
- (3) In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall preside over the meeting of the Board.
- (4) Six members of the Board including the Chairman and Secretary shall form a quorum for meeting of the Board.
- (5) Meeting minutes shall be recorded by the Secretary.
- (6) The Board shall meet at such time and place as the Chairman may think fit.
- (7) Notice for a meeting shall be served to all members of the Board at least three days before the date of the meeting.
- (8) Any member who wishes to have an item to be included in the agenda in a meeting of the Board shall send the same in writing to the Secretary at least two days before the date of the meeting.
- (9) Meeting of the Board shall be held on the basis of the agenda items.
- Power and function of the Board.**
9. The Board shall have the powers and functions-
- (a) to promote and develop Mara Literature;
- (b) to preserve regional integrity and unity through Mara Literature;
- (c) to make suggestions for the improvement of Mara Alphabet;
- (d) to preserve and promote Mara Novels, Mara Comics, Mara Idioms & Phrases, Poems, Prose and Books, etc.
- (e) to advise the Board of School Education of the District Council in relation to the syllabus, courses of studies or books for learning of the Mara language in elementary schools;
- (f) to organize Seminar, Workshop, Essay Competition and Symposium for the development and upliftment of Mara Literature.

- Constitution of Expert Committee.**
10. (1) The Board may constitute Expert Committee or such other Committee as it may deem necessary.  
 (2) Members of the Expert Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman on the basis of the subject matter.  
 (3) The duty of the Expert Committee shall be:—  
 (i) to examine written materials or manuscript before publication; and  
 (ii) submit its findings to the Board.  
 (4) Members of the Expert Committee shall be paid an honorarium as may be determined by the Board.
- Constitution of Editorial Board.**
11. (1) The Board may constitute an Editorial Board for the publication of monthly journal in Mara language which is to be named “Hla nata Bie”  
 (2) The Editorial Board shall consist of Editor-in-Chief, Editor, Joint Editor, two Circulation Managers, and three other members to be appointed by the Chairman.  
 (3) The Secretary of the Board shall be the ex-officio Editor-in-Chief.  
 (4) The term of the Editorial Board shall be two years from the date of constitution which may be shortened or extended by the Board if it thinks necessary.
- Publication of Books.**
12. (1) The Board shall select and recommend a book for publication.  
 (2) A book published in the name of Board must be for the improvement and upliftment of Mara Literature.  
 (3) If a book written is found publishable for the improvement and learning of Mara Literature by the Board, the same may be published.  
 (4) The expenditure incurred for publication of the books shall be borne by the Board.  
 (5) The Board shall select printing press or firm for printing the books.  
 (6) The Board shall determine the number of copies to be printed.  
 (7) The copyright of all edition of the book shall be vested with the Board.  
 (8) The writer or author of the book shall have 75% of sales-proceed and the Board shall benefit 25% in cash or kind.  
 (9) The Board shall fix the rate of the book after publication.
- Agreement.**
13. (1) An agreement between the author and the Board shall be made clearly for the book to be published in the name of the Board.  
 (2) The agreement regarding the publication of the book shall be made on the basis of the mutual understanding of the author and the Board.
- Guidelines for editing and proof reading.**
14. Guidelines for editing and proof reading shall be as given in the following points and the said points should be strictly looked into whether the book:—  
 (1) to be published contravenes any law of the land or not?  
 (2) contains uniformity and consistency or not?  
 (3) contains in itself readability or not?  
 (4) is saleable or not?  
 (5) contains correctness, accuracy, etc. in itself?  
 (6) contains correct wordings and correct grammar in itself?  
 (7) contains correct punctuation or not?

- (8) The Expert Committee appointed under these Rules shall have the power to correct or change the contents of any book to be published.
- (9) The author's arrangement of wordings and intention in the book should be preserved as far as practicable.
- General Body meeting.**
15. (1) General body meeting of the Board may be held in order to bring out good suggestions/proposal for the progress and improvement of Mara Literature.
- (2) Eligible members to attend the General Body Meeting of the Board are:-
- (a) All members of the Board;
  - (b) All members of the Editorial Board constituted under rule 11 of these Rules;
  - (c) All members of the Expert Committee constituted under rule 10 of these Rules;
  - (d) Three (3) representatives each from the NGOs and any Association interested in the Mara Literature;
  - (e) Representatives from the Education Department of the District Council;
  - (f) In consultation with the Chairman and Secretary, the Executive Committee may appoint five (5) co-opted members, as may deem necessary.
- (3) General Body meeting shall propose and suggest for the improvement of the Board.
- (4) Suggestions regarding Mara Literature may be discussed in the General Body Meeting.
- (5) General Body meeting may be held once in a year preferably in the month of February or October.
- Plan & Budget of the Board.**
16. On the basis of the decision made by the Board and General body meeting, the Secretary shall prepare Plan and Budget of the Board to be included in the District Council Annual Plan and Budget through Education Department of the District Council.
- Motto and Emblem.**
17. (1) The Motto of the Board shall be "Literature is the foundation of the Land and the Nation".
- (2) The emblem of the Board shall be of the following. There shall be two circular lines and on upwards side of the two circular lines, "Board of Mara Literature" shall be inscribed and on downwards side of the two circular lines the Motto of the Board, "Literature is the foundation of the Land and the Nation" shall be inscribed. And at the centre of the two circular lines, there shall be an open book and palm writing with a pen showing the identity of Literature. And below the circular lines, there shall be a ribbon like structure divided into three lines and at the left side, the word, "Estd." shall be inscribed and at the right side the year "1983" shall be inscribed and in the middle of it "MADC: Siaha" shall be inscribed.