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THE MARA AUTONOMOUS DISTRICT COUNCIL (BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE) RULES, 2013

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub – rule (2) of rule 141 of the Mara Autonomous District Council (Constitution, Conduct of Business, etc.) Rules, 2002 and amended from time to time, the Chairman of the Mara Autonomous District Council hereby makes the following rules to regulate the composition and functions of the Business Advisory Committee of the Mara Autonomous District Council, namely:-

“The Mara Autonomous District Council (Business Advisory Committee) Rules, 2013”

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) These rules may be called the Mara Autonomous District Council (Business Advisory Committee) Rules, 2013.
- (2) They shall come into force on and from the date of their publication in the Mizoram Gazette.

Definitions.

2. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:-
 - (i) “Chairman” means the Chairman of the Mara Autonomous District Council.
 - (ii) “Committee” means the Business Advisory Committee of the Mara Autonomous District Council nominated in accordance with the provisions of rule 141 of the Mara Autonomous District Council (Constitution, Conduct of Business, etc.) Rules, 2002.
 - (iii) “Deputy Chairman” means the Deputy Chairman of the Mara Autonomous District Council.
 - (iv) “District Council” means the Mara Autonomous District Council.
 - (v) “House” means the House of the Mara Autonomous District Council.

- (vi) “Secretary” means the Secretary to the District Council Secretariat of the Mara Autonomous District Council.
- Constitution of the Committee** **3.**
- (1) The Chairman may, from time to time, nominate a **Committee**, called the Business Advisory Committee consisting of six members including the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman.
 - (2) The Chairman shall be the Chairman of the Committee.
 - (3) The Secretary shall be the *ex-officio* Secretary of the Committee. However, the Secretary shall not be a member of the Committee.
 - (4) The Committee nominated under sub-rule (1) above shall hold office for a period of one year from the date of its constitution.
 - (5) If the Chairman is for any reason unable to preside over any meeting of the Committee, the Deputy Chairman shall act as the Chairman for that meeting.
 - (6) If the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman, as the case may be, is for any reason, unable to preside over any meeting, the Committee shall choose any of the members of the Committee to act as Chairman of the Committee for that meeting.
- Sitting of the Committee.** **4.**
- (1) The sitting of the Committee shall be held within the precinct of the House, and if necessity arises to change the place of sitting outside the House, the matter shall be referred to the Chairman whose decision shall be final.
 - (2) The sitting of the Committee shall be held on such date and at such hours as the Chairman may fix.
- Functions of the Committee.** **5.**
- (1) It shall be the function of the Committee to recommend the time that should be allocated—
 - (a) for the discussion of stage or stages of such official Bills and other business as the Chairman, in consultation with the Leader of the House, may direct for being referred to the Committee; and
 - (b) for the discussion of stage or stages of private members’ Bills and resolutions.
 - (2) The Committee shall have the power to indicate in the proposed allocation of time the different hours at which the various stages of the Bill or other business shall be completed.
 - (3) The Committee shall have such other functions as may be assigned to it by the Chairman from time to time.

- Resignation.** 6. (1) A member may resign his seat from the Committee by writing under his hand addressed to the Chairman and his resignation is accepted by the Chairman,
- (2) The Chairman may remove a member of the Committee from his seat if he fails to perform his duty.
- Filling of Casual vacancies.** 7. Casual vacancies in the Committee shall be filled by the Chairman.
- Quorum.** 8. The quorum of the Committee shall be four.
- Report of the Committee.** 9. The allocation of time in regard to the Bill or group of Bills or other business as recommended by the Committee, shall be reported by the Secretary to the House and circulated to the members of the Committee.
- Allocation of time order.** 10. As soon as may be after the report has been made to the House, a motion may be moved by the Deputy Chairman or in his absence by any other member of the Committee designated by the Chairman: *“that this House agrees with the allocation of time proposed by the Committee in regard to such and such Bill or Bills or other business, as the case may be,”* and if such a motion is accepted by the House, it shall take effect as if it were an Order of the House.
- Provided that an amendment may be moved that the report be referred back to the Committee either without limitation or with reference to any particular matter:
- Provided further that not more than half-an-hour shall be allotted for the discussion of the motion and no member shall speak for more than five minutes on such a motion.
- Disposal of outstanding matters.** 11. At the appointed hour in accordance with the Allocation of Time Order, for the completion of a particular stage of a Bill, or other business, the Chairman shall forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of all the outstanding matters in connection with that stage of the Bill or other business.
- Variation in the Allocation of Time Order.** 12. No variation in the Allocation of Time Order shall be made except by the Chairman, who may make such variation if he is satisfied after taking the sense of the House that there is a general agreement for such variation.

Chairman

Mara Autonomous District Council
Siaha, Mizoram.