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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 9th March, 1972

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 51 read with section 53 of the Manipur (Hill Areas) District Councils Act, 1971 (76 of 1971), the Governor of Manipur hereby makes the following rules.

THE MANIPUR (HILL AREAS) DISTRICT COUNCILS RULES, 1972

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. *Short title and commencement* :—(1) These rules may be called the Manipur (Hill Areas) District Councils Rules, 1972.
(2) They shall come into force on the with immediate effect.
2. *Definitions* :—In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—
 - (a) "Act" means the Manipur (Hill Areas) District Council Act, 1971.
 - (b) "Governor" has the same meaning as in the Act as adapted by Law Department Notification No. 3/30/71-Act/L of 21st January, 1972.
 - (c) "Chairman" means the Chairman of a Council.
 - (d) "Council" means a District Council constituted under Section 4 of the Act.
 - (e) "prescribed Form" means the form prescribed by order of the Governor and
 - (f) "Secretary" means the Chief Executive Officer functioning as secretary of the Council in accordance with rule 15.

PART II—CONDUCT OF BUSINESS
CHAPTER I—CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

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3. *Election of Chairman by Council* :—(1) The election of a Chairman shall be held on such date as the Governor may fix and the Secretary shall send to every member notice of this date.
- (2) Before the election of a Chairman the Governor shall appoint a member of the Council who does not intend to contest the election to preside at the meeting.
4. *Election of Vice-Chairman by Council* :—The election of a Vice-Chairman shall be held on such date as the Chairman may fix and the Secretary shall send to every member notice of this date.
5. *Panel of Deputy Chairman* :—(1) At the commencement of the Council or from time to time, as the case may be, the Chairman shall nominate from amongst members of the Council a panel of not more than two Deputy Chairman, any one of whom may preside over the Council in the absence of the Chairman, any one of whom when so requested by the Chairman or, in his absence, by the Vice-Chairman, may preside over the Council in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
- (2) A Deputy Chairman nominated under sub-rule (1) shall hold office until a new panel of Deputy Chairman is nominated.
6. *Vacation and resignation of, and removal from, office of Chairman* :—A member holding office as Chairman—
- (a) shall, unless he has been nominated under the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 23 of the Act, vacate his office if he ceases to be a member of the Council ;
- (b) may, at any time, by writing under his hand addressed to the Governor, resign his office ; and
- (c) may be removed from his office in accordance with sub-sections (2) and (3) of section 23 of the Act.
7. *Delivery of notice for moving a resolution for removal of Chairman* :—A notice in writing of the intention to move a resolution for the removal of the Chairman from his office referred to in sub-section (2) of section 23 of the Act shall be delivered in person to the Deputy Commissioner concerned by one of the signatories to the notice, and shall contain a brief statement of the reasons for moving the resolution. Provisions of sections 23(3) of the Act shall be followed.
8. *Vacation and resignation of, and removal from office of Vice-Chairman* :—A member holding office as Vice-Chairman of a Council—
- (a) shall vacate his office if he ceases to be a member of the Council ;
- (b) may at any time, by writing under his hand addressed to the Chairman and delivered to the Secretary, resign his office ; and
- (c) may be removed from his office by a resolution of the Council passed by a majority of all the then members of the Council ;
- Provided that no resolution for the purpose of clause (c) shall be moved unless at least fourteen days' notice has been given of the intention to move the resolution.
9. *Power of Vice-Chairman or other person to perform the duties of Office of, or to act as, Chairman* :—(1) While the office of Chairman is vacant, the duties of the office shall be performed by the Vice-Chairman.

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(2) During the absence of the Chairman from any meeting of the council the Vice-Chairman or if he is also absent, one of the Deputy Chairmen, shall act as Chairman in accordance with the provisions of rule 5.

10. Chairman or Vice-Chairman not to preside while a resolution for his removal from office is under consideration :—

(1) At any meeting of the Council, while any resolution for the removal of the Chairman from his office is under consideration, the Chairman, or while any resolution for the removal of the Vice-Chairman from his office is under consideration, the Vice-Chairman shall not, though he is present, preside.

(2) The Chairman shall have the right of speak in, and otherwise to take part in the proceeding of, the Council while any resolution for his removal from office is under consideration in the Council and shall be entitled to vote only in the first instance on such resolution or on any other matter during such proceedings.

CHAPTER II—MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

11. Oath or affirmation by members :—(1) Every member of a Council shall make and subscribe (at a meeting of the Council) before the Deputy Commissioner, or some other person appointed in that behalf by the Governor, an oath or affirmation under section 24 of the Act, in the following form, that is to say—“I, A, B, having been
swear in the name of God

elected (or nominated) a member of the District Council, do_____ solemnly affirm

that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established and that I will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter”.

(2) After each general election to the Council, the Governor shall fix the date for the first meeting of the Council for making and subscribing an oath or affirmation under sub-rule (1) and the Secretary shall send to every member notice of that date.

12. Voting in Council :—Save as otherwise provided in the Act and these Rules, all questions at any meeting of the Council shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and voting, the Chairman or the person acting as Chairman having a second or casting vote when there is an equality of votes.

13. Power of Council to act notwithstanding vacancies etc. :—A Council shall have power to act notwithstanding any vacancy in the membership thereof, and any proceedings in a Council shall be valid notwithstanding that it is discovered subsequently that some person who was not entitled so to do sat or voted or otherwise took part in the proceedings.

14. Penalty for sitting and voting before making oath or affirmation or when not qualified or when disqualified :—If a person sits or votes as a member of a Council before he has complied with the provisions of rule 11 or when he knows that he is not qualified or that he is disqualified for membership thereof or that he is prohibited from so doing by the provisions of any law in force for the time being, he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

CHAPTER III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

15. Secretary of the Council :—The Chief Executive Officer shall be ex-officio Secretary of the Council.

16. Matters for discussion :—(1) No matter shall be included in the agenda for any meeting of a Council nor be discussed in any such meeting, which is not connected with the functions and duties of the Council as prescribed by the Act, and it shall be

the duty of the Chairman, or of the member actually presiding to disallow the inclusion of any such matter in the agenda and to refuse to permit in a meeting the discussion of any such matter.

Provided that the Chairman may in his discretion permit an exception to this rule if the discussion of such matter appears to him to be in the public interest and in any way likely to impede the administration or to promote or encourage lawfulness or to cause communal discord, or to be for any other reason undesirable.

(2) Any member, wishing to bring any subject before the Council shall send a proposal to the Secretary, who shall submit it to the Chairman for information. The Chairman will send the proposal to the Council except in special cases in which he thinks it undesirable, when he will record his reasons in writing for refusing to do so, in which case a due intimation will be given by the Chairman to the member.

17. Reconsideration by Council :—Any subject which the Council has disposed of by a resolution may only be reconsidered by the Council if it is referred to :

- (a) on the motion of the Chairman ; or
- (b) in compliance with the suggestion of the Governor ; or
- (c) on the application of the person aggrieved:

Provided such application is made within three months of the date of the resolution complained of and the Chairman's consent to reconsideration is obtained.

18. Members to be present in person :—No member shall be represented at a meeting by a proxy.

19. Procedure at meetings :—The following procedure shall be followed at meetings:

- (a) The Chairman shall regulate the course of all business to be brought forward.
- (b) The members shall sit in such order as the Chairman may determine.
- (c) Every motion proposed shall be seconded before it is discussed.
- (d) A member desiring to make any speech or observation on any matter under discussion in the meeting shall speak from his place, shall rise when he speaks, and shall address the Chairman.
- (e) A member shall stand when addressing a meeting. If at any time when the Chairman speaks, the member speaking shall resume his seat.
- (f) Written speeches may not be read without the permission of the Chairman.
- (g) No member shall speak more than once on any matter but the proposer of a resolution may speak in conclusion also after hearing all others who wish to speak.
- (h) The matter of every speech shall be strictly relevant to the matter under discussion before the meeting. A member while speaking shall not—
 - (i) refer to any matter of fact on which a judicial decision is pending.
 - (ii) make a personal charge against a member or officer or other employee of the Government or the Council.
 - (iii) use offensive expressions regarding Parliament or any State Legislature or any public institution.
 - (iv) reflect upon the conduct of the President or any Governor or any Administrator of a Union Territory or their Ministers, or any court of law in exercise of its judicial functions ;
 - (v) utter treasonable, seditious, or defamatory words, or

(vi) use his right of speech for the purpose of wilfully and persistently obstructing the business of the Council.

(i) The Chairman, after having called the attention of the meeting to the conduct of a member who persists in irrelevance or in tedious repetition either of his own arguments or of the arguments used by other member in debate, may direct him to discontinue his speech, and he shall discontinue it forthwith.

(j) Any member may at any time during the meeting of a Council submit a point of order for the decision of the Chairman but in doing so shall confine himself to stating the point. The Chairman shall decide all points of order which may arise or be referred to him. The Chairman may consult the wishes of the Council, if he so desires, and his decision shall be final.

(k) All questions from one member to another, relating to the business of the meeting, shall be put through the Chairman.

(l) Amendments, if duly proposed and seconded, shall first be put to the vote. After the amendments have been rejected or accepted, the motion shall be put to the vote.

(m) No proceeding, if opposed, shall be entered as passed until it has been put to the vote. It shall not be necessary to record the names of the members voting, but any member shall be entitled to have his name recorded if he so desires.

(n) When the discussion has been closed by the Chairman, he or the Secretary acting under his orders, shall proceed to take the votes.

(o) The proceedings of every meeting shall be confirmed at the succeeding meeting.

(p) (i) The Chairman shall preserve order and shall have all powers necessary for the purpose of enforcing his decisions.

(ii) The Chairman may direct any member whose conduct is in his opinion grossly disorderly to withdraw immediately from a meeting and any member so ordered to withdraw shall do so forthwith and absent himself during the remainder of the days' meeting.

(iii) The Chairman may in the case of grave disorder arising in the meeting adjourn any sitting for a time to be named by him.

20. *Admission to meetings of the Council* :—The admission to the meeting hall of—

(i) visitors to the visitors' gallery, and

(ii) representatives of the Press to the press gallery, during the meeting hours shall be regulated in accordance with the rules made by the Council.

21. *Publication of minutes* :—An abstract of the minutes of each meeting of the Council shall be published in accordance with the rules made by the Council.

22. *Seal of the Council* :—The common seal of the Council shall remain in the custody of the Chief Executive Officer and shall be used on all notices issued under the Act and bye-laws, rules, regulations, directions and orders issued thereunder, and on all contracts, proclamations, copies of documents, and any other important document requiring the same.

23. Finance Committee :—The Council shall, as soon as may be after its establishment, elect a Finance Committee consisting of seven members including the Chairman who shall be the Chairman of the Committee.

24. Function of the Finance Committee :—The following matters shall be submitted to the Finance Committee :—

- (a) all matters connected with the framing and revision of budget ;
- (b) all matters connected with the imposition of taxes, rates and fees ;
- (c) all matters connected with the compilation and alteration of bye-laws ;
- (d) all matters connected with the obtaining and repayment of loans ;
- (e) all matters connected with the issue of directions to the other committees of the Council ; and
- (f) such other matters as the Chairman may direct.

25. Other Committees :—In addition to the Finance Committee the Council may, with the previous sanction of the Governor, elect as many Committees as it thinks fit for the exercise of any power or for discharging any function of the Council. The Chairman shall be ex-officio Chairman of every such Committee.

26. Term of office of members of Committees :—The term of office of a member of the Finance Committee or of any other committee, shall be such as may elapse between the meeting of the Council at which he was appointed a member of the Committee and the meeting to be held in the same month of the next following year for the purpose of appointing members of the committee.

27. Filling of the vacancies :—When the seat of member of the Finance Committee or any other committee falls vacant, it shall be filled by the Council at a meeting as soon as may be after the occurrence of the vacancy.

28. Arrangement in Chairman's absence :—If, when a meeting of any Committee is held, the Chairman is absent, the member present shall elect one from among their own members as the Chairman of the meeting.

29. Matters to be first considered by concerned Committee :—Matters within the cognizance of the Finance Committee or any other committee shall ordinarily not be brought up for discussion in the Council until disposed of by the Committee concerned.

30. Promotion of adhoc Committees :—The Council may appoint an adhoc committee for enquiring into, reporting or advising upon, any matter which the Council may refer to it and may fix the duration of such committee.

31. Rules of business of committees :—(1) The Finance Committee or any Committee or ad hoc committee may draw up its own rules of business. All such rules shall be subject to confirmation by the Council. Quorum in all cases shall be three.

(2) So far as no provision has been made under sub-rule (1) the Chairman of any such Committee shall as far as possible, be guided in the conduct of its business by the rules of procedure laid down for the meeting of the Council.

(3) Any resolution passed by the Finance Committee, a committee or an ad hoc committee shall be recorded in a book kept for this purpose and shall be signed by the Chairman of the Committee.

PART III—BUDGET ESTIMATE

32. Preparation of Budget Estimates:—(1) The Chief Executive Officer shall prepare in respect of each financial year beginning on the 1st day of April, an estimate of income and expenditure of the Council (hereinafter called the budget) in the prescribed form, in consultation with the officer of the Council in charge of concerned departments.

Provided that the budget for the year 1972-73 or whichever is the first financial year of a Council shall be prepared as soon as may be after the constitution of the Council, and until the said budget is passed no expenditure shall be incurred except under an order of the Governor.

Provided further that for the first financial year in which a Council is constituted the Governor may suo moto lay down the budget which will be operated upon by the Council as if it has been framed according to these rules,

(2) In preparing the budget, the Chief Executive Officer shall have the regard to, and be bound by, the instruction if any, issued by the State Government.

33. Consideration by Finance Committee :—(1) The Chief Executive Officer shall send a copy of the budget as framed by him to all members of the Council and fourteen days thereafter shall lay it before the Finance Committee.

(2) The Finance Committee may make any changes in the figures submitted to it which it may deem necessary and the budget embodying the decisions of the Finance Committee shall be then prepared. Original works which the Finance Committee proposes should be undertaken in the coming year being entered separately in the budget.

34. Consideration by Council:—(1) The budget as amended by the Finance Committee shall be laid before the council in the first week of March every year by the Chairman of the Committee and, if the Council so desires, there shall be a general discussion of it before the demands for grant are moved.

(2) The Chairman of the Committee after explaining the estimates of income and expenditure and the manner in which the sums available for expenditure over and above the sum required to meet sanctioned charges has been allocated, shall move separate resolution for grants of the amounts required for expenditure in each department, whereupon any member may move an amendment to any such resolution for the purpose of reducing or totally refusing the amount of the grant demanded for any department.

Provided that no amendment shall be moved at this stage for the purpose of increasing the grant demanded for any department.

(3) When all resolutions and amendments moved under the provisions of sub-rule (2) have been decided, if any surplus is available for expenditure owing to reductions having been made in the amount of the grant demanded for any department, any member may move a resolution for the allocation of the whole or part of such surplus to any department of which the grant originally demanded has not been reduced; and, when all such resolutions have been decided, the Chairman shall move a resolution that the budget as provisionally approved by the Council shall be passed.

35. Finalisations of Budget and issue of copies thereof :—(1) By the 15th of March each year the Council shall consider the budget and cause a copy of the same to be sent to the Governor by the 20th of March.

(2) The Governor may on or before the twenty-fifth March, return the budget to the Council for amendment.

(3) In case the budget is received back from the Governor for amendment, the same shall be laid before the Council for consideration of the proposed amendment. A decision on such amendment shall be taken and reported to the Governor before the 31st of March.

(4) The Chief Executive Officer shall forward a copy of the budget as finally adopted by the Council to the principal officers of the Council in charge of various departments.

36. Expenditure in excess of budget provision :—(1) Expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the budget of the Council under any head subordinate to a Departmental head may be incurred with the approval of the Council, if the necessary funds can be provided by transfer from any other head subordinate to the same Departmental head.

(2) No expenditure under any head in excess of the amount provided in the budget of the Council under that head shall be incurred except with the approval of the Council and such approval shall not be given unless the excess expenditure can be met—

(a) by transfer of funds from one Departmental head to another or from the head "reserve for unforeseen charges", or

(b) from the additional funds which become available as a result of increase in income of the Council.

(3) The approval accorded by the Council under sub-rule (1) or sub-rule (2) shall be forthwith reported to the Governor.

(4) When it is found after the close of the financial year that the budget provision under any departmental head has been exceeded the excess may be regularised with the sanction of the Council.

PART IV—LANGUAGE FOR TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS

37. Language to be used :—Business in the Council and in any of its committees shall be transacted in the official language of the Manipur State or in Hindi or in English. Provided that the Chairman or the person acting as such may permit any member who cannot adequately express himself in any of the languages aforesaid to address the Council or committee in his mother-tongue.

PART V—TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

38. Previous sanction of Governor required to transfer of immovable property :—No immovable property vested in the Council shall, except with the previous approval of the Governor, and in such manner and on such terms and conditions as the Governor may approve be transferred by the Council by way of sale, mortgage, charge or exchange or otherwise than by way of lease, without a premium.

39. Conditions on which immovable property may be leased :—A lease of immovable property other than roadside lands vested in the Council may be made by the Council without a premium, on condition—

(a) that a reasonable annual rent be reserved and made payable during the whole of the term of the lease, and

(b) that the lease or agreement for the lease be not made for any term without the previous sanction of the Council at a meeting, or for any term exceeding five years without the previous approval of the Governor.

40. Permission of use of roadside land :—Permission for the use of roadside land vested in the Council which is not immediately required for the purposes of the road may be granted by the Council for a period not exceeding one year at a time against payment of such fees as it may determine.

41. Transfer of movable property :—Any movable property vested in the Council may be transferred by the Council in any way and on any terms which the Council may, by resolution at a meeting, determine to be expedient and reasonable :
Provided that such property not exceeding one hundred rupees in value may be transferred by the Chief Executive Officer.

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42. *Instrument of transfer* :—Every transfer or lease of immovable property vested in the Council shall be made by an instrument under the common seal, signed by the Chairman and by the Chief Executive Officer, and where these rules require the previous approval of the Governor the fact that the transfer is signed with such approval shall be clearly expressed.

PART VI—CONTRACTS

43. *Contract* :—(a) Every contract or agreement by or on behalf of the Council shall be made by the Chief Executive Officer and shall be signed by him and by the Chairman.

(b) No such contract for any purpose, which in accordance with any provision of these rules the Chief Executive Officer may not carry out without the approval or sanction of some other authority, shall be made by him until and unless such approval or sanction has been duly obtained.

(c) No contract which will involve an expenditure exceeding one thousand rupees shall be made by the Chief Executive Officer unless the same is previously approved by the Council.

(d) No contract for acquisition of immovable property shall be valid unless such contract has been approved by the Council.

(e) No contract which is not made in accordance with the provision of these rules shall be binding on the Council.

PART VII—OFFICER AND STAFF OF THE COUNCIL

44. *Power to create posts* :—The power to create the posts of officers and other employees referred to in section 32 of the Act shall vest in the Council.

45. *Powers to make appointments* :—Subject to the provisions of section 32 of the Act, the power of appointing officers and staff, whether temporary or permanent, to posts carrying a minimum monthly salary (exclusive of allowances) of more than two hundred rupees shall vest in the Council and in respect of the remaining posts in the Chief Executive Officer.

Provided that the recruitment rules for all categories of posts under the Council shall be subject to the prior approval of the Governor :

Provided further that the Union Public Service Commission or the Joint Public Service Commission or the State Public Service Commission, as the case may be, shall be consulted by the Council in accordance with the rules framed for the employees of the State Government for similar categories of posts under the Council.

Provided further that the Governor may, pending the appointment by the Council of any officer or other employees under section 32 of the Act, appoint, at the time of the initial constitution of the Council, for such period not exceeding two years as he thinks fit, any person to act as such officer or employees.

46. *Emoluments* :—(1) The Chief Executive Officer appointed under sub-section (1) of section 32 of the Act shall be paid such monthly salary and such allowances as may be fixed by the Governor.

(2) The officers and other employees appointed by the Council under the provisions of section 32 of the Act shall be paid such monthly salary and such allowances as may be determined by the Council subject to general direction of the Governor.

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47. Chief Executive Officer and officers of the Council :—(1) (a) The Chief Executive Officer shall generally superintend the offices of the Council and shall, so far as may conveniently be possible, conduct the correspondence of the Council under the control of the Chairman.

(b) He shall assist the Chairman in any matter connected with the business of the Council and, whenever required, to do so, shall also assist and advise members of the Council in connection with the business of the Council. He shall be present at all meetings of the Council and the Finance Committee.

(c) He shall also be responsible to see that—

- (i) all orders of the Council are duly carried out ;
- (ii) no money is expended without proper sanction ;
- (iii) all moneys are paid to the right parties ;
- (iv) registers and records are properly maintained ; and
- (v) the income from all sources is duly realised and credited in the accounts.

(2) The Council shall by a resolution passed at a meeting specially convened for that purpose divide its works into different departments and assign one or more departments to the officers of the Council.

48. Suspension :—(1) The appointing authority or any authority to which it is subordinate may place an officer or other employees of the Council under suspension—

- (a) where a disciplinary proceeding against him is contemplated or is pending,
or
- (b) where a case against him in respect of any criminal offence is under investigation or trial.

(2) An officer or other employees of the Council who is detained in custody, whether on a criminal charge or otherwise, for a period exceeding fortyeight hours shall be deemed to have been suspended with effect from the date of detention, by order of the appointing authority and shall remain under suspension until further orders.

(3) An order of suspension made or deemed to have been made under this rule may at any time be revoked by the authority which made or is deemed to have made the order or by any authority to which that authority is subordinate.

49. Penalties :—The following penalties may, for good and sufficient reasons, be imposed on an officer or other employee of the Council by the appointing authorities—

- (i), censure ;
- (ii) withholding of increments or promotion ;
- (iii) recovery from pay of the whole or part of any pecuniary loss caused by negligence or breach of order ;
- (iv) reduction to a lower Service, grade or posts, or to a lower stage in a time-scale ;
- (v) compulsory retirement ;
- (vi) removal from service which shall not be a disqualification for future employment ;
- (vii) dismissal from service which shall ordinarily be a disqualification for future employment.

50. Dismissal or removal, etc. :—(1) No person appointed to any post under the Council shall be dismissed, removed or reduced in rank until he has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the action proposed to be taken in regard to him.

Provided that this sub-rule shall not apply—

- (a) where a person is dismissed or removed or reduced in rank on the ground of conduct which had led to his conviction on a criminal charge; or
- (b) where an authority empowered to dismiss or remove a person or to reduce him in rank is satisfied for reasons to be recorded by that authority in writing, that it is not reasonably practicable to give that person an opportunity of showing cause.

(2) If any question arises whether it is reasonably practicable to give any person an opportunity of showing cause under sub-rule (1), the decision thereon of the authority empowered to dismiss or remove such person shall be final.

51. *Conduct of Employees* :—All officers and other employees of the Council shall carry out all orders issued to them by the Chief Executive Officer and by those under whom they work.

52. *Officers or employees not to undertake other work* :—No officer or other employees of the Council shall undertake any work unconnected with his duties except with the permission of the Council.

53. *Conditions of service of officers and other employees* :—The Fundamental Rules, the Supplementary Rules and other rules prevailing under the Manipur Government governing the conditions of service for Government servants shall apply to all officers and other employees of the Council in respect of all matters or any of them relating to their leave, pay leave allowance, subsistence grant and similar other matters, except where these Rules provide otherwise.

54. *Leave* :—The power to grant leave may be exercised by the authority specified below in column 3 against each item :

No.	Classification or officers and other employees	Authority empowered to grant leave
1	2	3
1.	Regular leave to the Chief Executive Officer.	Governor.
2.	Casual leave to the Chief Executive Officer.	Chairman.
3.	Leave not exceeding four months to other officers	Chairman.
4.	Leave exceeding four months to other officers	Council
5.	Other employees drawing a pay of more than Rs. 100/- p.m.	Chairman
6.	Other employees drawing a pay of Rs. 100/- or less p.m.	Chief Executive Officer.

55. *Leave arrangements* :—(1) In the case of regular leave granted to the Chief Executive Officer, a substitute shall be appointed by the Governor.

(b) In the case of leave granted to other officers a substitute shall be appointed by the Council provided that the total leave does not exceed four months. In the case of leave exceeding four months granted to any such officer approval of the Governor to the consequential arrangement to be made shall be obtained.

(c) In case of other employees the authority granting leave may also sanction any arrangement necessary for carrying out the duties of the employee proceeding on leave.

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56. Appeal :—(1) An officer or other employee who has been appointed by the Council may appeal to the Governor against an order imposing upon him any of the penalties specified in rule 49.

(2) Any other officer or employee of the Council may appeal to the Council against an order imposing upon him any of the penalties specified in rule 49.

(3) An appeal under sub-rules (1) and (2) shall be submitted within 30 days of the communication of the impugned order.

(4) An appeal under sub-rule (2) shall be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Executive Officer shall forward the case with such remarks as he may consider suitable, to the Council.

57. Bar against employment of dismissed Govt. employees etc. :—No person who has been dismissed from the service Government or a local body shall be appointed as an officer or other employees of the Council without the previous sanction of the Governor.

58. Provident Fund :—(1) The Council shall by a resolution establish and maintain a General Provident Fund and frame regulation for the administration of this fund after obtaining the approval of the Governor therefor.

(2) Every officer or employer, other than officers deputation from the Government and officers employed on contract basis, and who has rendered at least one year's continuous service under the Council, shall have to join the fund.

(3) Every subscription to the General Provident Fund shall be recovered by means of a deduction of the amount of such subscription from each pay bill of the subscriber :

Provided that in calculating the deduction to be so made fractions of a rupee of pay shall be disregarded. In fixing the minimum and maximum of the contribution to be paid by an employee the rules followed by the Manipur Govt. for its employees shall be followed.

59. Terms and conditions of Government servants transferred to a Council :—

(1) The terms and conditions of service of a Government servant transferred to the Council shall not be varied to his disadvantage without the previous approval of the State Government.

(2) Where any disciplinary or other action is required be taken against any such Government servants the Council shall make a reference to the Governor who shall take further act in accordance with the service Rules applicable in each case.

PART VIII—ACCOUNTS

60. General Cash Book :—(1) All money received or spent by or on behalf of the Council shall without any reservation be brought to account in the General Cash Book to be maintained in the prescribed Form under the direct supervision of the Chief Executive Officer or an officer authorised by him in this behalf.

(2) The General Cash Book shall each day be checked, item by item, closed, balanced and signed by an officer authorised by the Chief Executive Officer. At the end of each month entries made in the General Cash Book shall be compared with those shown in the statements of receipts and payments as furnished by the Treasury Officer, and discrepancies, if any, fully explained and reconciled.

61. Classified abstract :—For the purpose of classifying the income and expenditure of the Council a classified abstract shall be maintained in the prescribed Form.

62. *Monthly account* :—At the end of each month a monthly account in the prescribed Form shall be drawn up and after signature by the Chief Executive Officer and the Chairman shall be laid before the Council and a copy shall be forwarded to the Governor for information.

63. *Annual Account* :—At the end of the year an annual account in the prescribed form shall be prepared and after signature by the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman shall be laid before the Council for approval. A copy of the annual account as approved by the Council shall be forwarded to the Governor before the first of August each year.

64. *Register of Government grants* :—The Council shall maintain a register of Government grants made for specific purposes in the prescribed Form in which shall be entered at the time of receipt details of every Government grant received and every payment made against each group, and as soon as may be after the end of the year the Council shall cause a statement to be compiled in the prescribed Form and forward it to the Governor.

65. *Register of Contract & Orders* :— Register of contracts, works and supply orders shall be maintained in the prescribed Forms.

66. *Issue of receipts* :—(1) Except as otherwise provided in these rules, whenever, money is received by any officer or other employee for credit to the Council Fund a receipt in the prescribed Form shall be given to the person making the payment.

(2) The Council shall, from time to time, designate by resolution the persons by whom receipts in the prescribed Form may be signed on behalf of the Council.

(3) Receipts shall be written with indelible pencil in duplicate by means of double sided carbon paper, the carbon copy being retained by the official issuing receipt and the original handed over to the person making the payment.

67. *Endorsement of cheques drawn on Treasury* :—When payment is received by means of a cheque drawn on the Treasury, the cheque shall be endorsed by the official of the Council in whose favour it is drawn with the words "Received payment by transfer credit to the Council Fund."

68. (1) *Remittance to Treasury* :—At the end of each day or if the treasury is closed on that day, on the first subsequent day all money receipts at the headquarters office of the Council shall be remitted to the Treasury with a chalan in the prescribed Form, particular of which shall be entered in the General Cash Book and when the duplicate foil of the chalan is received back from the Treasury, the entries in the General Cash Book shall be checked with such foil and initialed by the Chief Executive Officer or a person appointed by him in this behalf and the foils shall be used as voucher for the remittance and shall be filed in the guard file.

(2) (i) When money is received from the public or otherwise for being credited into the Council fund, elsewhere than at the headquarters office, of the Council, by an officer authorised by the Council to send such receipts direct to the Treasury or Sub-treasury, a receipt in the prescribed Form shall be issued by him to the payer. Money so received shall be remitted by the officer to the nearest Treasury or Sub-Treasury in the prescribed Form in triplicate at the end of each day or at such convenient intervals as may be prescribed by the Chairman. The particulars of each such transaction shall be entered in the Cash Book maintained by the officer and when the duplicate foil of the prescribed Form is received from the Treasury or Sub-Treasury, the entries in the Cash Book shall be checked with such foils and initialed by the officer concerned and the foils shall be used as a voucher for the remittance and shall be filed in the guard file.

(ii) At places where arrangement for receipt of payments from public do not exist money payable to the credit of the Council fund shall be paid at the nearest Treasury or Sub-Treasury by the payer in the prescribed Form in triplicate.

(iii) The Treasury Officer shall keep one copy of the Challan for his record, return the second copy to the officer remitter crediting the money and send the third copy to the headquarters office of the Council. The Treasury Officer shall also send a monthly statement of receipts credited in the Treasury, on account of Council's dues, showing the number and date of each individual challan and the amount thereof of the Chief Executive Officer, along with the triplicate copy of the challans where necessary.

69. *Assessment and collection Registers* :—(i) If a tax is levied on professions, trades, callings and employments under section 33 of the Act an Assessment Register and a Demand and Collection Register shall be maintained in the prescribed Form.

(ii) In case of levy of tolls on bridges the Council may establish toll bars at the points of entry on the bridges. The toll shall be collected at the points of entry on the bridges. The toll shall be collected by means of tickets in the prescribed Form.

(iii) A tax collection progress Statement shall be prepared and laid before the Council once a quarter in the prescribed Form.

70. *Register of immovable property* :—The Council shall maintain a register of immovable property in the prescribed form in which shall be entered details of all immovable property of the Council and also a Rent Demand and Collection Register in the prescribed Form

71. *Receipts tickets* :—Fees leviable under section 34 of the Act may be collected by receipts issued in the prescribed Form or by means of tickets in the prescribed Form as the Chief Executive Officer may determine.

72. *Restrictions on payments from Council Funds* :—No payment shall be made from the Council Fund except in the manner provided in these Rules and in particular no payment shall be made out of cash received for credit to the Council Fund and no cheque shall be drawn except for immediate disbursement or to recoup a Permanent Advance.

73. *No payment without proper sanction* :—No payment shall be made except on the written order of the Chief Executive Officer who shall not make such an order until he has satisfied himself that the budget allotment under the head concerned will not thereby be exceeded and unless the sanction of the Council or Chairman, as the case may be, exists for the charge.

74. *Payment to be by cheque etc.* :—(i) All sums of less than rupees twenty payable from the Council Fund shall ordinarily be paid from Permanent Advances of the Chief Executive Officer or other officer concerned. Sums of rupees twenty and over shall ordinarily be paid by cheque.

(ii) When a payment is to be made from a Permanent Advance, a payment order shall be made by the officer holding the advance on the sub-voucher relating to the charge by means of a rubber stamp in the prescribed Form, the amount of the payment and the head of account chargeable being inserted in ink.

(iii) When a payment order has been made under sub-rule (2) the amount of the charge shall be paid to the payee whose receipt shall at once be taken. The sub-voucher shall then be stamped with a rubber stamp in the prescribed Form, and details of the payment be entered on the expenditure side of a Permanent Advance Account in the prescribed Form which shall be maintained by every officer holding a Permanent Advance.

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(4) When the balance of a Permanent Advance is running low, and in any case on the last working day of each month relevant columns on the expenditure side of the Permanent Advance account shall be totalled, the totals posted into a contingent bill in the prescribed Form, a line drawn right across both sides of the account and the bill supported by the relevant sub-vouchers laid before the officer holding the advance, who after comparing the entries in the bill with the account shall place initials against each entry in the appropriate column of the account and sign the bill. The bill shall then be sent to the Council's accounts office for payment, the number of the bill, the date of its despatch and the amount having been entered in the appropriate columns on the income side of the account. On receipt of a cheque in payment of the bill the necessary entries shall be made in the appropriate columns on the income side of the payment advance, account.

75. Custody of cheque books :—(1) Cheque books shall be kept under lock and key in the personal custody of the Chief Executive Officer.

(2) All cheques shall be signed by the Chief Executive Officer and one member of the Council nominated for the purpose by the Chairman if the Chairman himself is out of the station.

76. Establishment check register :—In order to facilitate the check of establishment bills and to ensure that no charge is paid twice, an establishment check register and an absentee statement shall be maintained in the prescribed Forms.

77. Drawal and Disbursement of Pay :—(1) Except in the case of officers and other employees who have been dismissed or transferred or have resigned or died, the pay of no officer or employee of the Council shall be drawn before the first working day of the month following that in respect of which the pay has been earned.

(2) The Chief Executive Officer and other Gazetted Officers shall draw their salary by presentation of bills in the prescribed Form.

(3) The pay of all other establishment shall be drawn on bills in the prescribed Form, a separate bill being prepared for each department in which each section or sub-section of the department shall be shown separately.

78. Miscellaneous payments :—Payment of charges other than charges for the payment of which special Forms of bill have been prescribed by these rules shall be effected by means of bills in the prescribed Form, a payment order first being made by the authorised officer on the sub-voucher concerned by means of rubber stamp.

79. Travelling allowances :—Officers and other employees of the Council may be paid travelling allowances at rates admissible to Government officers and employees drawing similar pay.

80. Account books :—Figures in all the accounts of the Councils shall be in English character. All books of account and registers shall be substantially bound and paged before being brought into use and a page certificate shall be recorded over the signature of the Chief Executive Officer or an officer authorised by him in this behalf. No accounts shall be prepared on loose sheets of paper or in loosely bound volumes.

81. Corrections to be attested :—All corrections and alterations in accounts shall be neatly made in red ink and attested by the Chief Executive Officer or an officer authorised by him in this behalf. All corrections and alterations in a voucher shall be attested by the payee. Erasures shall no account be permitted in Registers, Statements, Vouchers of any description.

82. *Registers* :—The Council shall maintain the following registers in the prescribe Forms :—

- (1) Register of Deposits.
- (2) Register of Investments.
- (3) Register of Loans.
- (4) Register of Stamps.
- (5) Stock Registers.
- (6) Register of Movable Property.
- (7) Register of Suits.
- (8) Register of Tenders.
- (9) Register of Public Works and
- (10) Contractor's ledger.

83. *Examination of registers* :—The Chief Executive Officer or an officer authorised by him in this behalf shall, from time to time examine the different Registers maintained by the employees of the Council and shall record a certificate at the end of each quarter that he has done so.

84. *Verification of property* :—The whole property of the Council, movable and immovable, including investments shall be verified at least once in two years by a member or members of the Council.

Provided that the same member or members shall not be appointed for the purpose on two consecutive occasions.

85. *Write off of irrecoverable dues or losses* :—(1) Irrecoverable dues or losses upto rupees one hundred in each case may be written off by the Chief Executive Officer.

(2) Where such amount exceeds rupees one hundred, but does not exceed rupees one thousand, the amount may be written off by the Chairman and where it exceeds rupees one thousand, but does not exceed rupees two thousand by the Council and where it exceeds rupees two thousand, by the Council with the sanction of the Governor.

Provided that the powers specified in this rule may be exercised by the authorities subject to the condition that :—

- (a) the loss does not disclose a defect in rules or procedure the amendment of which requires the orders of higher authority and
- (b) there has not been any serious negligence on the part of any employee of the Council which may call for disciplinary action by a higher authority.

86. *Write off of unserviceable goods, stores, livestock etc. other than stores, and tools and plants belonging to the Engineering Department* :— (1) Stores, articles and other goods and livestock, other than stores and tools belonging to the Engineering Department, which are reported surplus or unserviceable, may be disposed of by sale or otherwise under the orders of—

- (a) the Chief Executive Officer, where the book value does not exceed rupees two hundred and fifty in any one case.
- (b) the Chairman, where the book value does not exceed rupees one thousand in any one case.
- (c) the Council, where the book value does not exceed rupees two thousand in any one case, and

(d) the Governor, where the book value exceeds rupees two thousand in any one case.

(2) Each order declaring stores, articles and other goods and livestock, as obsolete, surplus or unserviceable shall record the full reasons for condemning them and how the condemned stores, articles or goods or livestock are to be disposed of, that is to say, by sale, public auction or otherwise. The Chief Executive Officer should further record full particulars regarding all condemned stores, articles goods, and livestock in suitable lists from which their disposal can be watched.

B. Write off of stores and tools and plants belonging to the Engineering Department :— In regard to stores and tools and plants belonging to the Engineering Department, the provisions of C.P.W.D. Code shall continue to apply until the State Government issues its own P.W.D. Code in which case the latter shall become applicable to the Council for the purposes of this rule.

87. *Minimum balance* :—The actual cash balance of the Council Fund shall not be permitted at any time to fall below rupees ten thousand.

88. *Weeding out of record* :—Vouchers, Registers and other prescribed forms shall not be weeded or destroyed otherwise than in accordance with the direction issued by the Council with the approval of the Governor.

89. *Enquiry into embezzlement* :— (1) Whenever an embezzlement of moneys or of property of the Council is discovered an enquiry shall at once be instituted by the Chairman, and the fact of the embezzlement shall immediately be reported by him to the Governor who may, if he thinks fit, investigate the matter in such manner as he may decide.

(2) Whenever in any circumstances an irregularity likely to be connected with in embezzlement or the fraudulent loss of money or property is discovered, a report shall at once be sent to the Governor.

90. *General Instructions* :— (i) The detailed procedure to be observed in dealing with the transaction relating to the Council and in keeping and rendering accounts of such transactions shall, consistently with the provisions in these Rules, be prescribed by the Governor in consultation with the Accountant General concerned and embodied in an Account Code.

(ii) *Audit* :—The accounts of the Council shall be subject to the Audit of the Accountant General. The Council may have its own internal audit organisation also. The account of the Council shall also be open for audit by the Internal Audit wing of the State Government.

91. *Administrative approval for works* :—(1) No original work shall be undertaken on behalf of the Council until administrative approval has been accorded to the work by the Chairman, in the case of a work not exceeding Rs. 5,000/- in value and subject to the provisions of rule 93 by the Council in all other cases.

(2) The Chairman or the Council, as the case may be, shall not accord administrative approval to any work unless estimates and plans have been approved by the authority specified in these rules.

(3) Before according such administrative approval to any work, the Chairman, the Council or the Governor as the case may be, satisfy himself or itself that :—

(a) funds for the execution of the work are available, and

(b) funds are likely to be forthcoming annually for maintenance after completion of the work.

92. *Governor's approval for major works* :— No original work shall be undertaken by the Council if it involves an expenditure of Rs. 50,000/- or more, without the administrative approval of the Governor.

93. *No work to be executed without proper sanction* :—No work shall be executed on behalf of the Council until detailed estimate of the cost has been prepared in the prescribed Form together with the necessary plans, and technical sanction thereto has been accorded by a competent Engineering Officer where the cost does not exceed Rs. 50,000/- and by the Governor where the cost exceeds Rs. 50,000/- subject to the provisions of rule 110, the expenditure sanction for all works shall be accorded by the Council.

94. *Schedule of rates* :—Every estimate shall be framed according to the Schedule of rates prescribed for the public works in the Revenue District concerned by the Manipur Government or any officer or authority authorised by it.

95. *Tenders* :—(1) No tender shall be called for if the work is undertaken by the Council departmentally.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-rule (1) no work exceeding Rs. 5,000/- in value shall be allotted except on the basis of tender.

(3) All tenders shall be opened by the Chief Executive Officer or by any other officer authorised by the Council in this behalf and thereafter the tenders shall be accepted by the following authorities :—

(i) Tenders upto Rs. 5,000/- an Assistant Engineer.

(ii) Tenders upto Rs. 50,000/- an Executive Engineer.

(iii) In all other cases, Council with previous approval of the Governor.

(4) Where no tender is received in spite of calls, the work shall be allotted by the Council on the basis of negotiation and with the previous approval of the Governor where the cost exceeds Rs. 50,000/-.

Provided that before invoking this sub-rule tenders shall have been called for at least twice after giving, on each occasion, notice of not less than three weeks.

96. *Revised administrative approval* :—If the detailed estimates of any project when prepared, exceed the amount administratively approved by 10 per cent, or more, or if it becomes apparent during the execution of any work that the amount administratively approved will be exceeded by 10 per cent or more owing to increase of rates or other causes, the revised administrative approval of the competent authority to the increased expenditure shall be obtained without delay. Similarly, revised administrative approval shall be obtained to important modifications of the proposal originally approved, even though the cost thereof may be covered by savings on other items.

97. *Applications of C.P.W.D. Codes etc.* :—For all other purposes not provided for in the Act or these rules, the provisions of all the codes, Rules and regulations, which are applicable for a work undertaken by the Government of Manipur shall be deemed to be applicable in the case of a work undertaken by the Council.

PART X—CONTROL OF VILLAGE AUTHORITIES

98. *Extent & nature of control of Village Authorities* :—The extent and nature of superintendence and control of the Council over the Village Authorities shall be as follows :—

- (1) The Council may ask for any information from a Village Authority, other than on a judicial matter, which it may consider necessary.
- (2) The Council may obtain a copy of the statement showing the receipt and expenditure of a Village Authority in order to ascertain its financial position.
- (3) The Council shall not be competent to give any direction to a Village Authority discharging any judicial or quasi-judicial function.

- 4) The Council may ask a Village Authority to undertake any function which is a discretionary function of the Village Authority, and to carry out any work or to maintain any institution falling within the perview of the Village Authority if the Council makes the necessary grant to meet the expenditure involved.
- (5) If the State Government has established any Village Panchayat within the jurisdiction of the Council the above sub-rule shall also apply to the Panchayat.

PART XI—REPRESENTATION OF COUNCIL IN CIVIL SUITS

99. *Civil Suits* :—The Chief Executive Officer shall be responsible for the proper representation of the Council in all civil suits, appeals and proceedings instituted by or against the Council and may for this purpose appoint under his signature and for such fee as he may consider reasonable, legal practitioners to act for the Council. The fees should however, not exceed the scales laid down by the State Government for its own purposes.

PART XII—MISCELLANEOUS

100. *Head Quarters of Council's* :—The head quarters of a Council will be at a place to be decided by the Governor.

101. *Office days* :—The office of the Council shall be open on all days except public holidays and the office hours shall be those observed in the offices of the State Government for the concerned Revenue District.

102. *Effect of public holidays* :—Whenever in these Rules any act or proceeding is directed or allowed to be done or taken on a certain day, if the office is closed on that day the act or proceeding shall be considered as done or taken in due time if it is done or taken on the next day on which the office is open.

103. *Inspection papers by members* :—On all office days any member of the Council may call for and inspect in the office any papers connected with the Council business on the Agenda of the Council the Finance Committee or any other committee in the presence of the Chief Executive Officer.

104. *Publication of notices* :—(1) In every case in which a notice is required to be published in exercise of a power conferred, or in discharge of an obligation imposed, by the Actor bye-law made thereunder, it shall be sufficient if the notice is published :

- (i) by beat of drum at places specified in a general or special order of the Council.
- (ii) by exhibiting a copy thereof at some conspicuous spot accessible to the public, and
- (iii) in such other manner as the Council may think adequate ;

(2) The provisions of sub-rule (1) shall apply to the publication of bye-laws under section 52 of the Act, except that it shall suffice if an advertisement published in any one local newspaper specifies the scope of the bye-laws and the place at which the full text thereof has been exhibited.

105. *Service book* :—Service books shall be maintained for all employees of the Council, in accordance with the Rules contained in the supplementary Rules applicable to Govt. of Manipur.

106. *Alteration of date of birth* :—No alteration in any entry relating to date of birth of an employee of the Council in his service book shall be made unless a resolution has been passed by the Council permitting the alteration.

107. Character rolls :—Character rolls shall be maintained for all employees in superior service of the Council as defined in article 396 of the Civil Service Regulations.

108. Furnishing of security :—(1) Every employee of the Council unless exempted by a resolution of the Council shall, if entrusted with the receipt, disbursement or custody of money or property of the Council, be required to furnish security to an amount to be fixed in each case by the Council.

(2) Such security may be cash, Government paper or other stocks or a bond hypothecating property and in each case a security bond in the prescribed form shall be executed on proper stamp paper provided that a personal security with two sureties may be accepted.

(3) Securities shall be examined and verified by the first day of April each year, and a certificate to the effect that this has been done shall be signed by the Chief Executive Officer against each item in the "Remarks" column of the Register of deposits in which details with regard to such securities are to be recorded.

109. Office Order-book :—An Office Order-book shall be maintained by the Chief Executive Officer in which shall be noted all appointments, promotions, leave, suspensions and office arrangements and other orders generally.

110. Sanction of expenditure in anticipation of sanction of Council :—In anticipation of sanction of the Council the Chairman may sanction expenditure if provided for in the budget to the extent of rupees five thousand in any one case.

111. Administration report :—The Chief Executive Officer, shall, as soon as may be after the first day of April each year, have prepared a detailed report of the administration of the Council during the previous year.

(2) After an examination and review of the report by the Council a copy of the report with a copy of the Council's review shall be forwarded to each member of the Council and the Governor.

By order and in the name of the Governor,

S. L. Chopra,
Secretary to the Govt. Planning and
Development Deptt. Manipur,