

NOTIFICATION

The 29th July 1985

No. DC/L/VII/4/85/1072:- In pursuance of paragraph II of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India, following Act of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, which received the assent of the Governor of Meghalaya is hereby published for general information.

ACT No. I of 1985.

(Passed by the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council on 4th July, 1985)

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THE KHASI HILLS AUTONOMOUS DISTRICT
(ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTION OF SIRDAR OF
WAHLONG) ACT, 1985.

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to provide for uniting Byrong Sirdarship and Mawthang-Sohkhyllung Sirdarship and also to provide for the appointment of Sirdar of Wahlong Sirdarship.

Be it enacted by the Khasi Hills District Council in the Thirty Sixth year of the Republic of India as follows –

1. Title, commencement and application – (1) This Act may be called the Khasi Hills Autonomous District (Administration and Election of Sirdar of Wahlong) Act, 1985.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Executive Committee may, by notification in the Gazette, appoint.

(3) It applies to the areas formerly known as Byrong Sirdarship and Mawthangsohkhyllung Sirdarship but now known as Wahlong Sirdarship.

2. Definitions: - In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-

(a) “District” means the Khasi Hills Autonomous District;

(b) “District Council” means the District Council of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District;

(c) “Executive Committee” means the Executive Committee of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council;

(d) “Sirdar” means the Chief or the administrative head of the New Wahlong Sirdarship;

(e) “Sirdar’s Durbar” means the Durbar of the Sirdar consisting of four members elected by the Wahlong Durbar;

(f) “Wahlong Sirdarship” means a new administrative unit created uniting two existing Sirdarships known as Byrong Sirdarship and Mawthangsohkhyllung Sirdarship;

(g) “Wahlong Durbar” means the general Durbar of the New Wahlong Sirdarship consisting of all male adults of 18 years and above of the Sirdarship.

3. Formation of Wahlong Sirdarship – The Executive Committee shall, by notification, form within the district of Khasi Hills a new administrative unit to known as Wahlong Sirdarship which shall comprise the following areas, namely-

(a) the whole area formerly known as Byrong Sirdarship, and

(b) the whole area formerly known as Mawthangsohkhylung Sirdarship.

4. Durbar of the Sirdarship – (1) With the creation of the new Sirdarship there shall be only one Durbar for the whole Wahlong Sirdarship known as the Wahlong Durbar. The Durbar shall be convened by the Sirdar whenever necessary.

(2) There shall also be a Durbar of the Sirdar of Wahlong Sirdarship to be called the Sirdar’s Durbar. The function of this Durbar is to run the day-to-day administration of the Sirdarship.

(3) The Sirdar’s durbar be composed of:-

(a) The Sirdar of the Sirdarship who shall be the Chairman of the Durbar.

(b) Four (4) members to be elected by the Wahlong Durbar.

(4) An elected member of the Sirdar’s Durbar shall have a tenure of office as fixed by Wahlong Durbar.

Provided that a person holding the office of member of the Sirdar's Durbar shall, on expiry of his term, be eligible to stand for re-election.

5. There shall be only one Sirdar to be elected from the whole Sirdarship and his term of office shall be for five years.

Provided that a person holding the office of the Sirdar, shall on the expiry of his term, be eligible to stand for re-election.

6. Application of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills Act II of 1959 - All the provisions of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills Autonomous District (Appointment and Succession of Chiefs and Headmen) Act, 1959 (Act II of 1959) as amended up to date and of any rules and orders made thereunder shall, mutatis mutandis apply to the areas of the Wahlong Sirdarship.
