

THE 16th MAY, 1955

No. TAD/R/69/54 – In pursuance of paragraph 11 of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India, the following Act of the District Council of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District which received the assent of the Governor of Assam, is published below for general information:-

**THE KHASI HILLS AUTONOMOUS DISTRICT DIVORCE
ACT, 1955**

(Received the assent of the Governor on 29th April, 1955.)

KHASI HILLS AUTONOMOUS DISTRICT ACT No. II OF 1955

THE KHASI HILLS AUTONOMOUS DISTRICT DIVORCE ACT,
1955

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**AN
ACT**

To provide divorce of persons professing the Christian religion in the Khasi Hills Autonomous District

Preamble – Whereas it is expedient to provide dissolution or divorce of persons professing the Christian Religion in the Khasi Hills Autonomous District;

And whereas it is expedient to adapt and modify the Indian Divorce Act, 1869 (Act IV of 1869) in its application to the areas of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District where the said Act is already in force;

It is hereby enacted by the District Council in the Sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. Short title, extent and commencement – (1) This Act may be called the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Divorce Act, 1955.

(ii) It extends to the whole of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District.

(iii) It shall come in to force at once.

2. Definition – In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:-

“District Council” means the District Council of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District.

3. Application of the Indian Divorce Act, 1869 (Act IV of 1869) –

In its application to the District, the Divorce Act, 1869 as amended by the Indian Divorce (Amendment) Act, 2001, hereinafter referred to as “the said Act” shall be subject to the modifications specified in section 4.

4. Adaptations and modifications – In the said Act:

(i) All references to the words ‘District Judge’ wherever they occur shall be construed as references to the Judge of the Khasi Hills District Council Court or the Additional Judge of the Additional Khasi Hills District Council Court and the words ‘District Court’ shall be construed accordingly.”

(ii) The words “The Khasi Hills Autonomous District” shall be substituted for the words “a part A State or a part C State”

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for Secy, to the Government of Assam,
Tribal Areas Department.

(Section 3 as amended vide 2nd Amendment Act, 2003)
(Section 4 (i) substituted vide Amendment Act, 1988)