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PART-I

Handbook for Returning Officers and
Presiding Officers at Election to Village
Councils under Chakma Autonomous
District Council

(English)

RETURNING OFFICER

This handbook provides you the basic information and guidance for the Returning Officer for Election to Village Councils under the Chakma Autonomous District Council, which is, however, neither an exhaustive compendium in all aspects nor a substitute for the provisions and the relevant laws. If there is any doubt arises, you may consult the Chakma Autonomous District Council (Election to Village Council) Rules 2007 as amended in 2013 (**Annexure-II**)

I. FIRST THINGS TO DO

1. Read this Handbook carefully and thoroughly to know your duties and responsibilities. You must be well conversant with the Handbook.
2. Check the Election Materials that you have received and ensure whether the materials are in good condition and similar with the list provided to you. The safe custody of the materials will be your sole responsibility. List of materials to be supplied to you by the DEO are listed at Annexure-I.
3. Whenever necessary, you can detail the Village Crier with due intimation to the concerned Village Council for wide publicity of Election related information to the public.
4. It is your duty to instruct candidates and the political parties to comply with the provisions under the Model Code of Conduct issued by the Commission.

II. FILING AND SCRUTINY OF NOMINATIONS

5. Notice of Election in **Form-I** shall be issued by you in accordance with the Schedule of Election issued by the **State Election Commission**. You must widely publicize the election matter in detail through the Village Crier, the place of nomination to be filed should be identified by you.
6. You must supply the Nomination Form of Candidate in **Form 2** and **Form 2A**. Candidates of Recognized Political Party shall be informed to submit **Form-2A** as a token of authenticity of candidature duly sponsored by the Recognised Political Parties. Inform them the date fixed for submission of nomination papers. Prepare a list of nomination papers received in **Form 2B** and the date, time and place for Scrutiny should be informed to all candidates.
7. A receipt of Nomination Form should be acknowledged in **Form 3** and its counterfoil must be given to the candidates. Make a detailed record in **Form 3A**.
8. You must scrutinize the Nomination Papers of the candidate on the fixed date and time in accordance with **Section 4 of the Chakma Autonomous District Council (Village Council) Act , 2003** as follows:-

A candidate shall be disqualified -

- (a) If he is not a member of Scheduled Tribe.
- (b) If he is not a citizen of India.
- (c) If he is not a voter in respect of the village where he seeks election.
- (d) If he has not attained the age of 25 years.
- (e) If he is a member of any other Village Council.
- (f) If he is of unsound mind and stands so declared by Competent Court or authorities.
- (g) If he has been convicted an offence under the existing law of the Chakma Autonomous District Council or under any law for the time being in force in India, unless a period of three years has elapsed since his conviction and if imprisoned, since his release from prison.

If such candidates are disqualified on the grounds mentioned above, the Security Deposit must be refunded. Make a record as “**Disqualified and Refunded**” in the **Part B of Form 3** and make entry in **Form 3A**, “**Account of Security Deposit**”, accordingly.

9. **Withdrawal of Candidature:** Any contesting candidate desirous to withdraw their candidature before or after scrutiny, they must use **Form 4 (Rule 13)**. For authentication of their withdrawal, **Receipt for Notice of Withdrawal** must be handed over to the person delivering the notice alongwith the ‘**Receipt of Security Deposit, and release Security Deposit**’. Make a record of refund in **Form 3** and **3A** and make entry ‘**Withdrawn and Refunded**’ at ‘**How to disposed of**’. After doing all the above, you must obtain the **receipt in Form – 4 A**.

If any candidates forfeit their Security Deposit, you must deposit all such money to the **Local Administration Officer** in **Form 4B** and obtain the Receipt from him.

10. On completion of the Scrutiny of the Nomination Papers, you must examine the symbols chosen by the candidates forthwith. A **Reserved Symbol** shall be allotted to the Candidates sponsored by Recognized State and National Political Parties.

If same symbol is chosen by more than one independent candidates, allotment shall be done by lot.

Reserved Symbols

I. National Parties

- | | | |
|--|---|----------|
| 1) Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) | - | Broom |
| 2) Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) | - | Elephant |
| 3) Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) | - | Lotus |
| 4) Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPI(M)) | - | Star |
| 5) Indian National Congress (INC) | - | Hand |
| 6) National People's Party (NPP) | - | Book |

II. National Parties

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1) Mizo National Front (MNF) | - | Star |
| 2) Zoram Nationalist Party (ZNP) | - | Sun without Ray |
| 3) Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) | - | Hat |

III. Registered Unrecognized Political Parties

- 1) Hmar Peoples Convention
- 2) Maraland Democratic Front
- 3) Mizoram People's Conference
- 4) People's Representation for Identity and Status of Mizoram (PRISM) Party

Free Symbols

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Khuroi (Axe) | 2. Tagol (Dao) |
| 3. Tokya (hat) | 4. Pada(leaf) |
| 5. Lembo (Lantern) | 6. Mokya (Maize) |
| 7. Mog (Mug) | 8. Neckless (Necklace) |
| 9. Pile (Pot) | 10. Sugurigulo (Pumpkin) |
| 11. Chamesh (Spoon) | 12. Chati (umbrella) |
| 13. Ghor (Hut) | 14. Gach (tree) |
| 15. Mash (Fish) | 16. Nouka (Boat) |
| 17. Phagara (Spade) | 18. Daba (Tobaco pipe) |
| 19. Chari (Sickle) | 20. Shangu (Ladle) |
| 21. Agun-Luro (Fire-Torch) | 22. Am (Mango) |
| 23. Booi (Book) | 24. Kalam (pen) |
| 25. Tebil (Table) | 26. Chock-Chama (Spectacles) |
| 27. Lungal (Plough) | 28. Jog (Jug) |
| 29. Khum (pitcher) | 30. Anash (Pineapple) |
| 31. Kadirra (Chair) | 32. Narekul (Coconut) |
| 33. Dhansija (Bunch of Paddy) | |

Sl. No. 3. Tokya (Hat), having been allotted as a Reserved Symbol for Zoram People's Movement Party (ZPM) Party as a Reserved Symbol by the Election Commission of India, it should only be allotted for ZPM Party, even if the Rules listed the symbol among other Free Symbols. Likewise, Sl No. 23. Booi (Book) is also allotted for National People's Party (NPP).

11. All details in respect of the candidates like Symbol allotted, address and Political Party affiliations, if any, shall be prepared in **Form-5** clearly indicating the commencement of Poll with end of Poll as fixed by State Election Commission.

Any mistake shall not be committed while filling up of **Form-5** since the Ballot Paper will be printed as per the record of the Form.

12. If the number of validly nominated candidates are equal to the number of seats to be filled, you shall forthwith declare all such candidates to be elected to those seats in the Village Council uncontested.
13. If the number of valid candidates is less than the number of seats to be filled, you shall declare all such candidates to have been duly elected unopposed. The remaining uncontested seat(s) shall be filled up as per the direction of State Election Commission.

You must not, in any circumstances, invite the Candidates to equalize the number of seats to be filled up and Schedule of Election should not be altered without the permission of the Commission.

14. Each candidate shall appoint one Election Agent to represent himself which shall be done in **Form 6**, who shall be admitted into the Polling Booth in case of the Candidate absenting himself from the Polling Station.

III. **COUNTING OF VOTES**

15. **SUB VILLAGE:**

At certain areas, there can be sub-village in a Village Council Constituency and since only one Returning Officer is appointed in a Village Council Constituency, votes should be counted in the Parent Village. In such cases, Ballot Box should be carefully sealed in the presence of candidates or their Agents and send to the Parent Village where votes are to be counted.

16. You must thoroughly go through **Rule 30-34** of the **Chakma Autonomous District Council (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 2007 as amended in 2013** and strictly follow the procedures. You must appoint a reliable persons as Counting Official as far as possible, the government employees, to assist you. In any case, a person with having any political party affiliation or engage in any political activities shall not be appointed as Counting Official.

17. **COUNTING SHEET:**

To speed up counting of votes, counting tables as many as possible shall be arranged as votes are to be counted in round-wise, and make record in **Form 13**. At every round 50 Ballot papers shall be counted at one table.

Collect the counted votes from every counting table and make entry in **Form 13A** 'Counting Table Wise Results Tabulation Sheet'. The total votes obtained by every candidate in every round shall be entered in **Form 13B** 'Round Wise Tabulation Sheet'.

A separate table shall be provided for Tabulators. In the tally Method, a column of Round Wise Counting Sheet, votes obtained by every candidate should be marked in roman numerical 'I' four times, and the fifth votes shall be marked across and so on, in such column.

18. **Invalid Votes**

The following shall be invalid votes:-

- i) If the ballot paper is not marked with arrow cross.
- ii) If arrow cross is marked more than the candidates listed in the ballot paper.
- iii) If other material other than arrow cross marked is used.
- iv) If the arrow cross marked is put half marked, each in between the line of candidates.
- v) If arrow cross is marked on the back side of ballot papers.

19. **Valid Votes**

- i) If arrow cross is marked equal to the no. of candidates.
- ii) Even if arrow cross is marked less than the no. of candidates.
- iii) If arrow cross is marked in between the line of two candidates but the marked had clearly indicate more than half of the arrow mark shall be valid to whom the larger marked indicated.
- iv) Even if arrow cross is marked more than one within the boundary line of the particular candidate.

- v) Even if the mark is not clear.
 - vi) Even if the arrow cross mark appeared on some little portion of the Ballot Paper.
 - vii) Due to folding of Ballot Paper width-wise, the mark could appear at the other side within the boundary line of other candidate's symbol but arrow cross-mark appeared anti-clock wise. In that event, the original mark which appears clock wise will be valid.
20. In the case of multiple Election, declare the candidates who polled the highest votes in descending order as elected according to the no. of seats to be filled up. Prepare the result in **Form 15 – Result Sheet** and send to the Secretary, State Election Commission and District Election Officer without delay.

'Certificate of Election' shall be prepared in **Form 16** and be given to the elected candidate.

21. In accordance with **Rule 16 of the Chakma Autonomous District Council (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 2007 as amended in 2013**, the Security Deposits of any candidate who does not secure more than one-sixth (1/6) of the total votes polled shall forfeit to the District Council. The money so forfeited be deposited to the Local Administration Officer. Make entry in **Form 3A 'How disposed of'** as '**Forfeited**'.
22. The forfeited Security Deposit with **Form 3A** shall be kept in one envelope which shall be sealed in Adhesive and Sealing Wax.
23. All valid votes of Ballot Papers containing valid votes shall be kept in one envelope which should be sealed in adhesive and sealing wax, write name of candidates with their secured votes, name of village, and Constituency Number on the cover which should be sent to the District Election Officer/Asst. District Election Officer for their safe custody.

All invalid votes shall also be kept in one envelope which shall also be sealed with adhesive and sealing wax. Write number of invalid votes, name of Village and Constituency Number in the cover which should be sent to District Election Officer/Asst. District Election Officer for their safe custody.

In Form 14 – Ballot Paper Account, all details about Ballot Paper polled in the Ballot Box, total valid Ballot Papers, total invalid Ballot Papers should clearly be indicated. Following the introduction of Common Ballot Paper, there shall be more than one votes in one Ballot paper. Do not get confused the Ballot Paper and Votes.

24. Spoilt Ballot Paper, Unused Ballot Paper, Ballot Paper Counterfoil shall be separately kept in separate envelope which should be sealed in adhesive sealing wax.
25. Refund the Security Deposit to the Elected Candidates and Unforfeited Candidates. Make entry in **Form-3A** and obtain their signature on the column-**signature of persons receiving refund**, and make record '**refunded**' in '**how disposed of**'.

IV. OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS

26. During the Election process, no person shall interfere with your performance of duties and responsibilities as a Returning Officer. In the event of such untoward incident, Deputy Commissioner, Police or Election Authority should be informed immediately. You can take necessary action under **Rule 43 of Chakma Autonomous District Council (Election to Village Councils) (Amendment) Rules, 2013**.
27. If there is any complaint on 'Corrupt Practices' as provided under **Rule 38 of Chakma Autonomous District Council (Election to Village Councils) (Amendment) Rules, 2013**, you may refer **Rule 36 ibid**. Don't get confused yourself.
28. Ensure that sufficient copies of all kind of Forms to be used in Election are obtained from Election Office and make available for the Election.
29. In order to ensure smooth conduct of Election, it is the duty and responsibility of the Returning Officer and Presiding Officer, and the decision taken by them in their respective role shall also be final.

PRESIDING OFFICER

Guidelines of duty of Presiding Officer for Election to Village Council under Chakma Autonomous District Council is mentioned below. Read carefully, if you have any doubts please refer to Chakma Autonomous District Council (Election to Village Council) Rules , 2007 as amended in 2013 (Annex – II) and remember that this handbook is only for guidance.

I. Things you have to do first and foremost.

1. Read this Handbook carefully and thoroughly to know your duties and responsibilities. You must be well conversant with the Handbook.
2. Check the Election Materials that you have received and ensure whether the materials are in good condition and similar with the list provided to you. The safe custody of the materials will be your sole responsibility. List of materials to be supplied to you by the DEO are listed at **Annexure-I**.
3. As Presiding Officer and Polling Officers are expected to be working together as a team, it is your duty to ensure that all are present at all times during the poll process.
4. You can appoint a substitute Polling Officer in case any Polling Officer appointed by State Election Commission could not perform his duty due to sickness or death. But you cannot appoint a candidate, an agent or any Political Party leaders as a Polling Officer. You should appoint a Government servant as far as possible.
5. You can utilise the service of any Village Crier on Election related matters under intimation to the Village Council concerned.
6. It is your duty to instruct candidates and the political parties to comply with the provisions under the Model Code of Conduct issued by the Commission.

II. Your Duties before the commencement of Poll.

7. You should make all necessary arrangement for the Polling Station before Poll Day and ensure that Seats of Presiding Officer, Polling Officers, candidates/Polling Agents and Ballot Box are ready before the poll commences.
8. The Voting Compartment should be located at sufficient distance from the view of Polling Officials to ensure secrecy of voting is not violated. It must be placed away from the window/door.
9. 'POLLING AREA', which should not be disturbed by the general public, be identified and notified. If the Polling Station Building has boundary fencing, the area covered could be regarded as Polling area. It is your duty to make sure that 'POLLING AREA' sign is put up.

10. Make sure and check that the Polling Station is ready on the evening before the date of Poll, lock up the rooms of the Poll Station building and make sure that the keys of the locks are kept by you.
11. On the night before the date of Poll, Public announcement should be made on the following –
 - a) Name of Candidate, Party and Symbol.
 - b) Place of Poll/ Polling Station.
 - c) Date and time of Poll.
 - d) No Public Meetings on the date of Poll.
 - e) No Public Meetings/ Campaigns should be held 24 hours before the date of Poll.
12. List of Contesting Candidates their symbols, address and name of Political Parties prepared by the Returning Officer in **Form 5** should be displayed. Election Agent appointed by Candidates duly approved by the Returning Officer should be allowed to sit inside the Polling Booth.
13. It is mandatory that **Form 5** should be displayed on the Polling Station Building or wherever available.

III. Ballot Box

14. Single Ballot Box shall be used and the size of ballot box shall be decided depending on the no. of voters. Demonstration of empty ballot box should be done in the presence of the Candidates and their agent half an hour before polling commences. If the candidates and their agents are satisfied the Ballot Box should be sealed with adhesive and sealing wax.
15. Presiding Officer and Polling Officers are to make sure that they reach the Polling Station 1 (one) hour before the Poll starts. Candidates and their agents are to be informed to be present an hour before the Poll time and they should be present at the time when the ballot box is prepared and make sure that it is empty and sealed, and they should append their signature wherever required.

If they do not arrive on time, demonstration should be done in the presence of the candidates and their agents who arrived on time. Time of commencement of Poll should not be deferred just because some Candidates or Agents are absent.

IV. Electoral Rolls

16. Separate Electoral Roll are prepared for Village Council Election as modified under Chakma Autonomous District Council (Election to Village Council) Rules, 2007. If there is any deletion of voters on the Electoral Roll, initial of Electoral Registration Officer/ Assistant Electoral Registration Officer should be made, and there should be no other deletion or correction made. If there is any other addition or deletion made by the Authority, it should be attached at the end of the Electoral Roll. You should make sure that the Candidate or his Agents are present and show them that there are no deletions/ corrections on the Electoral Rolls other than those mentioned above.
17. A copy of 1 (one) Electoral Roll should be lent to all Contesting Political Party Agents and make sure that you collect them back. You should inform the Political Parties clearly not to tamper with the Electoral Rolls and you have to make sure that no person can any way cast vote who has been deleted and not included in the Electoral Rolls.

18. Make a tick mark on the names of voters who had cast their votes on the Electoral Roll used for official copy. There should be no other marks other than this 'tick mark'.

V. Ballot Paper

19.
 - a) Only 1 (one) Ballot Paper should be given. Ballot paper is designed to be separated in the middle and Rubber Stamp with Distinguishing mark 'Village Council' should be marked on both sides of the area where it is to be perforated.
 - b) No. of voters should be entered in the Sl. No. Column. E.g. first voter should be entered as No. 1, second voter as No. 2 and so on.
 - c) In addition to the name of Village Council Constituency, Village Council Constituency No. should also be written on the column assigned for the Village No.
 - d) Ballot paper should be issued in sequential order. After one book is fully used a new book should be opened and if there is a torn or damaged page it should be cancelled and should not be used. On the cover of the used copy, serial no should be made. E.g. 1 – 20, 21 – 40 and so on.
 - e) In order to make it easy for voters to identify their choice of candidates, all the names of candidates should be arranged in alphabetical order on the ballot paper.
 - f) Deputy Commissioner/ District Election Officer are given the authority to print the Ballot paper and no one can complain how the papers are printed.
 - g) One book of Ballot paper usually contains 100 pages and if there is any page missing, make sure that the Candidates and their Agents are present and known by them and as far as possible, their signatures should be obtained.
 - h) **Form 7** is a Ballot Paper Sample, as directed under Rule 25 of the Chakma Autonomous District Council (Election to Village Council) Rules, 2007 as amended in 2013, only one ballot paper is to be issued to one voter. Demonstration on how they should mark a ballot paper with an arrow cross-mark should be done.
20. **Form 8** 'Register of Voters' is for registration of voters and signature/ thumb impression of the voters is to be obtained. The no. of votes polled and the no. of voters recorded in the register should be tallied with each other. In order to avoid mistake, one Polling Officer should be specifically instructed.
21. Please read carefully the instructions and your duty on poll day as spelled out under Rule 19-29 of the Chakma Autonomous District Council (Election to Village Council) Rules, 2007 as amended in 2013. Ensure that Distinguishing Marks are kept confidential. If a Voter does not want to cast his vote and returned the ballot paper, the same should be cancelled forthwith and the counterfoil should be marked as 'Refused' as provided under Rule 25 of the Chakma Autonomous District Council (Election to Village Council) Rules, 2007 as amended in 2013.
22. Voters should cast their vote during the period fixed for poll. In order to avoid gap, you should instruct the Village Council to make an announcement to call the public to cast their vote during the hours fixed for polling. Polling Booth should not be closed before closing time. Some voters who have entered the Polling area before the time fixed for poll but have not yet cast their vote should be allowed to cast their vote. But you should be very careful that they are not mixed up with other voters, you should specifically separate them by issuing a slip of paper bearing your signature and seal and give a number and close the Polling Area immediately.

23. **Form 9** Ballot Paper Account of Presiding Officer should be prepared immediately after closing of poll and should be submitted to the Returning Officer before counting of votes and District Election Officer/ Assistant District Election Officer should also be given. **Form 10 - Presiding Officers' Diary** is also to be prepared and submitted to the Returning Officer and District Election Officer/ Assistant District Election Officer. This diary should be prepared carefully so that even when there is an Election Petition this Diary is an important documentary proof.
24. The counterfoil of the ballot paper should be kept in a bundle and No. and Name of Village Council should be written and sealed with a sealing wax. When there is an Election Petition, this document is important and should be sent to the District Election Officer/ Assistant District Election Officer for safe custody. Similarly, the spoilt Ballot paper, unused ballot paper and counterfoil of ballot paper should be kept in separate envelope each and sent to District Election Officer/ Assistant District Election Officer for safe custody.

VI. Blind and infirm voters

25. As provided under **Rules 26 of the Chakma Autonomous District Council (Election to Village Council) Rules, 2007 as amended in 2013** all blind and infirm voters should be specifically recorded in **Form 11**. A blind and infirm voter can cast his vote through a companion of not less than 18 years of age provided that no person shall be permitted to act as the companion of more than one elector at any polling station on the same day.
26. **SUB-VILLAGE** : At certain areas, there can be sub-village in a Village Council Constituency and since only one Returning Officer is appointed in a Village Council Constituency, votes should be counted in the Parent Village. In such cases, Ballot Box should be carefully sealed in the presence of candidates or their Agents and send to the Parent Village where votes are to be counted.

VII. Others

27. Ensure that sufficient copies of all kind of Forms to be used in Election are obtained from Election Office and make available for the Election.
28. The election materials received by you viz. – Electoral Roll, Arrow Cross-Mark, Rubber Stamp, Distinguishing Mark, Flat Ruler, Stamp pad, Ballot Box, Indelible Ink and any other materials should be returned.
29. During the Election process, no person shall interfere with your performance of duties and responsibilities as a Returning Officer. In the event of such untoward incident, Deputy Commissioner, Police or Election Authority should be informed immediately. You can take necessary action under **Rule 41-42 of Chakma Autonomous District Council (Election to Village Councils) (Amendment) Rules, 2013**.
30. If there is any complaint on 'Corrupt Practices' as provided under **Rule 38 of Chakma Autonomous District Council (Election to Village Councils) (Amendment) Rules, 2013**, you may refer **Rule 36 ibid**. Don't get confused yourself.
31. In order to ensure smooth conduct of Election, it is the duty and responsibility of the Returning Officer and Presiding Officer, and the decision taken by them in their respective role shall also be final.

PART-II

Handbook for Returning Officers and
Presiding Officers at Election to Village
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District Council

(Mizo)

RETURNING OFFICER KAIHHRUAINA

Chakma Autonomous District Council hnuai Village Council inthlan chungchanga i hnathawh dan tur tlangpui Kaihhruaina a hnuai hian ziah a ni a, ngun takin chhiar la, hriatthiam loh i neih chuan The Chakma Autonomous District Council (Election to Village Council) Rules, 2007 as amended in 2013 (**ANNEXURE-II**) -ah enfiah ang che.

I. TIH TUR HMASA BER

1. He kaihhruaina bu hi ngun takin chhiar la, i mawhphurhna i kenkawh hma in thil tih dan tur leh i mawhphurhna chin chiang takin hre hmasa ang che.
2. Inthlanna hmanrua i dawnte ngun takin en la, a list-a chuangte i dawng kim ngei em tih fiah hmasa rawh. Heng hmanruate hi i vawng him ngei tur a ni. Hmanrua i dawn turte chu **ANNEXURE-I** ah tar lan a ni.
3. Election thila mamawh hun apiangah V/C Tlangau i chhawr thei ang a, V/C pawh a hranpain hriattir lawk ngei tur a ni.
4. State Election Commission, Mizoram-in V/C inthlanna bik atana a siam Model Code of Conduct-te hi Candidate leh Political Party-te chu zawm ngei tura beisei an ni tih i hriattir tur a ni.

II. CANDIDATE LAK DAN LEH ENDIK DAN

5. **Form-1** 'Notice of Election' hmang hian Candidate inpekna hun tur hriattirna chu State Election Commission-in Schedule of Election a siam dungzuiin tichhuak ang che. Thlan tura inpete'n an hming an pek luhna hmun tur chu nangma ruat tur a ni. Heng hriattirna hi a zau thei ang berin tlangau hmangin puantir tur a ni.
6. **Form-2** 'Nomination Form of Candidate' hi thlan tura inpe duhte'n i hnen atangin an la chhuak ang a, hun tiam chhunga an theh luh ngei theihna'n Form an lak chhuah rual hian an theh luh theih hun chhung chiang takin i hrilh tur a ni. Recognised Political Party-te candidate Nomination theh luttu apiangin **Form-2A** 'Certificate' hi Recognised Political Party candidate an ni tih tichiang turin Nomination an theh luh rualin an thil tel tur a ni tih pawh i hriattir dawn nia. **Form-2B** hmang hian Nomination Paper i dawnte i chhinchhiahin i tar chhuak ang a, he Form-ah tho hian scrutiny neihna hun leh hmun tur pawh notice i siam nghal dawn nia.
7. Hun tiam chhunga Candidate ten Nomination Form an rawn theh luh leh an pawisa dahkham chu i lo dawng ang a, **Form-3** hmangin Receipt i pe tur a ni (Rule 13). **Form-3A** hmangin thlan tura rawn inpete hming leh an dahkham chu felfai takin i chhinchhiah ang.
8. Hun i ruat angin candidate-te chu inthlanna a dingthei an nih leh nih loh Chakma Autonomous District Council (Village Councils) Act ,2003 Section 4 hmangin hetiangin i enfiah thei ang:
 - a) Tlang mi (Scheduled Tribe) an nih leh nih loh, an nih loh chuan inthlannaah a dingthei lo.
 - b) India khua leh tui an nih loh chuan an dingtheilo.
 - c) A din tumna khua Electoral Roll-ah a hming a chuang em tih te, a chuan loh chuan a dingthei lo.
 - d) Kum 25 a tlin loh chuan V/C inthlannaah a dingthei lo.
 - e) A din tumna khua ni lo, khawdangah V/C member tanglai a ni em? A nih chuan a dingthei lo.
 - f) Mi rilru kim lo, Court emaw, thuneitu dangin emaw rilru kim lo nia a puan a ni em? A nih chuan a dingthei lo.
 - g) Chakma Autonomous District Council Dan emaw, India ram chhunga hman lai mek dan dang emaw hnuai thil sual tih avangin hrem a tawk tawh em? Hrem a lo

tawk tawh a niha a hremna tawh atanga kum thum a la ral lo a nih chuan a ding thei lo. Lungin tang tawh a nih chuan, a tan chhuah atangin kum thum a ral tawh em? kum thum a la ral loh chuan a ding thei lo.

Hetianga candidate-te i enfiah hnua ding thei lo an awm chuan an pawisa dahkham kha i pe kir leh ang. **Form-3 'How disposed of'** tihah khan '**Disqualified and refunded**' tih i ziak ang a, Form-3A 'Account of Security Deposit'-ah i chhinchhiah ang.

9. **Form-4** hi 'Notice of Withdrawal of Candidature' a ni a, thlan tura hming pete zingah Scrutiny neih hma a inhnukdawkh duh an awm chuan he Form hmang hian inhnukdawhtir tur a ni (**Rule 13**). Inhnukdawkh an awm chuan an inhnukdawkh ngei a ni tih tichiang turin **Form-4** hnua lama Receipt hi pek ngei tur a ni. Chutih rual chuan an Security Deposit l lo dawn tawhna Receipt chu i pe kir leh tur a ni (**Rule 13**). Tin, Form **3 leh 3A**-a 'How Disposed of' tih zawnah khan 'Withdrawn and Refunded' tia ziah tur a ni. Hetianga i tih hnu hian inhnukdawkh te hnen atangin **Form-4A** hmangin Receipt i la tur a ni. Inthlan result puan hnua a Candidate zinga dahkham chawi an awm chuan felfai takin i chhinchhiah ang a, **Form-4B** hmangin Local Administration Officer hnenah inthlan zawh veleh i theh lut ang a, receipt pawh i la ngei dawn nia.
10. Inhnukdawkh duhte an inhnukdawh hnua Enfiahna (scrutiny) i neih vek hnua candidate tura tlingte inthlan naa ding tlak ngei te chu Recognized State & National Political Party Candidate an nih chuan an party tana a hnuaia tarlan Reserved Symbols hi hmantir tur a ni a, an nih loh erawh chuan a hnuaia tarlan Free symbol zing atang hian an Nomination paper-a an thlan angin i pe (allot) ang .

Reserved Symbols

I. National Parties

- | | | |
|--|---|----------|
| 1) Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) | - | Broom |
| 2) Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) | - | Elephant |
| 3) Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) | - | Lotus |
| 4) Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPI(M)) | - | Star |
| 5) Indian National Congress (INC) | - | Hand |
| 6) National People's Party (NPP) | - | Book |

II. National Parties

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1) Mizo National Front (MNF) | - | Star |
| 2) Zoram Nationalist Party (ZNP) | - | Sun without Ray |
| 3) Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) | - | Hat |

III. Registered Unrecognized Political Parties

- 1) Hmar Peoples Convention
- 2) Maraland Democratic Front
- 3) Mizoram People's Conference
- 4) People's Representation for Identity and Status of Mizoram (PRISM) Party

Free Symbols

- | | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Khuroi (Axe) | 2. Tagol (Dao) |
| 3. Tokya (hat) | 4. Pada(leaf) |
| 5. Lembo (Lantern) | 6. Moky a (Maize) |
| 7. Mog (Mug) | 8. Neckless (Necklace) |
| 9. Pile (Pot) | 10. Sugurigulo (Pumpkin) |
| 11. Chamesh (Spoon) | 12. Chati (umbrella) |
| 13. Ghor (Hut) | 14. Gach (tree) |

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 15. Mash (Fish) | 16. Nouka (Boat) |
| 17. Phagara (Spade) | 18. Daba (Tobacco pipe) |
| 19. Chari (Sickle) | 20. Shangu (Ladle) |
| 21. Agun-Luro (Fire-Torch) | 22. Am (Mango) |
| 23. Booi (Book) | 24. Kalam (pen) |
| 25. Tebil (Table) | 26. Chock-Chama (Spectacles) |
| 27. Lungal (Plough) | 28. Jog (Jug) |
| 29. Khum (pitcher) | 30. Anash (Pineapple) |
| 31. Kadirra (Chair) | 32. Narekul (Coconut) |
| 33. Dhansija (Bunch of Paddy) | |

Mi pakhat aia tamin **symbol** thummun an thlan chuan thumvawrin a changtu zawk tur i titlu ang. Hemi thua hian i thu tlukna chu thutawp a ni.

Sl. No. 3. Tokya (Hat) hi Election Commission of India in ZPM Party chhinchhiahna atan a pek tawh avangin a Rules -ah hian awm mah se ZPM Party tan chauh hman tur a ni. Chutiang bawkin Sl. No. 23. Booi (Book) pawh National People's Party (NPP) chhinchhiahna atana zuat bik a ni.

11. **Form-5** hi Inthlanna a dingte hming, an chhinchhiahna symbols, an veng hming leh an party hming tarlanna a ni a, he Form behchhan hian Ballot Paper pawh chhut tur a nih dawn avangin fimkhur taka buatsaih tur a ni. Ballot Paper chhut tihkhawtlai a nih loh nan **Form-5** i buatsaih fel veleh a rang thei ang bera District Election Officer hnen a thlen theihna'n hma i la nghal tur a ni. Vote thlak tan hun leh tawp hun dar bi State Election Commission-in a tuk angin **Form 5**-a candidate ho hming hnuai hian dar bi tuk zat chu ziak tel bawk ang che. Chakma Autonomous District Council area puma a inkhai rual theihna'n State Election Commission-in dar bi a tuk thin a, dar bi tuk sa hi zawm ngei tur a ni a, tar chhuah bawk tur a ni.
12. Candidate-a inpete i enfiah vek hnua ding thei zat leh member thlan tur zat chu a intluk chiahin emaw, thlan tur aia dingte an tlem zawk emaw chuan, inthlan kher ngai lovin, i en fiah vek hnua la dingte zawng chu thlan tlin a nih thu i puang nghal ang. Member thlan tur zat chu Notification hmanga tihchhuah 'Allocation of Seats to Village Councils' lehkha a 'No. of Seats/members to be elected' tih column a mi zat hi a ni ang.
13. Member thlan tur aia dingte an tlem zawk chuan thlan tur zat a kim lohna chu hun dangah State Election Commission remtihna in a hranpa a inthlanna buatsaih leh tur a ni ang. Chutiang a awm chuan District Election Officer/Asst. District Election Officer hnenah i report vat tur a ni. Eng vang mahin candidate dangte chumi hunah chuan zawn chawp tur a ni lo. Inthlan ni hi State Election Commission-in a ni a ruat bik a nih avangin eng zawng mahin i sawn a thianga lo a, member tur zat candidate an awm lo a nih pawhin a tih kimna'n engmah i siam tur a ni lo.
14. **Form-6** hi Candidate-te'n an Election Agent tur an ruatna Form a ni a, Election Agent atan a candidate-in mi pakhat zel ziak a an ruat, i hnena an thehluh chu **Rule 20** of the CADC (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 2007 as amended in 2013 angin nangma pawm tur a ni a, heng Election Agent-te hi Polling Booth chhungah candidate aiawhin an luh ve phal a ni. Election Agent-te list hi Presiding Officer hnenah inthlan hun tan hma ngeiin hlan chhawng ang che.

III. VOTE CHHIAR DAN

15. **SUB-VILLAGE :**

Sub-Village-ah Polling booth hran a awm thei a, Village Council Constituency pakhat tan Returning Officer pakhat chauh ruat a nih avangin Parent Village-ah vote hi chhiar tur a ni. Inthlan a zawh veleh Ballot Box chu tha taka charin, candidate emaw an agent-te emaw hriatpuuin vote chhiarna hmunah him taka thlen tur a ni.

16. VOTE CHHIARTU TURTE:

Vote chhiar chungchangah hian inthlanna **Rule 30-34** of the CADC (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 2007 as amended in 2013 hi ngun takin chhiar la, zawm ngei baw ang che. Vote chhiar tura mi i ruatte chu mi rinawm leh rintlak, a theih hram chuan Sawrkar hnathawk, political party-a nihna nei lo leh khawtlanga mi rinkai an ni tur a ni. Tin, vote chhiar tura mi i ruatte chu 'appointment' pein vote thlak hma niah vote chhiar dan tur training i pe lawk vek tur a ni. Vote thlak zawh veleh vote hi chhiar a ngaih dawn avangin nang leh Counting Official-te chu Vote thlak zawh hmain Polling Booth in thleng tur a ni. Vote thlak zawh veleha vote hi chhiar thei turin in buatsaih nghal ang.

17. COUNTING SHEET

Form-13 hi 'Round-wise Counting Sheet' a ni a, Vote chhiar a chak zawkna'n Counting Table tam thei ang ber siama, round-wise a vote hi chhiar tur a ni a, Round tina Table pakhatah Ballot Paper 50 zela chhiar tur a ni. Vote chhiardan felfai leh chak zawka kalpui a nih theihna'n mumal takin ruahmanna siam ang che. **Form-13A** 'Counting Table-wise Tabulation Sheet' ah hian Counting Table tinte'na an vote chhiar result chu lak khawm tur a ni a, **Form 13B** hi 'Round-wise Tabulation Sheet' a ni a, Round tina candidate te vote hmuh chu hetah hian i belh khawm dawn nia. Result-te hi felfai taka ziah luha belh khawm a nih theihna'n Tabulation titu tur a hranpaa ruata Table siamsak tur a ni. Round-wise Counting Sheet-ah hian column siam a ni a. Tally Method hmangin column khat zelah hian candidate vote hmuh zat chhinchhiaha atan a chhuk zawngin vawi 4 (li) thai a, chumi thai chu a khampei zawngin vawi 1 (khat) thai phei leh a, candidate zawn column khata a chhuk zawnga thai leh thai phei zat chu 5 (panga) a ni ang a, candidate vote hmuh tam dan azirin chutiang chuan tih chhunzawm zel tur a ni. Chutianga i tih zawh vek hnuah chuan belhkhawm a awlsam dawn a ni.

18. VOTE THI

A hnuai a mi ang hi vote thi awm theih dan a ni:-

- i) Ballot Paper-ah chhutna hnuhma (arrow cross mark) pakhat mah a awm lohin.
- ii) Candidate thlan tur zat (No. of seats to be elected) aia tam chhutna hnu hma a awmin.
- iii) Vote chhutna hmanrua (arrow cross mark) a vote chhut a nih lohin.
- iv) Tunge a vote tih hriat theih loh khawpa candidate-te daidanna rin chu a mark chanve chiaha chhut a nihin.
- v) Ballot Paper hnung lama chhut a nihin.

19. VOTE NUNG

- 1) Candidate thlan tur zat (No. of seats to be elected) chiah a chhutna hnuhma a awmin.
- 2) Candidate thlan tur zat (No. of seats to be elected) aia tlemah chhutna hnuhma a awmin.
- 3) Vote chhut chu candidate te leh midang daidanna rin (line)-ah lang ta se, a chhutna (mark) lan tamna lam lam chu vote nung lam a ni ang.
- 4) Candidate daidanna chung a nih phawt chuan vawikhat aia tam chhut pawh ni se vote nung a ni ang.
- 5) Chhut fiah lo ri ai a nih pawhin a nung ang.
- 6) Chhut (mark) sir khat lai emaw thenkhat lai emaw chauh pawh lang se a nung ang.
- 7) Ballot Paper thleh avanga voter-in a chhut dan pakhat a lan dan dik si (original mark), candidate dang hming or symbol-ah a lan dan dik lova thla a kaiin original mark lanna kha a nung ang. Entirnan: Arrow cross-mark chu sana inher dan ni lo zawnga siam (anti clock wise) a nih chuan ballot paper thleh avanga mark dik lo kai chu sana vir zawng (clock wise) a ni ve thung ang.

20. Member thlan tur zah vote hmu sang sang kha thlan tlin an ni tih puang ang che. Hei hi Result Sheet a candidate-te'n vote an hmuh dan zul zuia vote hmu sang sangte kha V/C member thlan tur zat (No. of members to be elected) nen inmila siam mai tur a ni. Chung candidate thlan tlin chu 'Result Sheet' a peih fel a nih hnuah Final Result chu puan chauh

tur a ni. **Form-15** hmang hian Election Result fimkhur takin i buatsaih ang a, he Form hi a rang thei ang bera Secretary, State Election Commission leh District Election Officer hnenah thleng tur a nih avangin tikhawtlai lova District Headquarters thlenpui tur a ni. Hei bakah hian Candidate thlan tlinte chu **Form- 16** 'Certificate of Election' pe nghal ang che. Ziah sual / tihdik loh palh a awm lohna'n Certificate ziak tur hian mi fimkhur leh kutziak thiam a ziaktu atan ruatbik i nei dawn nia.

21. Inthlanna dan **Rule 16** of the CADC (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 2007 as amended in 2013 in a sawi angin, hmun ruak pakhat atana inthlannaah chuan vote nung zawng zawng belh khawm hmun ruka thena hmuh khat aia tam hmu tling lo chuan a dah kham a chan ang a, hmun ruak pakhat aia tam inthlannah chuan vote nung zawng zawng belhkhawm kha thlan tur hmun ruak (seat) zatin sem chhuah phawt tur a ni. A chhuak hmun ruka thena hmuh khat aia tam hmu pha lo chuan a dahkham a chan ang. Khaw pakhat member thlan tur zat 5 lo ni se, vote nung zawng zawng belhkhawm 2400 chu member 5 a semin, 480 a chhuak ang a, 480 hmun ruka thena hmuh khat vote 80 aia tam hmu tling lo chuan a dahkham a chan ang. Chutiang dahkham chante chu pawisa pek kir tur an ni tawh lo. **Form-3** a '**How disposed of**' tih column ah hian '**forfeited**' tiin ziah tur a ni.
22. **Form-3A** leh dahkham chawin awm chuan pawisa nen ip khatah thun la, char tlat ang che.
23. Candidate-te vote hmuhna Ballot Paper zawng zawng kha ip-ah i khung ang a, i char tur a ni. Hal ral mai suh. I char fel vek hnuah a pawnah candidate hming leh vote hmuh zat ziak la. Chutianga i tih vek hnuah thalhrutin char tlat ang che. Akawmah Village Council Constituency No. leh khaw hming ziak la, heng hi Office-ah vawn that turin District Election Officer /Asst. District Election Officer hnenah thawn tur a ni. Vote thi zawng zawng chu ip khatah i khung ang a, i char leh tur a ni a, vote thi zat leh Village Council Constituency No. leh hming etc. tilangin bawm khata khung khawm hnuah District Election Officer /Asst. District Election Officer hnenah report dang rualin theh luh tur a ni. **Form-14** hmang hian Ballot Box-a Ballot Paper tla zat, Ballot Paper nung zat leh Ballot Paper hnawl zat chiang taka tar lan tur a ni a. Thil fel tawh lo a awm pawhin chul mam mai lova chiang taka tarlan tur a ni. Common Ballot Paper hman a nih avang hian seat awm zat azirin Ballot Paper pakhat hian Vote 4-7 a awm thei a ni tih hria la, Ballot Paper leh Vote hi ngaihfin loh tur a ni.
24. Chutiang bawkin Ballot Paper tihchhiat palh (spoiled) te Ballot Paper hman bang (unused Ballot Paper) te Ballot Paper bung leh lam (Counterfoil) te a hran theuhin lpah emaw Envelope-ah emaw i khung ang a, a chungam i ang hian District Election Officer /Asst. District Election Officer hnenah i theh lut ang.
25. Inthlanna tlingte chu an pawisa dahkham pek kir leh la, **Form-3A**-ah chhinchhiah la, pawisa i pek kir leh te chu 'signature of persons receiving refund' zawnah an hming ziahtir la, 'how disposed of' tih zawnah 'refunded' tiin i ziak ang.

IV. THIL PAWIMAWH DANG

26. Inthlanna-ah hian i hna thawk lai tumahin an tibuai tur che a ni lo. Inthlan dan **Rule 43** of the CADC (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 2007 as amended in 2013 hi en ang che. Tibuaitu i tawh a nih chuan Bawhsap emaw, Police hotute emaw, Election-a thuneitute hriattir vat ang che.
27. Inthlanna dan **Rule 38** of the CADC (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 2007 as amended in 2013 -na in a sawi 'corrupt practices' avangin emaw, chhan dang vangin emaw, i hnenah sawiselnaw rawn thlen an awm thei. I tih tur chu dik takin ti mai la, Inthlanna thubuaitu siam tum an awm a nih chuan **Rule 36** of the CADC (Election to Village Councils)

Rules, 2007 as amended in 2013 -in a sawi hi kawh hmuh mai ang che. Tul lovah intibuai suh ang che.

28. **Form** i mamawh ang zat Election Office atangin i dawng ngei a ni tih material hrang hrang i dawn rualin en Chiang La, District Election Officer /Asst. District Election Officer-in checklist an siamsak che hmangin uluk takin compare ang che. Election i buatsaih chungchanga report leh Form hrang hrang i buatsaihte chu i thawn chhuah/pek chhuahna tur mamawh zat chhutin a copy daih ngei tur siam ang che.
29. He dan hnuai Village Council inthlanna tluang tak leh felfai tak a neih a nih theihna'n thil tul ang apiang tih chu Returning Officer leh Presiding Officer mawhphurhna a ni a, in mawhphurhna zawna thutlukna in siam apiang chu thutawp a ni.

PRESIDING OFFICER KAIHHRUAINA

Chakma Autonomous District Council hnuai Village Council inthlan chungchanga i hnathawh dan tur tlangpui a hnuai hian ziah a ni a, ngun takin chhiar la, hriatthiam loh i neih chuan The Chakma Autonomous District Council (Election to Village Council) Rules, 2007 as amended in 2013 (**ANNEXURE-II**) ah enfiah ang che. He lehkhabu hi kaihhruaina mai chauh a ni tih hria ang che.

I. TIH TUR HMASA TE

1. He kaihhruaina bu hi ngun takin chhiar la, inthlan hmain thil tih dan tur leh i mawhphurhna chu Chiang Takin Hre Hmasa ang che.
2. Inthlan hmanrua i dawnte ngun takin en la, a list-a chuangte i dawng kim ngei em tih fiah hmasa rawh. Heng hmanruate hi i vawng him tur a ni. Hmanrua i dawn turte chu **ANNEXURE-I** ah tarlan a ni.
3. Presiding Officer leh Polling Officer-te hi hnathawkho tur in nih avangin in awm kim em tih hre thuai la, lo vak bo emaw, kal bo an awm pawhin rang taka koh haw dan i ngaihtuah tur a ni.
4. I hnuai Polling Officer-a thawk tura State Election Commission-in a ruat tawhte zingah damlohna leh thihna emaw avanga thawk thei lo an awm a nih chuan Sawrkar lehkhah hmanga thuneihna pek i nih avangin chutiang mite aiawh tur chu remchang i tih apiang i ruat chawp thei ang. Candidate emaw, an Agent-te emaw, Political Party hruaitu emaw chu i ruat tur a ni lo. Remchang a awm phawt chuan Sawrkar hnathawk ngei i ruat tur a ni.
5. Election thila mamawh hun apiangah V/C Tlangau i chhawr thei ang a, V/C pawh a hranpain hriattir lawk ngei tur a ni.
6. Mizoram State Election Commission-in V/C inthlanna bik atana a siam Model Code of Conduct-te hi Candidate leh Political party-te chu zawm ngei tura beisei an ni tih i hriattir tur a ni.

II. INTHLAN HMAA I TIH LAWK TUR.

7. Inthlanna hmun tur, nangmah leh Polling Officer-te thutna tur te, Candidate Agent-te thutna tur te, Ballot Box hunna hmun tur pindante i Polling Officer-te nen inthlan hma niah in buatsaih tur a ni.

8. Voting Compartment-a vote thlaklai tuma'n an hmuh theih lohna'n a biru tawk tur a ni.
9. Inthlanna hmun 'Area', mipuiin an chim buai loh tur chin, ziakin i tar chhuak tur a ni. Chu chu 'POLLING AREA' tih a ni. Polling Station Building-in hungna a neih chuan chumi chin chu a tha ber mai thei bawk. Zau lutuk a ni tur a ni lo, i enkawl theih chin a ni tur a ni. Hei hi inthlanna hmunah tar theihngilh hauh suh ang che.
10. Inthlanni dawn tlaiah inthlanna hmun i buatsaih chu ennawn leh la, engkim fel taka i siam hunah Polling Station building chu i kalh ang a, chahbi pawh nangmah ngeiin i vawng tlat tur a ni.
11. Inthlan dawn zanah hengte hi Tlangau hmangin a zau thei ang berin puang ang che.
 - a) Candidate-te hming, Party leh symbol
 - b) Inthlanna tur hmun
 - c) Inthlan hun Ni leh Dar zat
 - d) Inthlan ni a vantlang inkhawm phal a nih loh thu.
 - e) Vote thlak tan hunbi tuk atanga chhiar leta darkar 24 huam chhungah tumahin campaign an nei tawh tur a ni lo.
12. Inthlanna a dingte hming - List of Contesting Candidates, an chhinchhiaha symbols, an veng hming, an party hming theuh chu Returning Officer-in a buatsaih, **Form-5** hmang hian tar chhuak ang che. Election Agent atan a candidate-in mi pakhat zel ziaka an ruat, Returning Officer-in a pawm tawhte chu Polling Booth chhungah candidate aiawhin an luh ve phal a ni.
13. **Form-5** hi inthlanna hmun pawn lamah bangah emaw a remchang laiah tarchhuah theihngilh hauh suh ang che.

III. BALLOT BOX

14. Single Ballot Box hman tur a ni a, Voters tam dan azirin Ballot Box len zawng chu ruahman tur a ni. Vote thlak hma darkar chanve vel a la awmin Ballot Box chu vote thlak theih tura buatsaih laiin candidate emaw an agent te emaw chu Ballot Box a ruak ngei a ni tih entir (demonstrate) tur a ni. Chumi hnu chuan adhesive leh thalhit hmangin i char ang.
15. Vote thlak hun hma darkar khat a la awmin Presiding Officer leh Polling Officer-te Inthlanna hmunah awm kim tawh tur a ni. Candidate emaw an agent-te pawh chumi hunah chuan inthlanna hmunah awm ngei hman tura hriattir tur a ni. Ballot Box chu Inthlan mai theiha buatsaih lai leh a ruak ngei a ni tih Candidate emaw an agent te emaw chuan an hmu ve ngei tur a ni, signature pek ngai laiah pawh an 'sign' ngei tur a ni.

A huna an rawn kal kim hman lo a nih chuan Candidate leh Agent awm apiangte hmaah chuan bawm chu a ruak ngei a ni tih i entir hnuah khar leh mai tur a ni. Candidate emaw Agent thenkhat tlai emaw vangin inthlan hun hi sawn hlat phal a ni lo.

IV. ELECTORAL ROLLS

16. The Chakma Autonomous District Council (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 2007 siam that angin V/C inthlanna atan hian a hranin Electoral Roll siam a ni. Electoral Roll-

a hming chuante chu thai chhiat (delete) an nih chuan a sirah Electoral Registration Officer /Assistant Electoral Registration Officer hming 'initial' chhut a ni ang a, chu bak chu thai chhiat a awm tur a ni lo. Hemi bakah hian thuneitun hming dah belh (Addition) leh paih (Deletion) a neih chuan Electoral Roll hnung lamah thil tel a ni ang. Heng bak hi chu thai chhiat a awm lo a ni tih candidate emaw agent-te hnenah i entir ang.

17. Inthlanna a chuhtu party tinte chu Electoral Roll pakhat theuh i hawhtir ang a, a hmangtute hnenah chuan engmah thai ran awih a nih loh thu i hrilh ang. Tin, inthlan zawhah i la kir leh ngei ngei tur a ni. Electoral Roll-a hming chuang lo leh thai chhiat (delete) te hian engti kawng mahin vote an thlak thei lo tih hria ang che.
18. Official-a i hman Electoral Roll-ah chuan vote thlaktu apiang hming zawnah i chhinchhiah ang. Tick Mark bak chu chhinchhiahna dang Electoral Roll-ah a chuang tur a ni lo.

V. BALLOT PAPER HMAN DAN LEH A KAIHNAWIH

19. a) Ballot paper pakhat chauh voter pakhat hnenah pek chhuah tur a ni. Ballot paper hi bung hniha pawh bun theih tura ruahman a ni a, a rin laiah pawh bun tur a ni. Abung tawn tawnah Distinguishing mark 'V/C' tih chuang rubber stamp hi chhut tur a ni.
 - b) Serial No. tih zawnah hian vote thlak zat a indawta ziah tur a ni. Vote thlak hmasa ber kha Serial No.1 a ni ang a, a dawttu Serial No. 2 a ni ang a, chutiang zelin.
 - c) Village Council Constituency hming baka Village No. tih zawnah hian i duty-na Village Constituency No. kha ziah tur a ni.
 - d) Ballot Paper hi a indawtin pek chhuah tur a ni. Bu khat zawhah bu dang hman leh tur a ni. A kar lakah a pheh thler palh leh chhia a lo awm chuan thai chhiata hman loh mai tur a ni. A bu i hman zawh apiang chu a kawmah Serial No. i chhinchhiah zel ang. Entirnan 1-20, 21-40 tih ang zel in.
 - e) Voters ten awlsam zawka an vote duhte hming leh symbol an hmuh zung zung theihna'n party pakhat atanga candidate-te chu an hming a indawt thla ang. Ballot Paper-a an hming indawt dan tur chu 'alphabetical order' a ni ang.
 - f) Ballot Paper chhu turin Deputy Commissioner /District Election Officer thuneihna pek an ni a, District Election Officer Ballot Paper chhut dan chu sawisel theih a ni lo.
 - g) Ballot paper bu khat hi pheh 100 a ni ber a, a chuang emaw, a kim lo emaw a awm palh thei. Chu chu chhinchhiah la, Candidate-te emaw, Polling Officer-te emaw Agent-te pawh hrilh hria la, a theih chuan an hming theuh sign tir ang che.
 - h) **Form-7** hi Ballot Paper Sample a ni a, **Rule 25** of the CADC (Election to Village Councils) (Amendment) Rules, 2013 angin voter pakhat hnenah Ballot Paper pakhat chauh pek tur a nih avangin Arrow Cross mark hmanga an chhutdan tur leh an thlehdan tur chiang taka hrilh tur a ni.
20. **Form-8** 'Register of Voters' hi vote thlaktute chhinchhiahna leh an hming sign/ kutzungpui nemna tur a ni a. Ballot Box-a Ballot Paper tla zat leh he register-a vote thlak zat chhinchhiah hi a inmil thlap tur a nih avangin ziah hmaih emaw ziah belh emaw a awm lohna turin Polling Officer-te fiah takin a pawimawhna i hrilh tur a ni.

21. Inthlan ni-a i tih turah hian inthlanna dan **Rule 19-29** of the CADC (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 2007 as amended in 2013 hi ngun takin chhiar ang che. Distinguishing mark hi a ruka vawn tlat tur a ni tih theihngihl suh. Vote thlak duh lovin ballot paper arawn pek kir chuan, inthlanna dan **Rule 25** of the CADC (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 2007 as amended in 2013 in a sawi angin thai chhiat mai tur a ni a, pawh bunna bul lam (counterfoil)-ah 'Refused' ti a ziah tur a ni.
22. Vote thlak hun ruat a zawh hmain vote thlaktir zawh vek tum ang che. Vote thlak a khaihlak dawn nia i hriat veleh V/C tlangau hmangin mipui vote thlak tur ko khawm zel ang che. Vote thlak hunbi tiam a ral hma in Polling Booth khar hauh loh tur a ni. Vote thlak hun atana hun tiam a ral tawh hnuah vote la thlak hman si lo, inthlanna hmun Area-ah lo lut hman si an awm chuan awm khawm tir la, vote thlak theih hun tawp hunbi tiam chhunga Polling Area chhung an lo thleng hman tawh nia i hriat chian chuan vote i thlaktir tur a ni. Mahse, midangin an pawlh sawp lohna'n fimkhur ang che. Inthlanna hun dar bi tiam ral hmaa Polling Area-a lo lut hman tawh zawng zawng chu lehkhah them (Slip) i signature chuanna, a indawt a number pek sem la, chumi bakin an pawlh buai lohna'n Polling Area pawh khar nghal ang che.
23. **Form-9** 'Ballot Paper Account of Presiding Officer' hi vote thlak zawh veleh i buatsaih ang a, vote chhiar hmain Returning Officer hnenah i pe ang a, District Election Officer/Asst. District Election Officer hnenah i thawn bawk ang. **Form-10** 'Presiding Officer's Diary' hi vote thlak zawh veleh i buatsaih ang a, Returning Officer hnenah i theh lut ang a, District Election Officer/Asst. District Election Officer hnenah i thawn bawk ang. He Diary hi Election Petition a awm pawha en let tur document pawimawh tak a ni a, chuvangin fimkhur takin buatsaih ang che.
24. Ballot Paper bung lehlam counterfoil pawh a khawmin tel khawm ang che, a kawmah Constituency No. leh khaw hming ziak la, thalhritin char ang che. Inthlan thubuai a awm pawhin heng hi a tangkai dawn a, District Election Officer/Asst. District Election Officer Office-ah vawn that tura thawn tur a ni. Chutiang bawkin Ballot Paper tihchhiat palh (spoiled) te, Ballot Paper hman bang (un-used Ballot Paper) te, Ballot Paper bung leh lam (Counterfoil) te a hran theuhin ip ah emaw envelope-ah emaw i khung anga, a chunga mi ang hian District Election Officer/Asst. District Election Officer hnenah i theh lut ang.

VI. BLIND AND INFIRM VOTERS

25. Inthlan dan **Rule 26** of the CADC (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 2007 as amended in 2013 anga mitdel leh puih ngai vote thlaksakte chu **Form-11** ah hian chiang takin chhinchhiah ang che. Natna/taksa chak lohna avangin emaw vote thlaktu (blind and infirm voter) chuan ama chungkhath hnai puitling emaw a mi duhthlan puitling (companion) vote thlakpui turin a hruai thei ang. Chutiang vote thlakpuitu (companion) chuan voter-in candidate a thlan duhzawng ngei symbol-ah, 'Arrow cross-mark' a chhuttir emaw, a chhutsak tur a ni, 'Secrecy of Vote' a vawng ngei tur a ni. **Form-12** hmang hian mitdel leh puih ngai vote thlaksaktu turte'n 'Declaration' an siam tur a ni a, hei hi i phalna thlapa tih tur a ni.
26. **SUB-VILLAGE:**
Sub-Village-ah Polling Booth hran a awm thei a, V/C Constituency pakhat tan Returning Officer pakhat chauh ruat a nih avangin Parent Village-ah vote hi chhiar tur a ni. Inthlan a zawh veleh Ballot Box chu tha taka charin, Candidate emaw an agent-te emaw hriatpuiin vote chhiarna hmunah him takin thlen ang che.

VII. THIL PAWIMAWH DANG

27. **Form** i mamawh ang zat Election Office atangin i dawng ngei a ni tih material hrang hrang i dawn rualin tichiang la, District Election Officer /Asst. District Election Officer-in checklist an siamsak che hmangin uluk takin compare ang che. Election i buatsaih chungchanga report leh Form hrang hrang i buatsaihte chu i thawn chhuah/pek chhuahna tur mamawh zat chhutin a copy daih ngei tur siam ang che.
28. Inthlanna hmanrua i dawn, Electoral Roll, Arrow Cross-Mark, Rubber Stamp, Distinguishing Mark, Flat Ruler, Stamp Pad, Ballot Box, Indelible Ink leh a dang zawngte pawh thawn let leh vek tur a ni.
29. Inthlanna-ah hian i hnathawk lai tumahin an tibuai tur che a ni lo. Inthlan dan **Rule 41-42** of the CADC (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 2007 as amended in 2013 hi en ang che. Tibuaitu i tawk a nih chuan Bawrhsap emaw, Police hotute emaw, Election-a thuneitute emaw hriattir vat ang che.
30. Inthlanna dan **Rule 38** of the CADC (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 2007 as amended in 2013 in a sawi 'corrupt practices' avangin emaw, chhan dang vangin emaw, i hnenah sawiselna rawn thlen an awm thei. I tih tur chu dik takin ti mai la, inthlanna thubuai siam tum an awm a nih chuan Inthlanna dan **Rule 36** of the CADC (Election to Village Councils) (Amendment) Rules, 2013 in a sawi hi kawhhmuh mai ang che. Tul lovah intibuai suh ang che.
31. He dan hnuai Village Council inthlanna tluang tak leh felfai taka neih a nih theihna'n thil tul ang apiang tih chu Returning Officer leh Presiding Officer mawhphurhna a ni a, in mawhphurhna zawna thutlukna in siam apiang chu thutawp a ni.

FORMS

Forms devised by the State Election
Commission, Mizoram

FORM - 1
[See Rule 5]

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Election to the(No. & Name) Village Council, 20.....

Notice is hereby given that:-

- (1) an election is to be held to elect a Member(s) to the seats allotted to the Village Council Constituency of _____ (No. & Name) under CADDC;
- (2) Form of Nominations are available from the office of the Returning Officer between the hours of and from (date) to (date);
- (3) Nomination papers may be delivered by a Candidate or his Proposer to the Returning Officer at between 11 AM and 3 PM on any day (other than Public Holiday) not later than the day of (month);
- (4) notice of withdrawal of candidature may be delivered by a candidate or his proposer or any person who has been authorized in writing by the candidate to deliver it to the undersigned before 3 PM on the
- (5) the nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at.....(hours) on.....(date) at the(place);
- (6) in the event of the election being contested, the poll will be taken on (date) at (place) between the hours of..... and
- (7) the counting of votes will commence on..... (date) at..... (place) at hours.

Place.....

Date.....

Returning Officer

No & Name of V/C _____

FORM - 2
[See Rule 12]

NOMINATION FORM OF CANDIDATE

Election to the(No. & Name) Village Council, 20.....

1. Name: _____
2. Age: _____
3. Sex: _____
4. Educational Qualifications: _____
5. Address: _____
6. No. & Name of constituency: _____
7. Father's Name: _____
8. Name of Proposer & Address: _____
9. Sl. No. in the Electoral Roll: _____
10. Date & Time of Filing Nomination: _____
11. Citizenship: _____
12. Community: _____
13. Place of birth: _____
14. Occupation: _____
15. Symbols in the order of priority: (1) _____
(2) _____
(3) _____
16. Party Affiliation (if any): _____
17. Amount of Security Deposit: _____

DECLARATION OF CANDIDATE

I, hereby declare that I am the candidate mentioned herein and that I am willing to stand for the election. I also declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, I am qualified to fill the seat in the Village Council and not disqualified for being chosen to the said seat in the Village Council as required under section 4 of the Chakma Autonomous District Council (Village Councils) Act, 2003.

Signature of the Candidate

Date _____

Name & Signature of Proposer

Date _____

This nomination paper was delivered to me at (hours) on (date) by the Candidate/Proposer (name)

Returning Officer

No. & Name of V/C _____

Date: _____

FORM – 2A
[See Rule 17]

CERTIFICATE

Election to the(No. & Name) Village Council, 20.....

Certified that the following persons have been set up by _____ party as its candidate(s) at the General Election/By-Election to _____ Village Council to be held on the _____ for election of Village Council members from the _____ Village Council Constituency under CADC as indicated below:-

Sl. No	Name of sponsored Candidate(s)	Father's Name	Address	Sl. No in the E/Roll	Remarks

Place: _____

Name & Signature of Unit President of
Recognised Political Party

Date : _____

Note: This Certificate should be submitted to the Returning Officer by each Candidate at the time of filing nominations.

FORM - 2B
[See Rule 12]

LIST OF NOMINATION PAPERS RECEIVED

Election to the(No. & Name) Village Council, 20.....

Sl. No.	Name of Candidate	Father's or Husband's name	Postal address	Age	Name of Proposer
1	2	3	4	5	6

NOTICE

The nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at a.m/p.m on
..... day of (month) (year) at
..... (place).

Returning Officer

Place:.....

Date:.....

FORM - 3
[See Rule 12]

RECEIPT OF SECURITY DEPOSIT

Part 'A'

No..... Date.....

Received a sum of Rs 100/-
(Rupees **hundred**) only from Shri/Smt
_____ of
..... on
account of security deposit for his/her
nomination for election to the
..... Village Council.

Returning officer
.....

Part 'A'

No..... Date.....

Received a sum of Rs 100/-
(Rupees **hundred**) only from Shri/Smt
_____ of
..... on
account of security deposit for his/her
nomination for election to the
..... Village Council.

Returning officer
.....

Part 'B'

HOW DISPOSED OF

Date.....

Refunded/forfeited

() ()
Signature Returning Officer
of Candidate. Election to _____ V/C

Part 'B'

HOW DISPOSED OF

Date.....

Refunded/forfeited

() ()
Signature Returning Officer
of Candidate. Election to _____ V/C

FORM - 3A
[See Rule 13]

ACCOUNT OF SECURITY DEPOSIT

Election to the(No. & Name) Village Council, 20.....

Sl. No	Payee's Name	Amount	Initial of Receiving Officer	How disposed of (refunded or forfeited)	Signature of persons receiving re-fund	Signature of Officer refunding deposit	Remarks

Date

Place

Name & Signature of Returning Officer

FORM - 4
[See Rule 13]

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATURE

Election to the(No. & Name) Village Council, 20.....

To,
The Returning Officer,

I, a candidate nominated at the above election do hereby give notice that I withdraw my candidature.

Place

Date

Signature of nominated candidate

This notice was delivered to me at my office at..... (hour) on.....(date) by (name), the **

Date

Place

.....
Returning Officer

Receipt for Notice of Withdrawal
(To be handed over to the person delivering the notice)

The notice of withdrawal of candidature by a nominated candidate at the election to.....V/C under was delivered to me by the** at my office at(hour) on (date).

.....
Returning Officer

** Here insert one of the following alternatives as may be appropriate :-

- (1) Candidate
- (2) Candidate's proposer who has been authorized in writing by the candidate to deliver it.
- (3) A person authorized in writing by the candidate to deliver it.

FORM - 4A
[See Rule 13]

RECEIPT

Election to the(No. & Name) Village Council, 20.....

Received a sum of Rs. _____ (Rupees _____
_____) from _____,
Returning Officer to the above election on account of withdrawal of my nomination of the
above said election.

Name & Signature of the candidate

Date :

Place:

FORM - 4B
[See Rule 16]

**SUBMISSION OF ACCOUNT AND DEPOSIT OF MONEY OF THE FORFEITED
SECURITY DEPOSIT**

Election to the(No. & Name) Village Council, 20.....

Sl. No.	<i>Name of Candidate whose security deposit is forfeited</i>	<i>Name of V/C</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1	2	3	4	5

Total _____ Rs. _____)

(Rupees _____) only

Signature of
Returning Officer

Election to.....V/C

Receipt

Received a sum of Rs. _____ (Rupees _____) only from Shri _____ Returning Officer/ Presiding Officer of the election to the _____ Village Council being the amount of the forfeited security deposit of candidates.

Date

Place

.....
Local Administration Officer

FORM - 5
[See Rule 17]

LIST OF CONTESTING CANDIDATES

Election to the(No. & Name) Village Council, 20.....

Sl.No.	Name of Candidate	Address of Candidate	Party affiliation	Symbol allotted
1	2	3	4	5
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
Etc.				

Poll will be taken on _____ (date) between the hours of _____ and _____ at _____ (place).

Date.....

Place.....

(_____)
Returning Officer

Note: *List of Contesting Candidates shall be submitted to the Secretary, State Election Commission and District Election Officer immediately after the list is finalised.*

FORM - 6
[See Rule 20]

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION AGENT

Election to the(No. & Name) Village Council, 20.....

To,

The Returning Officer,

I,..... of, a candidate at above election do hereby appoint(name), of (village/locality) as my election agent from this day at the above election.

Place :

Date :

Signature of Candidate

I accept the above appointment

Place :

Date :

Signature of Election Agent

Approved

Signature and Seal of the Returning Officer

FORM - 7
[See Rule 24]

BALLOT PAPER COUNTERFOIL

Serial No

Elector's Serial number in the V/C Electoral Roll.....

























No & Name of Village Council under CADC.

Signature or thumb impression

BALLOT PAPER

Serial No.....

No & Name of Village Council..... under CADC.

Sl. No.	Name of Candidate	Symbol Allotted	Sl. No.	Name of Candidate	Symbol Allotted
1	Biakmuana	Hand 	13	Hmingmuana	Sun Without Rays 
2	Buanga	Hand 	14	Lalthanzama	Sun Without Rays 
3	Dinsanga	Hand 	15	Mawia	Sun Without Rays 
4	Hminghlua	Hand 	16	Romawia	Sun Without Rays 
5	Hriata	Hand 	17	Siammawia	Sun Without Rays 
6	Lalliana	Hand 	18	Thansiamia	Sun Without Rays 
7	Hmingmuana	Star 	19	Duhkima	Axe (Khuro) 
8	Lalthanzama	Star 	20	Lalringa	Hat (Tokya) 
9	Mawia	Star 	21	Malsawma	Lantern (Lembo) 
10	Romawia	Star 	22	Rindika	Leaf (Pada) 
11	Siammawia	Star 	23	Tlankima	Mug (Mog) 
12	Thansiamia	Star 	24	Zakapa	Necklace (Neckless) 

FORM - 8
[See Rule 21]

REGISTER OF VOTERS

Election to the(No. & Name) Village Council, 20.....

Sl. No.	Sl. No. of Elector in the Electoral Roll	Signature/Thumb impression of Elector	Remarks

Date.....

Place

Signature of the Presiding Officer

.....

FORM – 9
[See Rule 24]

BALLOT PAPER ACCOUNT OF PRESIDING OFFICER

Election to the(No. & Name) Village Council, 20.....

Sl. No.	Particulars	No. of Books	No. of Sheets	Remarks
1.	No. of Ballot Papers received from Election Office			
2.	No. of Ballot Papers issued to the Voters			
3.	No. of Ballot Papers used			
4.	No. of Ballot Papers spoiled			
5.	No. of Ballot Papers not cast and returned by the Voter			
6.	No. of unused Ballot Papers returned to Election Office			

Submitted to the 1) District Election Officer/Asst. District Election Officer.
 2) Returning Officer

Date:.....

Place:

Name & Signature of
Presiding Officer

No. & Name of V/C _____

FORM – 10
[See Rule 24, 25, 28 & 29]

PRESIDING OFFICER'S DIARY

1. No. & Name of the Constituency (in block letters):
2. Date of Poll :
3. Particulars of the polling station :
Whether located in-
 - (i) Government or quasi-government building;
 - (ii) Private building;
 - (iii) Temporary structure;
 - (iv) Name of the building;
4. Number of polling officers deployed locally, if any :
5. Appointment of polling officer made in the absence of duly appointed polling officer, if any, and the reasons for such appointment :
6. Number of election agents and the number who arrived late :
 - (1)
 - (2)
7. Number of candidates who had appointed election agents at the polling stations :
8.
 - (i) Total no. of voters assigned to the polling station:
 - (ii) Number of electors allowed to vote according to marked copy of the electoral roll:
 - (iii) Number of electors who actually voted as per the Register of Voters.
 - (iv) Number & Percentage of votes cast:
9. Number of electors who voted-
 - Men.....
 - Women
 - Total
10. Name and Age of Oldest Voters-
 - Male:
 - Female:
11. Number of electors who voted with the help of companions :
12. Whether it was necessary to adjourn the poll and if so, the reasons for such adjournment :

13. Number of votes cast from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.:
14. Number of slips issued at the closing hour of the poll :
15. Electoral offences with details :
Number of cases of-
 - (a) canvassing within one hundred metres of the polling station :
 - (b) impersonation of voters :
 - (c) fraudulent defacing, destroying or removal of the list of notice or other document at the polling station.
 - (d) bribing of voters :
 - (e) intimidation of voters and other persons :
 - (f) booth capturing
16. Was the poll interrupted or obstructed by-
 - (1) riot :
 - (2) open violence :
 - (3) natural calamity :
 - (4) booth capturing:
 - (5) any other cause :Please give details of the above.
17. Serious complaints, if any, made by the candidate/agents :
18. Number of cases of breach of law and order :
19. Report of mistakes and irregularities committed, if any, at the polling station :

Submitted to the-

- 1) District Election Officer/Asst.District Election Officer.**
- 2) Returning Officer.**

Signature of First Polling Officer

Signature of Polling Officer
in-charge of Register of Voters

Place

Date

Signature of
Presiding Officer

FORM - 12
[See Rule 26]

DECLARATION OF COMPANION OF BLIND OR INFIRM VOTERS

Election to the(No. & Name) Village Council, 20.....

I, do hereby certify that is personally known to me. I am satisfied that he/she is blind or physically infirm and is unable to mark on the ballot paper. He/she requested me to mark the ballot paper on his/her behalf. I hereby declare that I have not accepted as companion of any other elector at any polling station today, and that I will keep secret the vote recorded by me on his/her behalf.

Date : _____

Signature of companion

Place: _____

Signed before me and permitted

(_____)

Presiding Officer

FORM - 13
[See Rule 30]

ROUND-WISE COUNTING SHEET

Election to the(No. & Name) Village Council, 20.....

(a) Counting Table No: _____ (b) Round No: _____

(c) No. of Ballot Papers: _____ (d) Total Votes cast: _____

(e) Valid Votes: _____ (f) Invalid Votes: _____

Sl. No	Name of Candidates	Votes polled										Total	
		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		

Name & Signature of Counting Supervisor

Date

Place

Name & Signature of Returning Officer

FORM - 14

[See Rule 24]

BALLOT PAPER ACCOUNT OF RETURNING OFFICER

Election to the(No. & Name) Village Council, 20.....

Date of Poll :

Date of Counting of Votes:

- (a) Total number of ballot papers found in the Ballot Box/Boxes _____
- (b) Total number of rejected ballot papers _____
- (c) Total number of valid ballot papers, i.e ballot papers which are not rejected _____
- (d) Total number of votes contained by the total valid ballot papers, i.e. total number of valid ballot papers multiplied by total number of seats to be filled _____
- (e) Total number of invalid votes on all valid ballot papers _____
- (f) Total number of valid votes on all valid ballot papers, i.e. (d) minus (e) _____
- (g) Discrepancy, if any, with reference to the Ballot Paper Account. _____

Date :.....

Returning Officer,

Place :.....

No & Name of Village Council.....

FORM - 16



CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

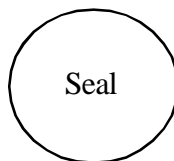
I, Returning Officer for the election to Village Council of under Chakma Autonomous District Council hereby certify that I have on the day of(month) 20.....(year) declared Shri/Smt. Son/ Daughter/Wife of to have been duly elected to be a member of the Village Council of in an election held on and that in token thereof I have granted to him/ her this Certificate of Election.

Date.....

Place

Returning Officer

No & Name of Village Council



FORM - 17
[See Rule 31]
APPOINTMENT OF COUNTING AGENTS

Election to the (No. & Name) Village Council, 20.....
 To,
 The Returning Officer,

I, a candidate/the election agent of
 who is a candidate at the above election,
 do hereby appoint the following persons as my counting agents to attend the counting of
 votes at

S/No.	Name of the Counting Agent	Address of the Counting Agent
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
9.		
10.		

Signature of candidate/election agent

We agree to act as such counting agents

S/No.	Name	Signature
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
9.		
10.		

Place

Date

FORM – 17 A

[See Rule 31]

REVOCATION OF APPOINTMENT OF COUNTING AGENT

Election to the (No. & Name) Village Council, 20.....

To

The Returning Officer,

I, the election agent of
a candidate at the above election hereby revoke the appointment of my/his
counting agent.

Place

Date

Signature of person revoking

FORM - 17 B
(See Rule 31)

DECLARATION OF COUNTING AGENTS
(To be signed before the Returning Officer)

Election to the (No. & Name) Village Council, 20.....

We hereby declare that at the above election we will not do anything forbidden by Rule 40 of the Chakma Autonomous District Council (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 2007 as amended in 2013 which * we have read/has been read over to us.

SI. No.	Name of counting agent	Signature
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
9.		
10.		

Signed before me

Returning Officer

Place







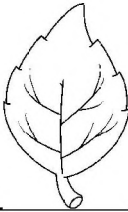



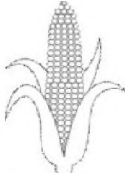


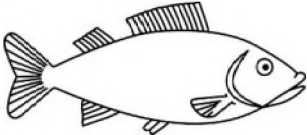


Date


















* Rule 40 & 42 of the Chakma Autonomous District Council (Election to Village Councils) Rules , 2007 as amended in 2013

“40- Maintenance of secrecy of voting. Every officer, clerk, agent or other person who performs any duty in connection with the recording of counting of votes at an election shall maintain the secrecy of the voting.”

“42- Any person who contravenes the provisions of Rule 42 shall be punishable with fine which may extent to Five thousand rupees.”

APPENDIX
List of symbols
(See Rule 17)

1.	Khuroi (Axe) 	9.	Pile (Pot) 
2.	Tagol (Dao) 	10.	Sugurigulo (Pumpkin) 
3.	Tokya (Hat) 	11.	Chamesh (Spoon) 
4.	Pada (Leaf) 	12.	Chati (Umbrella) 
5.	Lembo (Lantern) 	13.	Ghor (Hut) 
6.	Mokya (Maize) 	14.	Gach (Tree) 
7.	Mog (Mug) 	15.	Mash (Fish) 
8.	Neckless (Necklace) 	16.	Nouka (Boat) 

17.	Phagara (Spade) 	26.	Chock-Chama (Spectacles) 
18.	Daba (Tobacco pipe) 	27.	Langal (Plough) 
19.	Chari (Sickle) 	28.	Jog (Jug) 
20.	Shangu (Ladle) 	29.	Khum (Pitcher) 
21.	Agum-Luro (Fire-Torch) 	30.	Anash (Pineapple) 
22.	Am (Mango) 	31.	Kadira (Chair) 
23.	Booi (Book) 	32.	Narekul (Coconut) 
24.	Kalam (Pen) 	33.	Dhansija (Bunch of paddy) 
25.	Tebil (Table) 		

ANNEXURE-I

List of Forms, Materials, etc. to be supplied to the Returning Officers and the Presiding Officers by the District Election Officer

LIST OF FORMS, MATERIALS, ETC TO BE SUPPLIED TO THE RETURNING OFFICER BY THE DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER

I. FORMS

1. Form-1 - Notice of Election.
2. Form-2 - Nomination Form of Candidate.
3. Form-2A - Certificate for authorizing a Candidate by Political Parties.
4. Form-2B - List of Nomination Paper received.
5. Form-3 - Receipt of Security Deposit.
6. Form-3A - Account of Security Deposit.
7. Form- 4 - Notice of Withdrawal of Candidature.
8. Form-4A - Receipt of Security Deposit on Account of Withdrawal of Nomination.
9. Form-4B - Submission of Account and Deposit of Money of the Forfeited Security Deposit.
10. Form-5 - List of Contesting Candidates.
11. Form-6 - Appointment of Election Agent.
12. Form-13 - Round-wise Counting Sheet.
13. Form-13A - Counting Table-wise Results Tabulation Sheet.
14. Form-14 - Ballot Paper Account of Returning Officer.
15. Form-15 - Election Result.
16. Form-16 - Certificate of Election.
17. Working copies of Electoral Rolls
18. Checklist for Returning Officers prepared by District Election Officer/Asst.District Election Officer.

II. NOTIFICATIONS/ORDERS

1. Notification regarding Schedule of Election issued by the State Election Commission.
2. Model Code of Conduct.
3. Any other instructions/orders issued by State Election Commission or District Election Officer.

III. STATIONERY/ELECTION MATERIALS

1. Stamp Pad
2. Matchbox
3. Ordinary Pencil
4. Ball Pen
5. Blank Paper

6. Paper pins
7. Sealing wax & Brass Seal of SEC, Mizoram
8. Gum paste
9. Blade
10. Candle
11. Thin Twine Thread
12. Metal Ruler
13. Carbon Paper
14. Cloth or rag for removing oil, etc
15. Packing paper
16. Drawing pins
17. Rubber Bands
18. Cello tape
19. Seal of Returning Officer
40. Stationery Bag

IV. ENVELOPES

1. For Nomination Papers (Form-2)
2. For receipt of Security Deposit & Account of Security Deposit (Form-3 & Form-3A).
3. For Notice of Withdrawal of Candidature & Receipt.(Form-4 & Form-4A).
4. For Account and Deposit of Money of the Forfeited Security Deposit (Form-4B).
5. For list of Contesting Candidates to be submitted to Secretary, State Election Commission & District Election Officer (Form-5).
6. For Round-wise Counting Sheet & Counting Table-wise Result Tabulation Sheet (Form-13 & Form-13A).
7. For Ballot Paper Account of Returning Officer (Form-14).
8. For Election Result (Form-15).
9. For Valid Ballot Papers.
10. For other relevant papers.
11. For any other papers that the Returning Officer has decided to keep in the Seal Cover

V. BADGES

1. Returning Officer
2. Counting Supervisors
3. Counting Assistants

Note: A pekzat tur chu Village Council seat awmdan a zir leh a tul an tih angin District Election Office in an bituk ang a, heng baka thil tul dang pawh an ruahman thei ang.

LIST OF FORMS, MATERIALS, ETC TO BE SUPPLIED TO THE PRESIDING OFFICER BY THE DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER

I. FORMS

1. Ballot Papers in Form-7
2. Register of Voters in Form-8
3. Ballot Paper Account of Presiding Officer in Form-9
4. Presiding Officer's Diary in Form-10
5. Record for casting of votes by Blind/Infirm voters in Form-11
6. Declaration of Companion of Blind or Infirm Voters in Form-12
7. Checklist prepared by District Election Officers/Asst. District Election Officer.

II. NOTIFICATIONS/ORDERS

1. Notification regarding Schedule of Election issued by the State Election Commission.
2. Model Code of Conduct.
3. Any other instructions/orders issued by State Election Commission or District Election Officer.

III. ELECTION MATERIALS

1. Voter's Slips
2. Indelible Ink Pen Marker
3. Rubber Stamp Arrow Cross Mark
4. Seal for Presiding Officer
5. Distinguishing Mark Rubber Stamp
6. Ballot Box
7. Materials for Voting Compartment

IV. ENVELOPES

1. For marked copy of Electoral Rolls
2. For other copies of Electoral Rolls
3. For unused and spoiled paper seals
4. For Register of Voters containing signatures/Thumb impression of Voters (Form-8)
5. For Ballot Paper Account of Presiding Officer (Form-9)
6. For Presiding Officer's Diary (Form-10)
7. For Record for casting of votes by Blind/Infirm voters (Form-11)
8. For other relevant papers

V. SIGNBOARDS/PLACARDS & BADGES

1. Presiding Officer's Badge.
2. Polling Officer's Badge.
3. Candidate's Badge.
4. Election Agent's Badge.
5. Placard/Signboard showing 'ENTRY'.
6. Placard/Signboard showing 'EXIT'.

VI. OTHER ELECTION/STATIONERY MATERIALS

1. Gum paste
2. Blade
3. Candle
4. Thin Twine Thread
5. Metal Ruler
6. Carbon Paper
7. Cloth or rag for removing oil, etc
8. Packing paper
9. Stand for Voter's Slip
10. Stationery Bag

Note: A pekzat tur chu Village Council seat awmdan a zir leh a tul an tih angin District Election Office in an bituk ang a, heng baka thil tul dang pawh an ruahman thei ang.

ANNEXURE-II

The Chakma Autonomous District
Council (Election to Village Councils)
Rules, 2007 as amended in 2013



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**CHAKMA AUTONOMOUS DISTRICT COUNCIL
(Election to Village Councils) Rules, 2007.**

In exercise of power conferred under section 29 of the Chakma Autonomous District Council (Village Councils) Act, 2003 the Executive Committee of the Chakma Autonomous District Council is pleased to make the following Rules with prior approval from the Governor of Mizoram.

**CHAPTER-I
PRELIMINARY**

1. SHORT TITLE, EXTEND & COMMENCEMENT:

- (1) These Rules may be called the Chakma Autonomous District Council (Election to Village Councils) Rules 2007 as amended in 2013;
- (2) They extend to the whole of the Chakma Autonomous District Council;
- (3) They shall come into force at once.

2. DEFINITION: In these Rules, except where it is expressly otherwise provided or the context otherwise requires:

- (a) "Constituency" means such area which falls within the jurisdiction of a Village Council;
- (b) "District" means the Chakma Autonomous District Council;
- (c) "District Council" means Chakma Autonomous District Council;
- (d) "Elector in relation to a constituency" means a person whose name for time being entered in the Electoral Roll;
- (e) "Executive Committee" means the Executive Committee of the Chakma Autonomous District Council;
- (f) "Executive Secretary" means the Executive Secretary of the Chakma Autonomous District Council;
- (g) "Electoral Roll" means the Electoral Roll of a constituency of a Village Council and shall include the names of all persons who are entitled as voter;
- (h) "Election" means an election to fill a seat in the Village Council;

- (i) “Local Administration Officer” means Local Administration Officer of the Chakma Autonomous District Council;
- (j) “Presiding Officer” means the officer appointed by the **State Election Commission** for conducting the election in the polling station and may include the Returning Officer if the **State Election Commission** directs that the same person shall perform the function of both Returning Officer and Presiding Officer.
- (k) “Returning Officer” means the Officer appointed by the **State Election Commission** for conducting the election to the constituency;
- (l) “Village” means Village or Villages declared to form a Village Council under sub-section (l) of section 3 of the Chakma Autonomous District Council (Village Councils) Act, 2003, by the Executive Committee.
- (m) **“State Election Commission” means the State Election Commission as constituted for the state of Mizoram under provision of Part IX and Part IX A of the Constitution.**

3. HOLDING OF GENERAL ELECTION:

- (a) All elections to the Village Councils shall be held under the provisions of these Rules and shall be conducted by symbol system and the symbols to be utilised for the purpose shall be those specified in Appendix-I of these Rules.
- (b) The Returning Officer for the election to the Village Council shall notify the name of constituency with the number of members fixed for each Village Council to be elected and nominated. The District Council may at any time, revise or modify this provision if necessary.
- (c) There shall be an Electoral Roll for every constituency for the election to the Village Councils, and may be revised by the **State Election Commission** from time to time.
- (d) The person whose name is included in the latest Electoral Roll for the election to the District Council shall be the elector to the election of the Village Council.

4. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER: *The State Election Commission shall appoint Election Officials as per provision of Section 3 (7) of The Chakma Autonomous District Council (Village Councils) (Amendment) Act, 2011.*

5. DATE OF ELECTION: The **State Election Commission** shall by notification call upon all constituencies concerned to elect the number of members to be returned, and shall also appoint the date or dates simultaneously or consecutively according to convenience. The Returning Officer may, however, cause an election to be held on such date before or after the date appointed in respect of any constituency as a special case, when the appointed date cannot be observed due to some unforeseen inconvenience.

Provided that the change of date shall be notified to the constituency concerned by the Returning Officer at least seven days before the date so fixed for election.

6. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATED MEMBER AND FILLING OF VACANCIES:

- (1) Nominated member in each Village Council as prescribed shall be appointed by the Executive Committee from amongst the persons qualified to become a Member of a Village Council according to these Rules. Provided, such person shall apply in the prescribed form informing his willingness to serve as Nominated Member of the Village Council to the Executive Committee or any other Officer appointed for such purpose by the Executive Committee. And such appointed Nominated Member shall hold office at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.
- (2) If any elected member is found to be disqualified after the election, the seat may be declared vacant by the Executive Committee, and be filled under the provision of these Rules.
- (3) A seat and a casual vacancy in the Village Council in respect of a nominated seat shall be filled by the Executive Committee by appointment in the same manner as prescribed in sub-rule (1) of this Rules.
- (4) A seat and a casual vacancy in the Village Council in respect of an elected seat shall be filled by bye-election.

7. PUBLICATION OF THE NAMES OF MEMBER OF VILLAGE COUNCIL: The name of members elected and those nominated for various Village Councils shall be published in the constituency as soon as may be after the election is over.

8. RETURNING OFFICER: It shall be the general duty of the Returning Officer at any Village Council election to do all such acts and things as may be necessary for proper conduct of election in the manner provided under these Rules and his decision shall be final.

9. POWER OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION: The *State Election Commission* may prescribe such forms as may be necessary for the conduct of election from time to time.

CHAPTER-II CANDIDATES AND VOTERS

10. Qualifications for Elector:-

- 1) Every person who is-
 - a) a citizen of India who belongs to Scheduled Tribe;
 - b) a permanent resident of the respective Village Council;
 - c) not below the age of 18 (eighteen) years on the qualifying date;
 - d) not of unsound mind and does not stand so declared by any competent court, and
 - e) for time being, not disqualified for voting under the provisions of any law relating to corrupt or illegal practices or other offences in connection with election, shall be entitled to vote at any election to the Village Council.
- 2) No person shall be entitled to be registered in the electoral roll for more than one Village Council constituency.
- 3) For the purpose of these Rules, "qualifying date," as used in sub-rule (1) and in relation to the preparation or revision of every Village Council electoral roll under this chapter shall be the date that may be declared by the **State Election Commission** by notification from time to time.

11. ELECTORAL ROLL FOR VILLAGE COUNCIL: There shall be an electoral roll for every Village Council constituency for the election to the Village Council prepared in accordance with the rules hereinafter provided-

- (a) The Electoral Roll of a Village Council constituency for the election to the Village Council prepared in accordance with the latest Electoral Roll for the election to the District Council, as and when revised, be the electoral roll for the purpose of the general election to the Village Council;
- (b) There shall be a summary revision of the electoral roll for inclusion, deletion or correction of names in the electoral roll of the Village Council constituency preceding any election to the Village Council constituencies on such time-frame as may be decided and notified by the **State Election Commission**.
- (c) If any difficulty or question arises as to the preparation or review of any electoral roll under these rules, the same shall be decided by the Returning Officer or other Officers appointed by the **State Election Commission** for the purpose, and his decision shall be final.

Provided that the entire process of publication of electoral roll should be completed on or before the date fixed for filing of nomination-papers for the Village Council election.

12. QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE ELECTION AND SCRUTINY OF CANDIDATE:

- (a) Any person whose name is included in the Electoral Roll of the constituency and who is not otherwise disqualified under Section 4 of the Chakma Autonomous District Council (Village Councils) Act, 2003 may be a candidate for the election to the Village Council and shall inform the Returning Officer in writing in a form as prescribed along with a fee that may be fixed by the **State Election Commission** from time to times of his intention to do so, by a particular date to be notified in this behalf by the Returning Officer.
- (b) The scrutiny of candidature shall be conducted by the Returning Officer in the respective Village Council constituency on the date and time to be notified by him. The Returning Officer shall then examine the nomination papers and shall decide on all objections which may be made to any nomination and may, either on such objection or in his own motion after such summary inquiry, as he may think necessary, refuse any nomination on any of the following grounds:-
 - (i) that the candidate is not qualified to be elected to fill the seat under these Rules.
 - (ii) that the candidate or any proposer or seconder is not substantially identical with the person whose number or name appearing in the Electoral Roll as is given in the nomination paper as the number or name of such candidate, proposer or seconder.
 - (iii) that the signature of the candidate or any proposer or seconder is not genuine or has been obtained by fraud;
Provided that the Returning Officer shall not refuse any nomination paper on the ground of technical defect, wrong spelling of name, and the like, and shall accept any nomination paper in respect of which he is satisfied that the candidate is qualified to be chosen to fill the seat and has been proposed and seconded by persons who are qualified to do so.

13. WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATURE AND REFUND OF SECURITY DEPOSIT:

- (a) The Returning Officer may accept the withdrawal of any candidature, before or after the security of the candidature, and refund the security deposit money on obtaining a receipt to that effect as prescribed.
- (b) The Security Deposit of all other contesting candidate shall be credited to the District Council fund according to established procedure in regards to District Council local receipt and the Local Administration Officer shall be responsible for the same.

- (c) The Security Deposit of the candidates other than those whose Security Deposit are forfeited as per provisions of Rule 16(a) of these rules shall be refunded on issuance of a sanctioning order by the ***State Election Commission***.
- (d) On completion of the scrutiny of the nomination papers, the Returning Officer shall forthwith examine the symbols chosen by the candidate, and if such symbols are found to be in conflict with each other or with any symbols already assigned, he shall allocate the symbols in conformity, as far as possible with choices of the candidates, and, if necessary, by lot and his decision in this respect shall be final. Each candidate or his election agent shall, at the same time, be informed of the symbol assigned to him and shall be given a specimen thereof.
- (e) The Returning Officer shall endorse on each nomination paper, his decision of accepting or rejecting the same and, if the nomination paper is rejected, shall record in writing a brief statement of his reason for such rejection.
- (f) The scrutiny shall be completed, if possible, on the fixed day, and time for the nomination of the candidates but if it can not be completed on that day and time it may be adjourned to the following day or if the following day is holiday, to the next working day.

14. DEATH OF A CANDIDATE BEFORE POLL: If a candidate who has been duly nominated under these Rules dies after scrutiny of nominations and, before the commencement of poll, the Returning Officer /Asst. Returning Officer shall, on being satisfied of such death, countermand the poll in the constituency concerned and report the facts to the ***State Election Commission***, and all proceedings with references to the election.

15. PUBLICATION OF VALID CANDIDATE LIST: The Returning Officer or Assistant Returning Officer shall publish the valid list of candidate after the scrutiny and withdrawal of candidature.

16. FORFEITURE OF SECURITY DEPOSIT:

- (a) The Security Deposit of such candidate who is not elected and the total number of votes secured by him do not exceed one-sixth of the total votes polled shall be forfeited to the District Council. The Presiding Officer or the Returning Officer as the case may be, shall deposit all such money to the Local Administration Officer by making a list of such candidate in a form as may be prescribed.

(b) The Local Administration Officer shall make a compilation of such money received from the different Presiding Officer or Returning Officer and shall cause, deposit of all such money to the Executive Secretary to be credited in the District Council Fund by making entry in a form as prescribed.

17. ELECTION SYMBOL: Each candidate shall select a symbol out of those prescribed in Appendix-I to represent him in the election and the election shall be conducted by symbol. The Returning Officer shall decide by lot, to which of these candidates exceeds that of the seat to be filled. The Returning Officer shall compile a list showing the names of the valid candidates and the symbols assigned to each candidate and publish in the manner he thinks fit and a poll shall be taken in the manner prescribed in these Rules.

18. WHEN NUMBER OF VALID CANDIDATES IS EQUAL TO THE NUMBER OF SEAT:

(1) If the number of valid candidates in a constituency is equal to the number of seats to be filled, the Returning Officer shall forthwith declare such candidates to be elected to those seats in the Village Council uncontested.

(2) If the number of valid candidates is less than the number of seats to be filled, the Returning Officer shall declare all such candidates to be elected and fill as many as those seats. The **State Election Commission** shall by notification, call upon the constituency to elect a person or persons to fill the remaining seat or seats, as the case may be, within such times as may be notified.

CHAPTER-III VOTING

19. ARRANGEMENT OF VOTING: There shall be only one and if necessary, more polling Station for each constituency. The Returning Officer or any Officer appointed by him shall make all arrangements for the conduct of the election.

20. ELECTION AGENT: One election agent of a candidate is appointed in writing and submitted to the Returning Officer, who shall be admitted into the polling booth in case of the candidate absenting himself from the polling station.

21. NO VOTE BY PROXY: Every voter shall record his/her vote at the polling booth by him/ her only and no vote by proxy or otherwise shall be accepted.

22. HOURS OF POLL: The Returning Officer shall fix the hours for polling vote.

- 23. BALLOT BOXES:** Just before polling is started, the empty ballot boxes with their respective symbol and name of the candidates fixed on them shall be shown to the persons present at the polling station. The ballot boxes then be closed with an adhesive and wax sealing devices.
- 24. BALLOT PAPER:** Each voter shall be given as many ballot papers as there are elected seats. The ***State Election Commission*** may direct that before the ballot papers are delivered to an elector at a polling station, such official marks as may be specified in this behalf, shall be given on ballot papers and the official marks so specified shall be kept secret.
- 25. RECORD OF VOTES:** Each voter shall record his vote by dropping only one ballot paper in each box containing the symbol assigned to the candidate of his choice.

Provided that for any reason a voter does not want to use his ballot paper, the voter concerned must return the same, which shall be cancelled and marked 'refused' on the counterfoil.

Provided further that if an elector gives more than one vote to any one candidate, then at the time of counting of votes, not more than one of the votes given by him to such candidate shall be taken into account and all other votes given by him to such candidate shall be declared void.

- 26. HELPING OF VOTER:** If owing to blindness or other infirmity any elector is unable to read the symbol on the ballot box or is physically incapable of casting the ballot paper into the ballot box, the Presiding Officer will ascertain from the elector the candidate or candidates he desires to vote for and shall put the ballot paper or papers in the ballot box or boxes of such candidates in accordance with the wishes of such elector. The Presiding Officer shall have this done with as much as possible and shall have a record of such instances.
- 27. SPOILT OF BALLOT PAPER:** If the ballot paper happens to be spoilt before it is used due to any reason, another ballot paper may be obtained surrendering the spoilt ballot paper which shall be cancelled with the counterfoil.
- 28. SUSPENSION OF VOTING:** If due to any reason beyond control, the polling of votes has to be stopped resulting in the dispersion of the voters and the candidates, the Presiding Officers within the hours prescribed and before all the votes polled, the polling shall be suspended and ballot boxes be closed by pasting with an adhesive and wax sealing devices till they are re-opened when polling is continued as decided by the Presiding Officer present.

- 29. CLOSING OF BALLOT BOXES AFTER POLL:** As far as practicable, after the closure of the poll, the Presiding Officer shall, in presence of candidate or their agents who may be present, close the ballot boxes and seal them and shall retain the ballot boxes in safe custody until the commencement of the counting of votes.

CHAPTER-IV COUNTING OF VOTES

- 30. COUNTING OF VOTES:** Counting of votes shall be taken up as soon as possible after the closure of the poll and the Returning Officer may appoint any person as may be necessary to assist him in the counting of votes.
- 31. AUTHORISED PERSON AT THE COUNTING OF VOTES:** No person shall be allowed to be present at the counting of votes except the Returning Officer and such other persons as he may appoint to assist him in counting the votes, the candidates, election agents, as may be required, authorised in writing by the candidate shall have the right to be present at the time of counting.
- 32. SUSPENSION OF COUNTING OF VOTES:** If due to any reason beyond control, the counting of votes has to be delayed for any period resulting in the dispersion of candidates and the election staff from the booth or place appointed instead, the ballot boxes shall be closed by pasting an adhesive and wax sealing devices. The boxes shall be reopened at the next counting of votes held.
- 33. DISPOSAL OF COMPLAINT:** The result of the election shall be announced by the Returning Officer as soon as possible after the counting of votes is finished. Any protest against the time of announcement of the result, the Returning Officer shall explain the circumstances connected with the complaint.
- 34. EQUAL OF VOTES:** In the case of equal of votes, membership shall be decided by drawing of lots.
- 35. PUBLICATION OF ELECTION RESULT:** The list of the candidates elected shall be published in the constituency.

CHAPTER-V ELECTION PETITION

- 36. SUBMISSION OF ELECTION PETITION:** A petition challenging the validity of any election may be submitted by a candidate and no one else to the **State Election Commission** or any officer appointed by it for the purpose within 15 (fifteen) days after the declaration of the election results by the Returning Officer of the constituency concerned, attaching to the petition, an official receipt of the District Council showing that a deposit of Rs. 300/- as security for cause of hearing of the petition has been made. Such deposit shall be forfeited to the District Council in case the petition fails. If, however, the petition succeeds, the deposit shall be refunded. Unless such petition is withdrawn within a fortnight, the security deposit shall be forfeited to the District Council and be credited to District Council fund.
- 37. DISPOSAL OF ELECTION PETITION:** The **State Election Commission** shall constitute an Election Tribunal to hear and dispose of all election petitions. The Tribunal shall report its findings and decisions to the **State Election Commission** where upon the **State Election Commission** shall notify the decision of the Tribunal.

CHAPTER-VI CORRUPT PRACTICES

- 38. CORRUPT PRACTICES:** The following shall be deemed to be corrupt practices for the purpose of the election to the Village Council: (1) Bribery (2) Undue influence (3) Personating (4) Removal of ballot papers, (5) Publication of false statement and (6) Use of or appeal to religious and national symbols as defined in Chapter XX of the Chakma Autonomous District Council (Constitution, Conduct of Business etc.) Rules, 2003.

CHAPTER - VII ELECTORAL OFFENCES

- 39. PUBLIC METING:** No person shall convene, hold or participate in any public meeting or canvas for self or for any candidate on the date on which poll is taken for election to the Village Council.
- 40. MAINTENANCE OF SECRECY:** Every Officer, clerk or agent or other person who performs any duty in connection with the recording or counting of votes at an election, shall maintain the secrecy of the voting.

- 41. PROHIBITION OF INTERFERENCE WHILE POLLING:** No person shall interfere in any way with the work of the Returning Officer or other Officers employed for the conduct of election to Village Council.
- 42. CONTRAVENTION OF ANY PROVISION:** Any person who contravenes any of the provision of this Rules 39 to 41 shall be punishable with a fine which may extend to Rs. 500/- (Rupees five hundred).

**CHAPTER-VIII
POWER OF RETURNING OFFICERS**

- 43.** No Civil Court shall have jurisdiction to question the legality of any action taken or any decision given by the Returning Officer or by any other person appointed under these Rules in connection with an election.
- 44. REPEAL AND SAVINGS:** The Pawi-Lakher Autonomous Regional (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 1954 as amended and applicable to the Chakma Autonomous District Council is hereby repealed.

Dated Kamalanagar
The 16th July, 2007

Sd/-
(D.C Dewan)
Executive Member i/c LAD
Chakma Autonomous District Council
Kamalanagar.

APPROVED ON THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2008.

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