

A draft bill under the name Meghalaya Community Participations Bill, 2010 as per the directions of Govt. of India in connection with reforms to be undertaken under JNNURM (Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission) scheme in the web site of the Government of Meghalaya for the purpose of soliciting views of all concerned. Views of members of public if any may please be communicated to the Officer on Special Duty, Urban Affairs Department, Shillong on or before 14th July, 2010.

THE MEGHALAYA COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION BILL, 2010
A
Bill

To provide for community participation in ward of Municipal Board of Meghalaya and for matter connected therewith.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Meghalaya in the Sixty-first Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

*Short title
extent and
commencement*

1. (1) This Act may be called the Meghalaya Community Participation Act, 2010.
(2) It extends to the Municipal areas of the State of Meghalaya.
(3) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette.

Definitions

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,
 - (a) "Ward means Ward of the Municipality as notified under Act. No. XV of 1957;
 - (b) "Ward Commissioner" means elected Commissioner of the Municipal board;
 - (c) "representative of Durbar" means the Headman, the Secretary and the Executive Member of the concern locality;
 - (d) "representative of Council" means the Nokma, the Secretary and the Executive Member of the concern locality;
 - (e) "Representative of Seng Kynthei" means the President, the Secretary and the Executive Member of the concern Seng Kynthei;
 - (f) "Government" means the Government of the State of Meghalaya; and
 - (g) "Ward committee" means the Committee constituted under section 3 of this Act.

*Constitution of
Ward Committee*

3. (1) With out prejudice to the Meghalaya Municipal Act (Assam Act of XV of 1957 as adapted by Meghalaya), there shall be a Ward Committee for each municipal Ward to be constituted within 6 months of the constitution of the Municipal Board.

(2) Each Ward Committee shall consist of :-

- (a) Ward Commissioner of the concern Ward Chairperson;
- (b) 5(five) representatives of Durbar/Council/traditional representative body who are eligible voters of the concern Ward, to be nominated by the Government in consultation with concern Durbar/Council or any other traditional representative body if exists. The tenure of the member so notified shall stands automatically terminated on demitting the office of the concerned Durbar/council/traditional representative body.
- (c) The person so nominated under clause (b) shall not exceed two in number per Durbar/Council or any other traditional representative body if exists, in case a ward consists of three or more such institutions either wholly or partially.
- (d) 5 (five) reputed persons consisting of at least 3 (three) women either from Seng Kynthei/women organization/ individual who are the eligible voters of the concerned Ward to be nominated by the Government. The tenure of the members as notified shall stand automatically terminated on demitting the office of the Seng Kynthei/women organization.

(3) The Chair person may invite the Chief Executive Officer or any official of the Municipal Board during the meeting of Ward Committee, for guidance if required.

(4) The Government reserved its right to remove any or all the members of the Ward Committee at any time without given any reason thereof.

Term of the Ward Committee 4. The term of the office of the Ward Committee shall be co-exit with the term of office of the Municipal Board.

Function and duties of the Ward Committee 5. (1) To prepare draft Annual Action Plan for development of the area within the Ward and submit to the Municipal Board for approval of the Board.

(2) To execute and supervise the development works sanctioned by the Municipal Board.

(3) To assist the Municipal Board in matter relating to managements of all day to day affairs of the Municipal

- (a) Solid waste management,
- (b) Sanitation work,
- (c) Cleanliness of the area,
- (d) Violation of building permission/bye laws during the construction,
- (e) Maintenance of street light,

- (f) Construction and renovation of roads/ footpaths/ drains,
- (g) Management of water supply,
- (h) Timely payment of Municipal Taxes,
- (i) Revision of Municipal Taxes etc.

- Decision to the Ward* 6. The Ward Committee shall sit at least once in a quarter and send its minutes to the Municipal Board.
- Sitting of the Ward Committee.* 7. All decisions of the Ward Committee shall be placed before the Municipal Board for taking final decision on any matter.
- Power to make Rules.* 8. Subject to the provision of this Act, the Government may make rules to provide for any matter which has to be or, may be prescribed.