

Minutes of 1st Meeting of the Commission constituted under Clause 2.2 & 2.3 of the MoS signed with DNLA held on 07.10.2024 at 3 PM.

Members Present: Annexure-I (In the Conference hall of Addl. Chief Secretary, Block D, 4th Floor).

Members present through VC: Annexure-II (In the Conference hall of Principal Secretary, KAAC/NCHAC.)

The first meeting of the Commission constituted under Clause 2.2 & 2.3 of the MoS signed with DNLA, 2023 vide Notification No.HAD.eCF-328113/58, dtd 04.10.2024 has been held on 07.10.2024 at 3:00 PM under the chairmanship of Shri Biswaranjan Samal, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary, Hill Areas Department and Chairman of the Commission.

The Chairman welcomed all the Members present and explained the objective of the meeting. After a brief introduction of the members present, the Chairman initiated discussion on Clause 2.2 & 2.3 of the MoS signed with DNLA, 2023.

Detailed discussion took place as below:

1. Signatories of the MoS of the Commission were requested to submit a written representation by 31.10.2024 to Hill Areas Department with copies to the Principal Secretary, NCHAC/KAAC regarding inclusion of additional villages contiguous to NCHAC with the Council, and increase in constituencies as demanded by DNLA/DPSC.
2. The Principal Secretary, KAAC has informed that they will be in a position to offer views on the matter only after scrutiny of the written representation to be submitted by the Signatories to the MoS.
3. The Principal Secretary, NCHAC has informed that there are 15(fifteen) nos. of villages under Cachar District which are contiguous to NCHAC. In this regard, he suggested that DC, Cachar District may be allowed to attend as special invitee in the next Meeting to discuss the matter.
4. The Secretary, Border Protection & Development Department requested the signatories to submit 3 (three) sets of Survey of India's map of villages (1:50000 scale) alongwith GPS coordinates with their written representation for easy & accurate identification of proposed villages to be included.
5. One of the nominated members from Karbi Anglong present in the meeting has informed that he is not in favour of inclusion of villages contiguous to NCHAC with the Council, instead he prefers status quo.
6. The Principal Secretary, NCHAC stated that the villages of Karbi Anglong, Nagaon and Hojai Districts are not contiguous to Dima Hasao District. In this regard, they will submit a written representation after approval of the Hon'ble CEM, NCHAC.
7. It was decided that members of the public may also submit their suggestions to the Commission by 31.10.2024. Accordingly, NCHAC/KAAC shall notify the matter to the public.
8. The next meeting of the Commission will be held in the 1st Week of November, 2024 after receipt of all representations as stated above.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.

Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Hill Areas Department, Dispur.

Memo No. HAD.Ecf-328113/61

Dated Dispur, the...th October, 2024.

Copy for kind information and necessary action:

1. The Secretary, Coordination to the Chief Secretary, Assam, Dispur.
2. The Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Home & Political Department, Dispur.

3. The Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Border Protection & Development Department.
4. The Principal Secretary, N.C. Hills Autonomous Council, Haflong/ Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, Diphu. They are requested to communicate the Minutes of the Meeting to the respective nominated members of the Commission.
5. District Commissioner, Dima Hasao/ Karbi Anglong/West Karbi Anglong/ Cachar District.
6. P.P.S. to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati.
7. P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister, Hill Areas Department, Dispur, Guwahati.

Under Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Hill Areas Department, Dispur.