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#### **NOTIFICATION**

No. H. 12017/55/04-LJD/-10, the 19th May, 2004. The following Central Act is hereby published for General information.

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Saingura Sailo,  
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram.

#### **THE MARRIAGE LAWS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2003**

**AN**

**ACT**

further to amend the Special Marriage Act, 1954 and the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955.

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

#### **CHAPTER I**

##### **PRELIMINARY**

1. This Act may be called the Marriage Laws (Amendment) Act, 2003. Short title.

## CHAPTER II AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIAL MARRIAGE ACT, 1954

- 43 of 1954. 2. In the Special Marriage Act, 1954 (hereinafter referred to as the Special Marriage Act), in section 31, in sub-section (1), after clause (iii), the following clause shall be inserted, namely :—
- Amend-  
ment of  
section 31.

“(iiia) in case the wife is the petitioner, where she is residing on the date of presentation of the petition; or”.

- Amend-  
ment of  
section 39. 3. In section 39 of the Special Marriage Act, in sub-section (4), for the words “period of thirty days”, the words “period of ninety days” shall be substituted.

## CHAPTER III AMENDMENTS TO THE HINDU MARRIAGE ACT, 1955

- Amend-  
ment of  
section 19. 4. In the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 (hereinafter referred to as the Hindu Marriage Act), in section 19, in sub-section (1), after clause (iii), the following clause shall be inserted, namely :—
- 25 of 1955

“(iiia) in case the wife is the petitioner, where she is residing on the date of presentation of the petition, or”.

- Amend-  
ment of  
section 28. 5. In section 28 of the Hindu Marriage Act, in sub-section (4), for the words “period of thirty days”, the words “period of ninety days” shall be substituted.

## CHAPTER IV MISCELLANEOUS

- Transitory  
provision 6. All decrees and orders made by the court in any proceedings under the Special Marriage Act or the Hindu Marriage Act shall be governed under the provisions contained in section 3 or section 5, as the case may be, as if this Act came into operation at the time of the institution of the suit:

Provided that nothing in this section shall apply to a decree or order in which the time for appealing has expired under the Special Marriage Act or the Hindu Marriage Act at the commencement of this Act.