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NOTIFICATION

No.LAD/VC - 86/97(A), the 18th November, 2004. In exercise of the powers conferred under section 23 of *The Lushai Hills District (Village Councils) Act, 1953* the Governor of Mizoram is pleased to make the following Rules, namely -

- 1. Short title, Extent and Commencement**
 - (1) These Rules may be called *The Mizoram (Election to Village Councils) (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2004.*
 - (2) They shall have the like extent as *The Mizoram (Election to Village Councils) Rules, 1974 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Rules).*
 - (3) They shall come into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.
- 2. Amendment of Rule 2**

In the principal Rules, Clause (m) of Rule 2 shall be substituted as follows :

“(m) ‘voter’ means a person whose name is for the time being entered in the electoral roll prepared under sub-rule (4) of Rule 3”.
- 3. Amendment of Rule 3**

Sub-Rule (4) of Rule 3 shall be substituted as follows :-

 - (4) Qualification for voters :
Every person who is
 - a) *a citizen of India originally residing in a constituency for not less than 180 days during the qualifying period;*
 - b) *not below the age of eighteen years on the qualifying date;*

- c) *not of unsound mind and does not stand so declared by a competent court, or such other authority as the Govt. of Mizoram may appoint in this behalf;*
- d) *belonging to a scheduled tribe whose affairs are triable by the Village Council Court under Rule 14 of the Lushai Hills Autonomous District (Administration of Justice) Rules, 1953; and*
- e) *for the time being not disqualified from voting under the provisions of any law relating to corrupt or illegal practices and other offences in connection with elections;*

shall be entitled to be entered as a voter in the electoral roll.

4. Opening of a new sub-rule

After sub-rule (4) of rule 3, a new sub-rule (5) shall be inserted as follows :-

“(5) For the purpose of sub-rule (4) the qualifying date and the qualifying period shall be the first day of January of the year in which the electoral roll is prepared, and the year immediately preceding the year respectively.”

Sd/-

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