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The Mizoram Local Bodies Ombudsman Bill, 2025

Members are informed that ‘**The Mizoram Local Bodies Ombudsman Bill, 2025**’, passed by the Mizoram Legislative Assembly on 28.08.2025 has been returned by the Hon’ble Governor for reconsideration under the prevailing constitutional procedure as –

“Clause 3 relating to the *Establishment and Appointment of Ombudsman* and Clause 5 relating to the *Removal of Ombudsman* of ‘**The Mizoram Local Bodies Ombudsman Bill, 2025**’ may be reconsidered as follows:

1. Establishment and Appointment of Ombudsman

To strengthen the institution and enhance public confidence, the following provision may be considered:

- Independent Appointment Mechanism: Appointment through a committee comprising of the Chief Minister, Speaker, and Leader of Opposition, ensuring broad based consultation. and reduced executive dominance.

2. Removal of Ombudsman

The removal provisions under the 2025 Bill reflect a dilution of safeguards as compared to the 2011 Act. Given the quasi-judicial nature of the office, the following may be incorporated:

- Removal only through an address of the Legislative Assembly supported by a special majority, namely majority of total membership and not less than three-fifth of members present and voting”.

Accordingly, the Hon'ble Governor has suggested reconsideration of the following provisions:

- (i) appointment through a broader consultative mechanism
- (ii) removal of the Ombudsman through a strengthened legislative address with higher voting threshold be incorporated in the Bill, so as to preserve the institutional Independence of the Ombudsman and to maintain the credibility, dignity, and supremacy of the Legislative Assembly

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