MEGHALAYA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

ORDER

No. LB.112/LA/2026/43 Dated: Shillong, the 16th October, 2026

SUB: MERGER OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEGISLATURE PARTY ("UDP") WITH THE BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY ("BJP")

1. WHEREAS, the United Democratic Party Legislature Party in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly consisted of 12 (twelve) members.

2. AND WHEREAS, a communication dated 25th September, 2026 has been addressed to the undersigned by 8 (eight) of the 12 (twelve) members of the United Democratic Party Legislature Party in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, stating that they have agreed to merge with the Bharatiya Janata Party. The said members are:

   (1) Shri Lahkmen Rymbui, 7 - Amlarem Assembly Constituency;

   (2) Shri Pius Marwein, 35 - Ranikor Assembly Constituency;

   (3) Shri Kyrmen Shylla, 6 - Khliehriat Assembly Constituency;

   (4) Shri Mayralborn Syiem, 9 - Nongpoh Assembly Constituency;

(5) Shri Matthew Beyondstar Kurbah, 24 - Mawphlang Assembly Constituency;

(6) Shri Ollan Singh Suin, 25 - Mawsynram Assembly Constituency;

(7) Shri Balajied Kupar Synrem, 26 - Shella Assembly Constituency;

(8) Shri Synshar Kupar Roy Lyngdoh Thabah, 23 - Sohiong Assembly Constituency.

3. It is further stated in the letter dated 25th September, 2026 that the above-named members constitute not less than two-thirds of the members of the United Democratic Party Legislature Party, and that the merger is accordingly deemed to have taken place under Paragraph 4(2) of the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution of India. The said letter encloses a resolution dated 21st September, 2026, subscribed by the above-named members, recording their decision to merge the United Democratic Party Legislature Party into the Bharatiya Janata Party Legislature Party in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly.

4. AND WHEREAS, by letter dated 25th September, 2026, the Leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party Legislature Party in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly has furnished revised particulars of that Legislature Party in Form I under Rule 3(1)(a) read with Rule 3(4) of the Members of Meghalaya Legislative Assembly (Disqualification on Ground of Defection) Rules, 1988, including the above-named members, and each of the above-named members has

furnished a statement in Form III under Rule 4 of the said Rules.

5. AND WHEREAS, the petitions filed by Shri Metbah Lyngdoh, MLA, seeking disqualification of the above-named members under Paragraph 2(1)(a) of the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution of India have been dismissed by order dated 16th October, 2026.

6. The letter was placed before the undersigned, and the undersigned directed the above-named members to verify its contents. The above-named members appeared in person, verified the contents of the letter and the resolution, and reiterated the same.

7. The above-named 8 (eight) members constitute not less than two-thirds of the members of the United Democratic Party Legislature Party in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly. The undersigned is satisfied that the above-named members have agreed to merge with the Bharatiya Janata Party voluntarily and of their own will. Therefore, taking note of the above facts, I accept the factum of their merger with the Bharatiya Janata Party under Paragraph 4 of the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution of India.

8. Consequently, I direct allotment of seats to the above-named members as members of the Bharatiya Janata Party in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly. The United Democratic Party Legislature Party in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly thereafter consists of 4 (four) members.

9. Let this order be published in the Bulletin of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly and in the Gazette of Meghalaya.

(Thomas A. Sangma)
Speaker
Meghalaya Legislative Assembly