

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR
NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong, the 21st September, 2017

No. SW(S) 100/2016/Pt/81:- In exercise of the power conferred sub section (1) (2) of Section 4 of the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children), Act 2015 the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to re-constitute the **Juvenile Justice Boards** in all the 11 (eleven) Districts of the State with the members as shown against their names as below:-

1.

A.	East Khasi Hills District, Shillong.		
1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	-	Principal Magistrate
2.	Smt. Nabon Bareh, Retd. Research Officer Social Welfare	-	Member
3.	Smt. Daisily Thangkhiew Lawyer & Member, Meghalaya State Legal Forum	-	Member

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B.	West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin.		
1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	-	Principal Magistrate
2.	Smti. S. Diengdoh, (Retd) Joint Director, Education Department, West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin.	-	Member
3.	Smt. M. Rymmai, Teacher, Nongstoin Public School.	-	Member

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C.	West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai.		
1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	-	Principal Magistrate
2.	Smt. V. R. Hadem, Social Worker	-	Member
3.	Smt. A. Passah, Retd. Assistant Director Social Welfare	-	Member

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D.	West Garo Hills, Tura.	-	
1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	-	Principal Magistrate
2.	Smt. Genevieve B. Marak, (Retd) District Programme Officer	-	Member
3.	Smt. Giribala G. Momin Asstt. Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Joint Secretary & Controller of Examination, MBOSE, Tura	-	Member

5.

E.	Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh.	-	
1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	-	Principal Magistrate
2.	Smt. Meristilla Lamare General Secretary, NAWYA	-	Member
3.	Smt. Elizabeth Mawkhlieng, Senior Co-Worker, SOS Village, Umiam, Barapani	-	Member

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F.	South Garo Hills District, Baghmara.	-	
1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	-	Principal Magistrate
2.	Fr. P. T. Thomas, Fatima Rani Mission Home, Baghmara	-	Member
3.	Sr. Bernadeth Surin, Morning Star Girls Home	-	Member

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G.	East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar.	-	
1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	-	Principal Magistrate
2.	Shri. Challang, Arteus Ch. Marak, MA (LLB)	-	Member
3.	Smt. Surolla Areng, Retd. Asstt. Teacher.	-	Member

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H.	South West Garo Hills District, Ampati.	-	
1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	-	Principal Magistrate
2.	Smt. Mirabella G. Sangma Teacher	-	Member
3.	Smt. Benoy Hajong, Teacher	-	Member

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I.	North Garo Hills District, Resubelpara.	-	
1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	-	Principal Magistrate
2.	Smt. Lina Areng Retd. Head Teacher Basic Training School	-	Member
3.	Smt. Clarabell Momin, Retd. Police Personnel	-	Member

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J.	East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat.	-	
1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	-	Principal Magistrate
2.	S. Pdang, Advocate	-	Member
3.	Shri. Edward Hynniewta Ex-Chairman of Tour Committee, Syad	-	Member

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K.	South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat	-	
1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	-	Principal Magistrate
2.	Smt. Narisha Diengdoh	-	Member
3.	Smt. Victorealness Syiemlieh	-	Member

Powers and Functions of the Juvenile Justice Boards as laid down under Section 8 of Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children), Act 2015.

- i. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force but save as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, the Board constituted for any district shall have the power to deal exclusively with all the proceedings under this Act, relating to children in conflict with law, in the area of the jurisdiction of such Board.
- ii. The powers conferred on the Board by or under this Act may also be exercise by the High Court and the Children's Court, when the proceedings come before them under section 19 or in appeal, revision or otherwise.
- iii. The functions and responsibilities of the Board shall include:-
 - ❖ Ensuring the informed participation of the child and the parent or guardian, in every step of the process;
 - ❖ Ensuring that the child's rights are protected throughout the process of apprehending the child, inquiry, aftercare and rehabilitation;
 - ❖ Ensuring availability of legal aid for the child through the legal services institutions;
 - ❖ Wherever necessary the Board shall provide an interpreter or translator, having such qualifications, experience and on payments of such fees as may be prescribed to the child if he fails to understand the language used in the proceedings;
 - ❖ Directing the Probation Officer or in case a Probation Officer is not available to the Child Welfare Officer or a Social Worker, to undertake a social investigation in to the case and submit a social investigation report within a period of fifteen days from the date of first production before the Board to ascertain the circumstances in which the alleged offence was committed;
 - ❖ Adjudicate and dispose of cases of children in conflict with law in accordance with the process of inquiry specified in section 14;
 - ❖ Transferring to the Child Welfare Committee matters concerning the child alleged to be in conflict with law stated to be in need of child and protection at any stage, thereby recognising that a child in conflict with law can also be a child in need of care simultaneously and there is a need for the Committee and the Board to be both involved.

- ❖ Disposing of the matter and passing a final order that includes an individual care plan for the child's rehabilitation, including follow up by the Probation Officer or the District Child Protection Unit or a member of a non-governmental organisation, as may be required.
- ❖ Conducting inquiry for declaring fit persons regarding care of children in conflict with law;
- ❖ Conducting at least one inspection visit every month of residential facilities for children in conflict with law and recommend action for improvement in quality of services to the District Child Protection Unit and the State Government;
- ❖ Order the police for registration of first information report for offences committed against any child in conflict with law, under this Act or any other law for the time being in force, on a complaint by a Committee in this regard;
- ❖ Conducting regular inspection of jails meant for adults to check if any child is lodged in such jails and take immediate measures for transfer of such a child to the observation home; and
- ❖ Any other function as may be prescribed.

Sd/-

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Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya
Social Welfare Department

Memo No. No. SW(S) 100/2016/Pt/81-A,

Dated Shillong, the 21st September, 2017

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi p-110001
2. The P.S. to the Minister In-charge, Social Welfare, for kind information of the Minister.
3. The P.S to the Chief Secretary, for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
4. The Commissioners of Division, Khasi/Jaintia/Ri-Bhoi Districts and Garo Hills District, for information.
5. The Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Law (B) Department.
6. The Registrar General, Meghalaya High Court, Shillong with reference to letter NO.HCM II/13/2017/Estt/3446, dt. 21.9.2017.
7. All Deputy Commissioners for information.
8. The Director of Social Welfare, Meghalaya, Shillong
9. The Director of Printing & Stationery, Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of publication in Meghalaya Gazette.
10. The SIO, NIC, Meghalaya, Shillong for information and necessary action.
11. All Members concerned for information.

By order, etc



Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya
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