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PART I—Orders and Notifications by the Governor of West Bengal, the High Court, Government Treasury, etc.

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT**  
**Writers' Buildings, Kolkata - 700 001.**

No. 466-BCW/6S-73/2011

Kolkata, the 12th February, 2013.

*RESOLUTION*

No. 462-BCW/6S-73/2011.— Whereas it is considered expedient to establish a Development Board for the Lepcha community of West Bengal, the Governor is hereby pleased to establish a Board by the name 'Mayel Lyang Lepcha Development Board' with its Head Office in Kalimpong, District- Darjeeling, West Bengal, under the administrative control of the Backward Classes Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal. This 'Mayel Lyang Lepcha Development Board' shall be registered under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961 (West Ben. Act XXVI of 1961).

1. The aims and objects of the Board shall be:
  - (a) to undertake all necessary activities for the protection, promotion and safeguarding of the Lepcha language, tradition and culture;
  - (b) to undertake activities to protect historical and culturally significant landmarks of the community;
  - (c) to provide support to museum, community radio, publishing unit and mass media units;
  - (d) to undertake activities to popularize, promote and enhance products of artisans, farmers and other tradition based items and help the artistes and artisans engaged in traditional activities;
  - (e) to protect and promote customary rights of the community;
  - (f) to establish a centre for the protection of the Lepcha heritage;
  - (g) to take up social welfare activities catering to the requirements of the community;
  - (h) to promote education among the Lepcha community;
  - (i) to publish or cause to be published useful literature, papers, books, research works, magazines of the Lepcha community etc;

- (j) to work in association with all Government agencies for awareness generation regarding various programme of development and social welfare, education, literacy etc;
- (k) to undertake necessary activities for natural resource management, alternative energy, ecology and environment;
- (l) to construct, maintain, improve, develop, any building, houses or other Infrastructure and purchase land and other movable and immovable assets for the benefit of the community;
- (m) to set up mobile health unit, village health centres and to promote Lepcha medicinal practices;
- (n) to take up livelihood development of the community;
- (o) to undertake and provide legal assistance to protect assets of the community members;
- (p) to raise loan and credit to fulfill the objectives from national and international financial institution, subject to observation of statutory rules and executive instructions;
- (q) to obtain fund from different Government departments for fulfillment of the aforesaid objectives;
- (r) to undertake activities for the overall development of the Lepcha community throughout West Bengal;
- (s) to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things connected thereto and therewith as may be necessary or deemed to be necessary as well as incidental or conducive to the foregoing objects.

2. The following shall be the authorities of the Board, namely,—

- (a) General Body and (b) Executive Body.

3. General Body—

- (a) The General Body shall initially consist of not more than thirty-one (31) members to be nominated in the following manner :—
  - (i) Chairperson— (to be nominated by the State Government In the Backward Classes Welfare Department from among the Lepcha community to be decided on the basis of recommendation of the largest recognised society or organization of the Lepcha community of West Bengal);
  - (ii) Vice-Chairperson— (to be nominated by the State Government in the Backward Classes Welfare Department from among the Lepcha community to be decided on the basis of recommendation of the largest recognised society or organization of the Lepchas of West Bengal);
  - (iii) Member-Secretary – one officer appointed by the State Government on deputation;
  - (iv) ex-officio member – District Magistrate, Darjeeling or his representative;
  - (v) ex-officio member – District Welfare Officer, Backward Classes Welfare Department, Darjeeling;
  - (vi) ex-officio member – Director, Cultural Research Institute or his representative;
  - (vii) other members to be nominated by the State Government from among the Lepcha community to be decided on the basis of recommendation of the largest recognised society or organization of the Lepchas of West Bengal.

(b) Meeting of the General Body –

The General Body shall ordinarily meet at least twice a year on date, time and place to be fixed by the Secretary in consultation with the Chairperson and shall:

- (i) adopt the annual report of the preceding year;
- (ii) pass the audited accounts and budget estimates and;
- (iii) transact any business as well be placed in the agenda suggested by the executive body.

(c) Extra - ordinary meeting –

An extra-ordinary meeting of the General body may be called by the Secretary, in consultation with the Chairperson and at the advice of the Executive body when needed to transact any special business or at the requisition signed by at least ten (10) members of the Board. The Chairperson shall convene the requisitioned meeting within thirty (30) days from the date of the receipt of the requisition. If the requisitioned meeting fails to attain quorum, It will not be adjourned and will be treated as failed.

