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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT
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RESOLUTION

No. 1896 — BCW/6S-13/2017 dated the 7th June, 2017. — Whereas it is considered expedient to establish a Development Board for the Rajbanshi community of West Bengal, the Governor is hereby pleased to establish a Board by the name '**The West Bengal Rajbanshi Development and Cultural Board**' with its **Head Office in Cooch Behar**, District Cooch Behar, West Bengal, under the administrative control of the **Backward Classes Welfare Department**, Government of West Bengal. This '**The West Bengal Rajbanshi Development and Cultural 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 preserve, promote and safeguard folk art, folk music, folk dance and folk culture of the Rajbanshi community;
- (b) to promote education among the Rajbanshi community;
- (c) to publish or cause to publish literature, papers, books, research works, magazines etc. relating to customary rights, rituals, and other related literatures of the Rajbanshi community;
- (d) to support the Community for showcasing their identity and Culture;
- (e) to facilitate construction of houses, library, and museum for the Rajbanshi community;
- (f) to protect the historical and cultural landmarks, objects, structures, festivals of the Rajbanshi community;
- (g) to take up social welfare activities catering to the requirements of the Rajbanshi community;
- (h) to preserve and promote traditional Rajbanshi practices;
- (i) to facilitate works for protection of heritages of the Rajbanshi Community;
- (j) 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 Rajbanshi community to be decided on the basis of recommendation of the largest recognised society or organization of the Rajbanshi community of West Bengal);
- ii) Vice-Chairperson — (to be nominated by the State Government in the Backward Classes Welfare Department from among the Rajbanshi community to be decided on the basis of recommendation of the largest recognised society or organization of the Rajbanshi of West Bengal);
- iii) Member-Secretary — One officer appointed by the State Government on deputation;
- iv) ex-officio member — District Magistrate, Cooch Behar or his representative;
- v) ex-officio member — District Welfare Officer, Backward Classes Welfare Department, Cooch Behar;
- vi) ex-officio member — Director, Cultural Research institute or his representative;
- vii) other members to be nominated by the State Government from among the Rajbanshi community to be decided on the basis of recommendation of the largest recognised society or organization of the Rajbanshi 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 will 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.

Notice of the place, date and hour of any meeting and of the business to be transacted shall be issued to the members of the board at least seven (7) days before the date so fixed for the meeting.

(d) The following procedures shall be applicable to all the meetings of the General Body. —

- (i) One-fifth of the members shall constitute the quorum. If there be no quorum, the meeting shall stand postponed to a date to be fixed by the Chairperson. A fresh notice shall be issued and if there be no quorum again those presents shall be competent to transact business.
- (ii) The Chairperson or in his absence the Vice-Chairperson shall take the Chair. If neither the Chairperson nor the Vice-Chairperson be present the members present shall nominate a President for the meeting from amongst them and transact the business.
- (iii) The power and duties of the General Body shall be as follows. —

