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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
ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS, DJ-4, SECTOR-II, SALT LAKE, KOLKATA-700091
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RESOLUTION

No. 339-BCW/6S-55/2016 dated the 3rd February, 2017.— Whereas it is considered expedient to establish a Development Board for the Kurmi community of West Bengal, the Governor is hereby pleased to establish a Board by the name '**The West Bengal Kurmi Development and Cultural Board**', West Bengal under the administrative control of the **Backward Classes Welfare Department**, Government of West Bengal. This '**The West Bengal Kurmi 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 the language, traditional dance, traditional festival and culture of the Kurmi community;
- (b) to promote education among the Kurmi community;
- (c) to promote traditional games, sports among the Kurmi community;
- (d) to publish or cause to publish Literatures paper, Books, Research Works, Magazines relating to customary rights, rituals, folklores and other related literatures of the Kurmi community;
- (e) to support the Community for showcasing their identity and Culture through setting up of Museums and Library;
- (f) to develop and propagate the Kurmali language;
- (g) to take up social welfare activities catering to the requirements of the Kurmi Community;
- (h) 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 Kurmi community to be decided on the basis of recommendation of the largest recognised society or organization of the Kurmi community of West Bengal);
- ii) Vice-Chairperson – (to be nominated by the State Government in the Backward Classes Welfare Department from among the Kurmi community to be decided on the basis of recommendation of the largest recognised society or organization of the Kurmi of West Bengal);
- iii) Member-Secretary – One officer appointed by the State Government on deputation;
- iv) ex-officio member – District Magistrate or his representative;
- v) ex-officio member – District Welfare Officer, Backward Classes Welfare Department;
- vi) ex-officio member – Director, Cultural Research Institute or his representative;
- vii) other members to be nominated by the State Government from among the Kurmi community to be decided on the basis of recommendation of the largest recognised society or organization of the Kurmi 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 present 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.

(e) The **power and duties of the General Body** shall be as follows.—

- i) to provide guidelines of the activities of the board in conformity with the objects defined;
- ii) to consider and adopt annual report of the board;
- iii) to consider and approve the audited accounts and the budget estimates;
- iv) to appoint auditor for auditing the annual accounts.

