

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Dated Kohima, the 22nd March '96.

NO.GA-12/13/74 : : The existing criteria/conditions for recognition of villages in Nagaland having been found inconsistent in the present context of administration, the Cabinet, in their sitting on 30-6-95, have decided to modify the existing criteria/conditions. Therefore, in supersession of this Department's Memorandum NO.GAB-13/17/83 dated 20-7-87, the existing criteria/conditions for recognition of villages in Nagaland are hereby modified as follows with immediate effects:-

- (i) A new village should have a minimum of 30 (Thirty) houses with a population of not less than 150.
- (ii) A new village should have sufficient land for expansion of the village and also for agricultural purposes.
- (iii) A new village should be constituted by indigenous inhabitants only.
- (iv) A new village which has been constituted by members of more than one village should obtain 'No Objection Certificate' from the village Council Chairman of the concerned villages clearly indicating the boundary of the new village.
- (v) A new village which has been constituted by members of a parent village in a different location but within the ancestral land of the parent village, should obtain 'No Objection Certificate' from the village Council Chairman of the parent village indicating the boundary of the new village. In cases where exact boundary demarcation cannot be defined due to scatter of pockets of land, the village Council Chairman and all G.Bs. of the parent village should determine the nature of boundary with the new village on any permanent basis acceptable to both the village.
- (vi) In cases where G.Bs. are appointed and allowed to function as the constitutional Head of the village in matters of administration of the village land, the concerned G.Bs. should attest their signature in the 'No Objection Certificate' jointly with the village Council Chairman.

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- (vii) The entire area of the newly established village should be surveyed jointly by competent staffs of Land Record & Survey and civil administration to clearly demarcate and map the village territory and also to record the area in hectares.
- (viii) A new village upon completion of the process of boundary demarcation with the neighbouring villages/parent village and also upon completion of survey as in (vii) above, should erect boundary pillars at their own expense in the presence of competent staffs as in (vii) above.
- (ix) The following certificates/documents are required to accompany the proposal:-
 - (a) Clearance from Forest Department issued by an officer not below the rank of D.F.O.
 - (b) Judicial clearance from First Class Magistrate.
 - (c) 'No Objection Certificate' from neighbouring villages duly countersigned by the administration officer.
- (x) Administrative approval should be from an officer not below the rank of S.D.A.(C).
- (xi) No approval is required from extra-constitutional body like students union/tribal hohos etc.

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(L. COLNEY),

Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Nagaland.

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- 1/ The Commissioner, Nagaland, Kohima.
- 2/ The Secretary, Land Revenue Department, Nagaland, Kohima.
- 3/ All D.Cs./A.D.Cs./S.D.D.(C) in Nagaland.
- 4/ The P.S. to All Ministers/Ministers of State in Nagaland.
- 5/ The P.S. to Chief Secretary, Nagaland, Kohima.
- 6/ The P.S. to Speaker, Nagaland, Legislative, Assembly, Kohima.

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