

**SIXTH SCHEDULE**

[Articles 244(2) and 275(1)]

**Provisions as to the Administration of Tribal Areas in the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram and the areas under the Gorkha Hill Council, Darjeeling in the State of West Bengal**

Deleted: and

<sup>1</sup> **1. Autonomous districts and autonomous regions.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, the tribal areas in each item of Parts I, II and IIA and in Part III of the table appended to paragraph 20 of this Schedule and the areas under the Gorkha Hill Council, Darjeeling in the State of West Bengal shall be an autonomous district.

(2) If there are different Scheduled Tribes in an autonomous district, the Governor may, by public notification, divide the area or areas inhabited by them into autonomous regions.

Provided that nothing in this sub-paragraph shall apply to the Bodoland Territorial Areas District.

Provided that nothing in this sub-paragraph shall apply to the areas under the Gorkha Hill Council, Darjeeling in the State of West Bengal.

(3) The Governor may, by public notification,—

- (a) include any area in any of the Parts of the said table,
- (b) exclude any area from any of the Parts of the said table,
- (c) create a new autonomous district,
- (d) increase the area of any autonomous district,
- (e) diminish the area of any autonomous district,
- (f) unite two or more autonomous districts or parts thereof so as to form one autonomous district,
- (ff) alter the name of any autonomous district,
- (g) define the boundaries of any autonomous district:

Provided that no order shall be made by the Governor under clauses (c), (d), (e) and (f) of this sub-paragraph except after consideration of the report of a Commission appointed under sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 14 of this Schedule:

Provided further that any order made by the Governor under this sub-paragraph may contain such incidental and consequential provisions (including any amendment of paragraph 20 and of any item in any of the Parts of the said table) as appear to the Governor to be necessary for giving effect to the provisions of the order.

<sup>2</sup> **2. Constitution of District Councils and Regional Councils.**—(1) There shall be a District Council for each autonomous district consisting of not more than thirty members, of whom not more than four persons shall be nominated by the Governor and the rest shall be elected on the basis of adult suffrage.

Provided that the Bodoland Territorial Council shall consist of not more than forty-six members of whom forty shall be elected on the basis of adult suffrage, of whom thirty shall be reserved for the Scheduled Tribes, five for non-tribal communities, five open for all communities and the remaining six shall be nominated by the Governor having same rights and privileges as other members, including voting rights, from amongst the un-represented communities of the Bodoland Territorial Areas District, of which at least two shall be women.

Provided that the Gorkha Hill Council, Darjeeling in the State of West Bengal shall consist of not more than thirty-three members, of whom twenty-eight shall be elected on the basis of adult suffrage out of whom ten shall be reserved for the Scheduled Tribes, fifteen for non-Tribal communities, three open for all communities and the remaining five, of which at least two shall be women, having same rights including voting rights and privileges as other members, to be nominated by the Governor from amongst the unrepresented communities of the areas under the Council.

(2) There shall be a separate Regional Council for each area constituted an autonomous region under sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 1 of this Schedule.