

- (j) references to Zoram Hriattirna shall be construed as references to Mizoram Gazette;
- (k) references to the office of the District Council or office of the Executive Committee of the District Council shall be construed as references to such office of the Government of the Union territory of Mizoram as the Administrator may specify in that behalf;
- (l) references to the District Council court-fee stamps shall be construed also as references to court-fee stamps in vogue in the Union territory of Mizoram;
- (m) any requirement of obtaining the approval or sanction of, or authorisation by the "Governor" or "Governor of Assam" or "Government of Assam" for the exercise by the Mizo District Council or the Executive Committee of that Council of any power under any such law shall be construed as not existing and accordingly such power shall be exercisable by the Administrator.
- (5) If no provision or insufficient provision has been made for the adaptation or interpretation of any law referred to in sub-paragraph (1), any court, tribunal or authority required or empowered to enforce such law may, for the purpose of facilitating its application in relation to any area, construe the law in such manner, without affecting the substance, as may be necessary or proper in regard to the matter before the court, tribunal or authority.
- (6) For the purpose of this paragraph, law means an Act, Regulation or Rules made under the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution and also the rules made under any such Act or Regulation".

The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 as referred in these rules should similarly be read as the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 in view of section 8 of the General Clauses Act read with Article 367 of the Constitution. - *STATE OF MEGHALAYA VS. JUDGE, DISTRICT COUNCIL COURT, SHILLONG AND OTHERS*, (1993) 2 GLR 99 (102).

C. CONTINUANCE OF THESE COURTS - LEGALITY OF :

The Mizo District Council stood dissolved on and from 29/4/1972, after the erstwhile Mizo district had become Union Territory. However, by virtue of sec. 54 of the Government of Union Territories act, 1963 as amended in 1971 by the Act No. 83 of 1971, a transitional provision was made as for administration of justice in certain areas in the Union Territory of Mizoram. As per the amended sec. 54 of the Government of Union Territories Act, 1963 :