

- (9) "Scheduled Tribes" means such Tribes as are specified by the President of India under article 342 (1) of the Constitution as modified by law made by the Parliament from time to time in so far as the specification pertains to Mizoram;
- (10) "Village" means any area for which a Village Council is constituted under section 3 of the Lakher Autonomous District Council (Village Councils) Act, 1974;
- (11) "Village Council" means a Village Council referred to in rule 4.

**Note :** Any expression not defined in these rules but occurring therein, shall be deemed to have the same meanings in which they are used in the Constitution or in the Indian Penal Code, 1860, the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, or the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, as the case may be in so far as they are consistent with the circumstances of the particular case or cases.

### NOTES

These Administration of Justice Rules were made by the Lakher Autonomous District Council, now renamed as the Mara Autonomous District Council under sub-paragraph (4) of Paragraph 4 of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India, to govern the procedure-civil and criminal - of the courts constituted under the said paragraph, i.e. the Mara District Council Court, the Mara Sub-ordinate District Council Court or courts, the Mara Additional Sub-ordinate District Council Court or Courts and the Village Council Courts throughout the Mara Autonomous District, a tribal area in Mizoram as specified in paragraph 20 of the Sixth Schedule.

These Rules were notified in the Mizoram Gazette, Vol. X, Extra Ordinary Issue no. 29 dated 19.8.81, pages 1-15, and came into force from the said date throughout the Mara Autonomous District.

These Rules are identical to the Lushai Hills Autonomous District (Administration of Justice) Rules, 1953.

3. Except where the context otherwise requires, the General Clause Act, 1897 shall apply for the interpretation of an act Parliament.