

CHAPTER -II CONSTITUTION OF VILLAGE COUNCILS

4. (1) Every Village Council constituted Under section 3 of Lakher Autonomous District (Village Councils) Act, 1974, shall be a Village Council for the purpose of these rules.
- (2) The President of a Village Council elected under section 8 of the Lakher Autonomous District (Village Council) Act, 1974, shall be the President of the Village Council for the purpose of these rules
- (3) For the purpose of this rule, the District Council shall publish in the Mizoram Gazette a list of villages within its Jurisdiction.

CHAPTER-III CONSTITUTION OF COURTS

5. There shall be three classes of courts, as specified below, in the areas within the District, to be constituted by the District Council for the trial of suit and between the parities all of whom belong to Scheduled Tribes within such area, other than suits and cases to which the provision of sub-paragraph 5 of the sixth Schedule to the Constitution apply-
 - (1) The Village Council for each Village, shall sit as the Village Court; Provided that when the Village Council sits itself as a Court the quorum to constitute a Court shall be nearly as may be, one-half of the total number of members of such Court, subject to the minimum of two
 - (2) The jurisdiction of a Village Court shall extend to the hearing and trial of suits and cases arising within the territorial limits of the village.

II. SUBORDINATE DISTRICT COUNCIL COURTS

7. (1) There shall be one Subordinate District Council Court at Saiha and another at Tuipang. Each Court shall be presided over by a Judicial Officer to be designated as Magistrate and to be appointed by the Executive Committee with the approval of the (state Government)¹ and such judicial Officer shall also act as Recorder of the Court :
Provided that the Chief Executive Member or a Member of the executive Committee or any Member of the District Council shall not be entitled to hold office as Judicial Officer and the Executive Committee or any Member of the District Council shall not interfere in any judicial matters.