

- (2) The jurisdiction of the Courts at Saiha and Tuipang shall extend to the hearing and trial of suits and cases including appeals arising within their respective territorial jurisdiction as fixed by the Executive Committee.
8. The conditions of service of the Judicial Officer in the Subordinate District Council Courts and the staff appointed therefore, shall be regulated by the rules or orders made or issued, as the case may be, in this behalf by the District Council under rule 16 of the Mizoram Autonomous District Councils (Constitution and Conduct of Business of the District Councils) Rules, 1974.

### III. DISTRICT COUNCIL COURTS

9. (1) There shall be one District Council Court for the District which shall be called Lakher District Council Court. The Court shall consist of three Judicial Officers one of whom shall be appointed by the District Council as the President and the Recorder of the Court.
- (2) Any two or more Judicial Officers shall sit together as a Bench and the District Council may, by order, invest such Bench with any of the powers conferrable by or under these rules on a Judicial Officer and direct it to exercise such powers in such class or classes of the cases as the District Council thinks fit.

Provided that in case of difference of opinion between the two Judicial Officers sitting together as a Bench, the case shall be referred to the third Judicial Officer and the opinion of the majority shall prevail.

10. The Executive Committee shall appoint Judicial Officers of the District Council Court subject to the approval of the State Government<sup>1</sup>.

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.

11. The District Council Court shall ordinarily sit at Saiha. The Court may sit at such other place or places as may be directed by general or special order of the District Council for the disposal of a particular case or cases or class or classes of cases specified in the order.
12. The conditions of service of the Judicial Officers of the District Council Court, shall be regulated by the rules or orders made or issued, as the case may be, in this behalf by the District Council under rule 16 of the Mizoram

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1. Substituted by the State of Mizoram Adaptation of Laws Order (No. 2), 1987.