

THE DEVELOPMENT OF BORDER AREAS AND NATIONAL RACES LAW (1993)

The State Law and Order Restoration Council Law No. 11/93
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The State Law and Order Restoration Council hereby enacts the following Law: -

Chapter I Title and Definition

1. This Law shall be called the Development of Border Areas and National Races Law.
2. The following expressions contained In this Law shall have the meanings given hereunder:-
 - (a) **Development Area** means the border areas determined by the State Law and Order Restoration Council for the implementation of the development of border areas and national races;
 - (b) **Central Committee** means the Central Committee for the Implementation of the Development of the Border Areas and National Rates formed by the State Law and Order Restoration Council under this Law;
 - (c) **Work Committee** means the Work committee for the Implementation of the Development of the Border Areas and National Races formed by the Central Committee under this Law;
 - (d) **Work Sub-Committee** means the respective Work SubCommittees formed each work by the Work Committee under this Law;
 - (e) **Ministry** means the Ministry of the Development of Border Areas and National Races.

Chapter II Objectives

3. The objectives of this Law are as follows: -
 - (a) to develop the economic and social works and roads and communications of the national races at the border areas, in accordance with the aims which are non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of the national solidarity and perpetuation of the sovereignty of the State;
 - (b) to cherish and preserve the culture, literature and customs of the national races;
 - (c) to strengthen the amity among the national races;
 - (d) to eradicate totally the cultivation of poppy plants by establishing economic enterprises;
 - (e) to preserve and maintain the security, prevalence of law and order and regional. peace and tranquillity of the border areas.

Chapter III Formation of the Central Committee and Duties and Powers there of

4. The State Law and Order Restoration Council -

(a) shall form the Central Committee for the Implementation of the Development of the Border Areas and National Races;

(b) shall determine the chairman and the Secretary, in forming the Central Committee, and may determine the Vice-Chairman and Joint-Secretary if necessary.

5. The duties and powers of the Central Committee are as follows;

(a) laying down the policy for implementation of the objectives mentioned in this Law;

(b) confirming, giving guidance and causing the implementation of long-term and short-term master plans drawn up by the Ministry and submitted through the Work Committee;

(c) laying down development works which should be carried out immediately at the border areas and causing implementation thereof;

(d) laying down and carrying out measures with a view to maintain the culture, literature and customs of the national races;

(e) laying down and carrying out measures for maintaining security, prevalence of law and order and regional peace and tranquility, in order to raise the perpetual momentum of the development works at the border areas.

(f) giving decision to enable determination of Development Areas which should be expanded.

Chapter IV
Formation of Work Committee and the Duties and Powers thereof

6. The Central Committee -

(a) shall form the Work Committee;

(b) shall determine the Chairman and Secretary in forming the Work Committee, and may determine the Vice-Chairman and Joint-Secretary if necessary.

7. The duties and powers of the Work Committee are as follows; -

(a) scrutinizing long-term and short-term master plans drawn up and submitted by the Ministry and submitting and obtaining confirmation of the Central Committee;

(b) giving guidance for the implementation of long-term and short-term master plans, which have been confirmed by the Central Committee and supervising and inspecting the works;

(c) giving guidance for the implementation of development works which have been prescribed for immediate performance by the Central Committee and supervising and inspecting the works;

(d) forming Work Sub-Committees at the Central level and determining the duties thereof;

(e) forming Regional Work Committees and determining the duties thereof;

- (f) causing the drawing up and submission of work schemes sectorwise by the Work Sub-Committees and Regional Work Committees and causing implementation thereof;
- (g) co-ordinating the activities of the Ministry, Work Sub-Committees and Regional Work Committees;
- (h) making arrangement for cooperation with the United Nations Organizations, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and persons;
- (i) making arrangement, as may be necessary for obtaining funds and allocation thereof;
- (j) determining privileges, for employees who are performing duties in the prescribed areas within the Development Area;
- (k) scrutinizing and submitting to the Central Committee for the determination of Development Areas submitted by the Ministry;
- (l) reporting to the Central Committee on its activities.

Chapter V

Duties and Powers of the Ministry

8. The duties and powers of the Ministry in respect of the implementation of the development works of the border areas and national races are as follows -

- (a) recommending for determination of Development Areas;
- (b) drawing up and submitting long-term and short-term master plans, after co-ordinating with the Work Sub-Committees and Regional Work Committees in respect of the development of border areas and national races;
- (c) supervising and co-ordinating to implement the confirmed long-term and short-term master plans within the prescribed period;
- (d) implementing, supervising and co-ordinating the development works which have been prescribed by the Central committee or Work Committee for immediate performance.
- (e) apportioning the sanctioned funds and other contributions in cash and kind to the Work Sub-Committees and Regional Work Committees in accordance with the guidance of the Work Committee;
- (f) supervising and inspecting whether or not the utilization is in accordance with the financial regulations and procedures;
- (g) laying down programmes for disseminating knowledge and exchanging culture for the national races in the Development Areas;
- (h) establishing and opening schools for giving vocational education for the future of the youths of the national races in the Development Areas;
- (i) making arrangements for the promotion and propagation of the sasana in the Development Areas
- (j) making arrangements for establishing crops cultivation, livestock breeding and cottage industries in substitution for poppy cultivation;

- (k) imparting knowledge to prevent cultivating of poppy plants, use and trafficking of opium;
 - (l) laying down and carrying out special projects for medical treatment and rehabilitation of narcotic drug users in the Development Areas;
 - (m) co-operating with the relevant organizations in total eradication of cultivation of poppy plants in the border areas;
 - (n) assigning duties for preservation and protection of boundary pillars and markers in the Development Areas;
 - (o) recommending to the Work Committee for determination of the areas where privileges should be granted to employees performing duties in the Development Areas;
 - (p) reporting to the Work Committee on its activities;
9. The Ministry may obtain assistance from the United Nations Organizations, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and persons, in order to implement the development works of the border areas and national aces.

Chapter VI

Miscellaneous

10. Before re-constituting under this Law, the existing Central Committee for the Implementation of the Development of the National Races, Work Committee, Work Sub-Committees and Regional Work Committees shall be deemed to be committees formed under this Law.
11. (a) The office staff under the Ministry shall undertake responsibility for the office work of. the Central Committee and Work Committee;
- (b) The expenditures of the Central Committee and the Work Committee shall be incurred from the budget funds of the Ministry.
12. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Law -
- (a) the Ministry may issue such rules and procedures as may be necessary, with the approval of the Government;
- (b) the Central Committee Work Committee or the Ministry may issue such orders and directives as may be necessary.

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