

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

**ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR**

**NOTIFICATION**

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**Dated Shillong, the 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2024**

**No. SW(S) 100/2016/Pt/256:** In continuation to this Department's Notification No. SW(S) 100/2016/160, dt. 28.01.2021 and No. SW(S) 100/2016/Pt. A/229, dt. 15.12.2023, in exercise of the power conferred under sub section (1) and (2) of section 4 of the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children), Act 2015, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to extend the tenure of the Juvenile Justice Boards for the 12 (twelve) Districts of the State consisting of the following members with immediate effect and until further orders:-

**1. East Khasi Hill District, Shillong**

1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	Principal Magistrate
2.	Shri Wilson Dohling	Member
3.	Shri. Robert S. Myrthong	Member

**2. West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai**

1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	Principal Magistrate
2.	Shri. Sunday Suting	Member
3.	Shri. Severson Dkhar	Member

**3. Ri-bhoi District, Nongpoh**

1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	Principal Magistrate
2.	Shri. Mangkara Nongsiej	Member
3.	Smti. Larishaibha Lapang	Member

**4. West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin**

1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	Principal Magistrate
2.	Smti. Angelis Marwein	Member
3.	Smti. Badashisha Law	Member

**5. South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat**

1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	Principal Magistrate
2.	Smti. Ibanri Lyngkhoi, LLB	Member
3.	Smti. Ledismery Thongni, M.A	Member

**6. West Garo Hills District, Tura**

1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	Principal Magistrate
2.	Shri. John Breacken Hill M. Marak, B.A., D.E., L.E.D.	Member
3.	Smti. Balmuri Marak, Master of Science in Psychological Counselling with Specialization in Marriage and Family Counselling	Member

**7. North Garo Hills District, Resubelpara**

1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	Principal Magistrate
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2.	Shri. Conwarlish K. Marak, Retd. Unarmed Beranched Sub- Inspector, Police Personnel, Meghalaya Police	Member
3.	Smti. Sentia R. Marak Social Worker	Member

**8. East Garo Hills District, Williannagar**

1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	Principal Magistrate
2.	Shri. Mamin K. Marak	Member
3.	Smti. Surolla Areng, Retd. Asstt. Teacher, East Garo Hills District, Williannagar	Member

**9. South West Garo Hills District, Ampati**

1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	Principal Magistrate
2.	Shri. Wepstar G. Sangma, Pastor Ampatigiri Baptist Church, Ampati.	Member
3.	Smti. Prosaline M. Sangma, Headmistress Mother's Union SSA U.P. School	Member

**10. South Garo Hills District, Baghmara**

1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	Principal Magistrate
2.	Fr. P.T. Thomas, Fatima Rani Mission Home	Member
3.	Sr. Bernadeth Surin Morning Star Girls Home	Member

**11. East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat**

1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	Principal Magistrate
2.	Miss Melody War, L.L.M., A Practicing Advocate	Member
3.	Shri. Heipotrmi Bang, M.Sc Biology and Currently Persuing PhD on Environment	Member

**12. Eastern West Khasi Hills District, Mairang**

1.	First Class Judicial Magistrate (with at least three years experience)	Principal Magistrate
2.	Smt. Baiaipyndapbiang Marbaniang	Member
3.	Smt. Mihplibasngur Marbaniang	Member

**Powers and Functions of the Juvenile Justice Boards as laid down under Section 8 of Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children), Act 2015.**

- i. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force but save as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, the Board constituted for any district shall have the power to deal exclusively with all the proceedings under this Act, relating to children in conflict with law, in the area of the jurisdiction of such Board.
- ii. The powers conferred on the Board by or under this Act may also be exercise by the High Court and the Children's Court, when the proceedings come before them under section 19 or in appeal, revision or otherwise.
- iii. The functions and responsibilities of the Board shall include:-
  - ❖ Ensuring the informed participation of the child and the parent or guardian, in every step of the process.
  - ❖ Ensuring that the child's rights are protected throughout the process of apprehending the child, inquiry, aftercare and rehabilitation.
  - ❖ Ensuring availability of legal aid to the child through the legal services institutions.

- ❖ Wherever necessary the Board shall provide an interpreter or translator, having such qualification, experience and on payments of such fees as may be prescribed to the child if he fails to understand the language used in the proceedings.
- ❖ Directing the Probation Officer or in case a Probation Officer is not available to the Child Welfare Officer or a Social Worker, to undertake a social investigation in to the case and submit report within a period of fifteen days from the date of first production before the Board to ascertain the circumstances in which the alleged offence was committed.
- ❖ Adjudicate and dispose of cases of children in conflict with law in accordance with the process of inquiry specified in section 14.
- ❖ Transferring to the Child Welfare Committee matters concerning the child alleged to be in conflict with law stated to be in need of child and protection at any stage, thereby recognizing that a child in conflict with law can also be a child in need of care and protection simultaneously and there is a need for the committee and the Board to be both involved.
- ❖ Disposing of the matter and passing a final order that includes an individual care plan for the child's rehabilitation, including follow up by the probation or the District Child Protection Unit or a member of a non-governmental organisation, as may be required.
- ❖ Conducting inquiry for declaring fit persons regarding care of children in conflict with law.
- ❖ Conducting at least one inspection visit every month of residential facilities for children in conflict with law and recommend action for improvement in quality of services to the District Child Protection Unit and the State Government.
- ❖ Order the Police for registration of First information report for offences committed against any child in conflict with law, under this Act or any other law for the time being in force, on complaint made in this regard.
- ❖ Conducting regular inspection of jails meant for adults to check if any child is lodged in such jails and take immediate measures for transfer of such child to the observation home; and
- ❖ Any other function as may be prescribed.

Sd/-

Pravin Bakshi, IAS

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Social Welfare Department.

**Memo. No. SW(S) 100/2016/Pt/256-A,**

**Dated Shillong, the 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2024**

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi-110001.
2. The P.S. to the Minister In-charge, Social Welfare Department, for kind information of the Minister.
3. The P.S to the Chief Secretary, for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
4. The P.S to the Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Social Welfare Department for kind information of Principal Secretary.
5. The P.A to the Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Social Welfare Department for kind information of Commissioner & Secretary.
6. The Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Law (B) Department.
7. The Registrar General, Meghalaya High Court, Shillong.
8. The Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills, Shillong/ West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai/ Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh/ West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin/ South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat/ West Garo Hills District, Tura/ North Garo Hills District, Resubelpara/ East Garo Hills, Williamnagar/ South West Garo Hills, Ampati/ South Garo Hills District, Baghmara/ East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat/ Eastern West Khasi Hills District, Mairang for information.
9. The Director of Social Welfare, Meghalaya, Shillong with reference to your letter No. SW/ICPS/CWC/6/2013/Pt. II/8271 , Dtd 23.02.2024 for favour of information.
10. The Assistant Director of Social Welfare (SD), Meghalaya, Shillong for information.
11. The Child Welfare and Probation Officer for information.
12. District Medical & Health Officers, East Khasi Hills, Shillong/ West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai/ Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh/ West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin/ South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat/ West Garo Hills District, Tura/ North Garo Hills District, Resubelpara/ East Garo Hills, Williamnagar/ South West Garo Hills, Ampati/ South Garo Hills District, Baghmara/ East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat/ Eastern West Khasi Hills District, Mairang for information.

13. District Child Protection Officer, East Khasi Hills, Shillong/ West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai/ Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh/ West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin/ South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat/ West Garo Hills District, Tura/ North Garo Hills District, Resubelpara/ East Garo Hills, Williamnagar/ South West Garo Hills, Ampati/ South Garo Hills District, Baghmara/ East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat/ Eastern West Khasi Hills District, Mairang for information.
14. The Director of Printing & Stationery, Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of publication in the Meghalaya Gazette.
15. The SIO, NIC, Meghalaya, Shillong for information and necessary action.
16. All members concerned for information.

By order etc.,

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Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya  
Social Welfare Department

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*5/4/2024*