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#### **NOTIFICATION**

No.H.12018/120/2003-LJD, the 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2015. The following Act is hereby published for general information.

The Mizoram Municipalities (Third Amendment) Act, 2015

(Act No. 9 of 2015)

Zahmingthanga Ralte, Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram.

ACT No. 9 OF 2015

#### THE MIZORAM MUNICIPALITIES (THIRD AMENDMENT) ACT, 2015

#### AN ACT

further to amend the Mizoram Municipalities Act, 2007

It is enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Mizoram in the Sixty Sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:

## Short Title and commencement

- 1) This Act shall be called 'The Mizoram Municipalities (Third Amendment)
  Act, 2015.'
- 2) It shall have the like extent as the Principal Act.
- 3) It shall come into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

## Amendment of section 2

In Section 2 of the Mizoram Municipalities Act, 2007 (Act No.6 of 2007) (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act)

(1) Sub-section (18-A) shall be substituted as follows, namely; "(18-A) "Deputy Mayor" means Deputy Mayor of a municipal corporation and shall be elected in accordance with section 16 of the Act. The expression

- 'Vice Chairman' under this Act, with respect to a municipal corporation, shall mean Deputy Mayor of a municipal corporation."
- (2) Sub-section (18-A) shall be renumbered as (18-B).
- (3) After sub-section (39), a new sub-section (39-A) shall be inserted as follows: "(39-A) "Mayor" means the executive head of a municipal corporation. The expression 'Chairman' under this Act, with respect to a municipal corporation, shall mean Mayor of a municipal corporation."

### Amendment of Section 28

After sub-section (3) of section 28 of the Principal Act, a new sub-section (4) shall be inserted as follows, namely;

"(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the State Election Commission may prepare the electoral rolls of Municipal Wards without conducting an enumeration by adopting the last published Electoral Rolls of the Local Councils prepared for the purpose of Election to the Local Councils under Rule 16 (2) of the Mizoram Municipalities (Election to Local Councils) Rules, 2015 by adopting the Assembly Rolls which is under the provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 (Act 43 of 1950) as draft roll or mother roll."

### Amendment of Section 29

After clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 29 of the Principal Act, a new clause (c) and (d) shall be inserted as follows, namely;

- "(c) is a citizen of India, who belongs to a Scheduled Tribe;
- (d) notwithstanding anything contained in clause (c) of Sub-Section (1), permanently resident Gorkhas and their direct descendants as notified by the State Government, who are not otherwise disqualified, shall be entitled to be registered in an electoral roll."

### Amendment of Section 52

Sub-section (1) of section 52 of the Principal Act shall be substituted as follows:

"(1) The Board of Councillors shall ordinarily hold a meeting at least once every quarter for the transaction of its business."

### Deletion of Section 66

Section 66 of the Principal Act shall stand deleted.

### Amendment of Section 134

Section 134 of the Principal Act shall be substituted as follows, namely;

#### "134. Lapse of permission:

A permission given or deemed to have been given in respect of any construction or reconstruction under this Chapter shall have a validity of three years. After the expiry of the said period, the renewal of such permission may be granted as may be prescribed by rules and regulation in this regard."

### Amendment of Section 137

After sub-section (3) of Section 137 of the Principal Act, a new sub-section (4) shall be inserted as follows, namely;

"(4) If such owner or builder fails to comply with the order, a municipality may cause the building to be demolished, or altered so as to bring it into conformity with the Act, regulations, rules, directions or requisition as

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aforesaid, or with plans and particulars on which such permission or order was based; and all the expenses incurred for doing so shall be paid by the owner or builder of such building, and shall be recoverable in the manner as an amount payable on account of any fee or tax recoverable under this Act."

#### Amendment of Section 157

In section 157 of the Principal Act, a new section 157A shall be inserted as follows, namely;

"157A: Prohibition against littering and unhygienic activity in public place

- (1) No person shall litter by way of throwing dirt, garbage, rubbish, filth, etc., in any public places such as roads, roadsides, public squares, parks, playgrounds, public halls etc.
- (2) No person shall pass urine or defecate in places other than its designated places.
- (3) No person shall spit in public places.
- (4) Any person who is found in violation of sub-sections (1), (2) and(3) of this section shall be liable to be punished under section 386 of the Act."

### Amendment of section 164

Section 164 shall be substituted by the following:

" 164: Duty of every person to maintain cleanliness:

- (1) It shall be the civic duty of every person to maintain cleanliness and to live in a decent and respectable way of living with respect to proper collection, removal and disposal of solid waste, sewage, offensive matter, filth or rubbish and making and keeping in proper condition of latrines and urinals which are dealt with in this Chapter, so as to avoid nuisance or discomfort to persons residing in the neighbourhood or to passers-by.
- (2) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of section 153, 154, 155, 156, 159 and 163, or fails to comply with the notice served to him under sections 160, 161 or 162 of the Act shall be punishable under section 386 of the Act.
- (3) Any person who shows gross negligence of the civic duty under sub section (1), *or* lives irresponsible, immoral, unwholesome or negligent way of living with respect to any matter dealt with in this chapter shall be punishable under this Act."

## Amendment of section 346

Sub-section (2) of Section 346 of the Principal Act shall be substituted as follows:

"(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act for the purpose of the election to a municipality, the electoral rolls used in the election to the Local Bodies in Mizoram as it existed then in the area shall be used as may be updated and corrected according to the rules governing preparation of Electoral Rolls of the said Local Bodies."

### Amendment of section 374

Section 374 of the Principal Act shall be substituted as follows, namely; "374: Penalty for breach of rules or regulations:

- (1) Any rules or regulations made under the Act provide that a contravention thereof shall be punishable -
  - (a) with fine which may extend to one lakh rupees;
  - (b) with an additional in the case of a continuing contravention, which may extend to one thousand rupees for every day during which such contravention continues after conviction for the first such contravention; and
  - (c) with additional fine which may extend to five hundred rupees for everyday during which the contravention continues after receipt of a notice from the Municipality requiring the offender to discontinue such contravention.
- (2) Any rule or regulation made under the Act may further provide that the offender shall be required to remedy, in so far as such remedy lies in his power, the mischief, if any, caused by the contravention of any rule or bye-law made under the Act."

Secretary, Law & Judicial Department, Govt. of Mizoram.

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### (See section 374 and 386)

### Penalties

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Sections, sub -	,	Maximum fine or	Daily fine which	Maximum fine or	Daily fine which
sections, clauses	Subject	imprisonment which	may, in addition be	imprisonment which	may, in addition be
or previous		may be imposed for	imposed for	may be imposed for	imposed for
	٠	contravention	continuing offences	contravention	continuing offences
	·	(Existing Provision)	(Existing Provision)	(Proposed Provision)	(Proposed Provision)
1 ·	2	3	4	5	6
Section 103,	Restriction on	Rupees two thousand	Rupees one hundred	Rupees ten	Rupees five
Sub-Section (3)	erection of, or		• .	thousand or	hundred .
	addition to building			imprisonment for	•
	or wells within street			three months or	
	alignment or			both	
	building line.				
Section 110,	Prohibition of use of	Rupees fifty		Rupees two	,
Sub-Section (1)	public streets for certain kind of traffic			thousand	

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Section 113, Sub-Section (1)	Sanction to projection over streets and drains	Rupees one hundred	Rupees twenty	Rupees five hundred	Rupees one hundred
Section 123, Sub-Section (4)	Layout plan not inconformity with the order of approval	Rupees one thousand	Rupees fifty	Rupees ten thousand	Rupëës one hundred
Section 130	Prohibition against commencement of work without permission	Rupees five thousand	Rupees fifty	Rupees fifty thousand or imprisonment for three months or both	Rupees five hundred
Section 153	Prohibition of improper disposal or carcasses, rubbish and filth	Rupees two hundred		Rupees five thousand	
Section 154	Prohibition against keeping filth on premises too long	Rupees fifty	Rupees ten	Rupees ten thousand	Rupees five hundred
Section 155	Prohibition against allowing outflow of filth	Rupees two hundred .	Rupees twenty	Rupees two thousand	Rupees one hundred

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Section 157	Prohibition against throwing rubbish or filth into drains	Rupees two hundred	Rupees twenty	Rupees five thousand	Rupees five hundred
Section 157A	Prohibition against littering and unhygienic activity in public place			Rupees five thousand	
Section 159	Permission for construction of private latrine or urinal near road, tank or water course	Rupees two hundred	Rupees twenty	Rupees two thousand	Rupees five hundred
Section 160	Provision of latrines by owner or occupier	Rupees two hundred	Rupees twenty	Rupees two thousand	Rupees five hundred
Section 161	Provision of latrines for labourers	Rupees two hundred	Rupees twenty	Rupees one thousand	Rupees one hundred

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Section 162	Provision of latrines for markets, cart stands, cattle sheds, eating house, etc.	The cost one managed	Rupees ten	Rupees one thousand	Rupees one hundred
Section 163	Latrines to be screened from view and kept clean	Rupees one hundred	Rupees twenty	Rupees one thousand	Rupees one hundred
Section 165	Precaution in case of	Rupees one hundred	Puppertur		·
Sub-section (1), (3), (5)	dangerous structure		Rupees twenty	Rupees ten thousand	Rupees one hundred
Section 166	Power to stop dangerous quarrying	Rupees one thousand	Rupees one hundred	Rupees fifty thousand	Rupees one
Section 167	<ul> <li>Precaution against fire</li> </ul>	Rupees one thousand	Rupees one hundred	Rupees ten	thousand Rupees one
Section 168	Prohibition of construction of wells, tanks, etc. without permission of Executive Officer	Rupees five hundred	Rupees fifty	thousand Rupees five thousand	thousand Rupees five hundred
Section 169	Filling in of pools, etc. which become a nuisance	Rupees five hundred		Rupees five thousand	Rupees five hundred

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Section 170	Cleansing of . insanitary private tank or well used for drinking	Rupees two hundred	Rupees thirty	Rupees two thousand	Rupees two hundred
Section 172	Prohibition against or regulation of washing animals or clothes in public water works, tanks	Rupees one hundred	Rupees ten	Rupees one thousand	Rupees one hundred
Section 173	Removal of filth or noxious vegetation	Rupees two hundred	Rupees twenty	Rupees two thousand	Rupees two hundred
Section 174	Prohibition against feeding certain animals on filth	Rupees two hundred	Rupees twenty	Rupees two thousand	Rupees two hundred
Section 175	Prohibition against keeping animal so as to be nuisance	Rupees two hundred	Rupees twenty	Rupees two thousand	Rupees two hundred
Section 178 Sub-Section (1)	Licences for places in which animals are kept	Rupees two hundred	Rupees twenty	Rupees two thousand	Rupees two hundred

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Section 179	General powers of	Rupees two hundred	Rupees twenty	Rupees two	Rupees two
Sub-Section (2)	control over stables cattle-sheds and cow-houses			thousand	hundred
Section 180	Power to direct discontinuance of use of buildings as stable, cattle-shed, pig shed or cow house	Rupees two hundred	Rupees twenty	Rupees two thousand	Rupees two hundred
Section 195	Slaughter of animals for sale as food	Rupees five hundred		Rupees five thousand	
Section 199	Control of the	Rupees two hundred	Rupees twenty	Rupees two	Rupees two
Sub-Section (1) & (2)	Executive Council over public markets			thousand	hundred
Section 204	Suspension or refusal of licence in	Rupees five hundred	Rupees fifty	Rupees five	Rupees five

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Sub-Section (2)	default			thousand	hundred
Section 205	Prohibition against nuisance in private market	Rupees five hundred	Rupees fifty	Rupees five thousand	Rupees five hundred
Section 208	Prohibition against sale on public roads	Rupees five hundred	Rupees fifty	Rupees five thousand	Rupees five hundred
Section 225 Sub-Section (1) &(2)	Power to the Executive Officer to call for information and to enter upon premises	Rupees five hundred		Rupees ten thousand	
Section 231	Requisition on owner or occupier to furnish list of person liable to tax	Rupees five hundred	Rupees fifty	Rupees five thousand	Rupees five hundred
Section 232	Requisition on employees of their representative to furnish list	Rupees five hundred	Rupees fifty	Rupees five thousand	Rupees five hundred
Section 234, Sub-Section (1) and (2)	Powers on carriage and animals	Rupees two hundred	Rupees twenty	Rupees two thousand	Rupees two hundred

Section 240, Sub-Section (1)	Power to require numbers to be affixed to bicycles etc	Rupees fifty	Rupees five	Rupees one thousand	Rupees One hundred	
Section 244 Sub-Section (1), (2) (3)	Prohibition of advertisement without written permission of Chairman	Rupees five hundred	Rupees fifty	Rupees five thousand	Rupees five hundred	
Section 245	Licence for use of	Rupees five hundred	Rupees fifty	Rupees five	Rupees five	
Sub-Section (1) & (2)	site for the purpose of advertisement			thousand	hundred	
Section 283	Digging of wells, etc.	Rupees five hundred	Rupees fifty	Rupees five	Rupees five	
Sub-Section (1)	with- out permission			thousand	hundred	
Section 313	Prohibition of making or selling of food etc. or washing of clothes by infected persons	Rupees five hundred	Rupees fifty	Rupees five thousand	Rupees five hundred	
Section 314 .	Duty of person suffering from dangerous diseases	Rupees one hundred		Rupees one thousand	•	
Section 324	Permission for opening new place	Rupees five hundred	Rupees fifty	Rupees five thousand	Rupees five hundred	

	for disposal of the dead or re-opening of place	·			
Section 325	Power to require closing of burning or burial ground	Rupees five hundred	Rupees lifty	Rupees five thousand	Rupees five hundred
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Section 328	Acts prohibited in connection with disposal of the dead	Rupees one thousand or imprisonment for three months or both	Rupees two hundred .	Rupees ten thousand or imprisonment for three months or both	Rupees two thousand
Section 329	Disposal of dead animal	Rupees one hundred	Rupees twenty	Rupees five thousand	Rupees five hundred

# COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF EXISTING PROVISION WITH PROPOSED THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE MIZORAM MUNICIPALITIES ACT, 2007

S1. No	Chapter	Section/	Existing provision	Proposed Provision	Suggestions/Reasons
110		Sub-Section PROPOS	SED THIRD AMENDMENT TO T	THE MIZORAM MUNICIPALITIES A	CT, 2007
1		2		Amendment of serial numbers and addition of definitions under Section 2  A new definition as sub-section (18-A) shall be inserted as follow: (18-A) "Deputy Mayor" means Deputy Mayor of a municipal corporation and shall be elected in accordance with section 16 of this Act. The expression Vice Chairman under this Act, with respect to a municipal corporation, shall mean Deputy Mayor of a municipal corporation.	Due to insertion of a new definition 'Deputy Mayor', a new sub section has to be renumbered as sub-section (18-A). And the new definition has to be inserted according to its order in the alphabetical series.
	I	2	Sub-section (18-A) Definition of Director of Local Bodies.	"Sub-section (18-A) Director of Local Bodies" shall be renumbered as "sub-section (18-B) Director of Local Bodies.	Due to the insertion of a new definition (18-A), the subsection number of the definition of Director of Local Bodies at 2(18-A) in the first instance has to be renumbered as (18-B).
3	I	2		(39-A) "Mayor" means the executive head of a municipal corporation. The expression 'Chairman' under this Act, with	A new definition 'Mayor' is added at Sub-section (39-A) as the definition of Mayor was absent in the first

4 IV	28	respect to a municipal corporation, shall mean Mayor of a municipal corporation.  (4) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the State Election Commission may prepare the electoral rolls of Municipal Wards without conducting an enumeration by adopting the last published Electoral Rolls of the Local Councils prepared for the purpose of election to the Local Councils under Rule 16 (2) of the Mizoram Municipalities (Election to Local Councils) Rules, 2015 by adopting the Assembly Rolls which is under the provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 (Act 43 of 1950) as draft roll or mother roll.	Mayor, a Deputy Mayor and a Municipal Commissioner. Municipal Commissioner was already incorporated in the Second Amendment Act, but Mayor and Deputy Mayor are yet to be inserted in the Act.  This provision has been added so that separate enumeration of electoral rolls for the Municipal Wards will not be required, and that there will be a provision for adoption of the last published electoral rolls of the Local Councils, Assembly Constituencies prepared for election to the State Legislative Assembly.
iV IV	29 (1)	- After Clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 29, Clause (c) and (d) shall be added as follows:	The election to Councillors of a Municipality, being an election to a Local Body, it is

				belongs to a Scheduled Tribe;  (d) notwithstanding anything contained in Clause (c) of Sub-Section (1), permanently resident Gorkhas and their direct descendants as notified by the State Government, who are not otherwise disqualified, shall be entitled to be registered in an electoral roll.	notified by the Government of Mizoram.
6	V	52(1)	Meeting of the Board of Councillors:  (1) The Board of Councillors shall meet not less than once in every month for the transaction of business:  Provided that if there is no business to be transacted at any monthly meeting, the Chairman shall give notice of the fact to Councillors.	Meeting of the Board of Councillors:  (1) The Board of Councillors shall ordinarily hold a meeting at least once every quarter for the transaction of its business.	Monthly meeting of the Board of Councillors is not practically viable and often hampers the day to day administration of the Municipality in implementing the decisions taken by the Board of Councillors meeting.
7	VII		Compulsory retirement of municipal officers and other employees: (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Chapter or elsewhere in this Act or in any rules made there	Section 66 of the Principal Act shall stand deleted.	This section is proposed for deletion as separate rules will be framed for governing the service matters and all administrative matters of the employees under the Municipalities. Therefore, a

		under, a municipal officer or other employee shall retire from service compulsorily with effect from the afternoon of the last date of the month in which he attains the age of 58 years or other age of years as the State Government may by a notification fix from time to time.  (2) No municipal officer or other employee shall be reemployed after retirement in any post without the prior sanction of the State Government.		separate provision as in Section 66 of the Mizoram Municipalities Act, 2007 is not required.
8	XII	A permission: A permission given or deemed to have been given in respect of any construction or reconstruction under this Chapter shall be available for one year and after the expiry of the said period, such construction or reconstruction shall not be proceeded with, without a fresh application under section 128.	A permission: A permission given or deemed to have been given in respect of any construction or reconstruction under this Chapter shall have a validity of three years. After the expiry of the said period, the renewal of such permission may be granted as may be prescribed by rules and regulation in this regard.	Normally, time required for constructing a building other than an ordinary one usually requires more than one year due to limited working season and requirement of fulfilling various formalities by the applicant. It is proposed that the validity of the building permission granted be enhanced to three years initially, and a provision for renewal in lieu

9	VII	. 127		of fresh application may also be added, as fresh application for renewal after the expiry of permission is not practically viable.
	XII	137	Addition of the provision as subsection (4) under Section 137  If such owner or builder fails to comply with the order, a municipality may cause the building to be demolished, or altered so as to bring it into conformity with the Act, regulations, rules, directions or requisition as aforesaid, or with plans and particulars on which such permission or order was based; and all the expenses incurred for doing so shall be paid by the owner or builder of such building, and shall be recoverable in the manner as an amount payable on account of any fee or tax recoverable under this Act.	Where an owner/occupier fails to carry out demolition of a ruinous or dangerous building, such a provision as proposed here, where the Executive Council shall get the demolition done and recover the expenses from the owner, is provided in Section 139 (2). A similar provision is hereby proposed for demolition /alteration in case of unauthorised building activity, which may be added at the end of Section 137.
10	XIII	157A	Prohibition against littering and unhygienic activity in public place  (1) No person shall litter by way of throwing dirt, garbage, rubbish, filth, etc., in any public places such as roads,	As there is no existing provision in the principal Act to penalise littering and practising of unhygienic activities in public places, a new provision to penalise such practices has been

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		roadsides, public squares, parks, playgrounds, public halls etc.  (2) No person shall pass urine or defecate in places other than its designated places.  (3) No person shall spit in public places.  (4) Any person who is found in violation of sub-sections (1), (2) and (3) of this section shall be punishable under this Act.	proposed at sub sections 157A(1), 157A(2), 157A(3) and 157A(4).
II 164	Duty of every person to maintain cleanliness:  (1) It shall be the civic duty of every person to maintain cleanliness and to live decent and respectable way of living with respect to proper collection, removal and disposal of sewage, offensive matter, filth or rubbish and making and keeping in proper condition of latrines and urinals which are dealt with in this Chapter, so as to avoid nuisance or discomfort to persons residing in the neighbourhood or to	Duty of every person to maintain cleanliness:  (1) It shall be the civic duty of every person to maintain cleanliness and to live in a decent and respectable way of living with respect to proper collection, removal and disposal of solid waste, sewage, offensive matter, filth or rubbish and making and keeping in proper condition of latrines and urinals which are dealt with in this Chapter, so as to avoid nuisance or discomfort to persons residing in the neighbourhood or to passers-by.  (2) Any person who contravenes	To strive for a litter free city, the provision of solid waste may be added in sub-section (1). It will be more appropriate to empower the Executive Officer to decide on the nature of punishment to be imposed in contravention of this section, which often requires immediate action.

			passers-by.  (2) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of section 153, 154, 155, 156, 159 and 163, or fails to comply with the notice served to him under sections 160, 161 or 162 shall be punishable under section 386.  (3) If, in the opinion of the Chairman, any person shows gross negligence of the civic duty under sub section (1), or lives irresponsible, immoral, unwholesome or negligent way of living with respect to any matter dealt with in this chapter, he shall be liable to additional punishment of whatever sort as the Chairman may decide to take on him.	any of the provisions of section 153, 154, 155, 156, 159 and 163, or fails to comply with the notice served to him under sections 160, 161 or 162 shall be punishable under section 386.  (3) Any person shows gross negligence of the civic duty under sub section (1), or lives irresponsible, immoral, unwholesome or negligent way of living with respect to any matter dealt with in this chapter shall be punishable under this Act.	At the time of the enactment
12	XXIII	346	Elections to the Municipalities:	Sub-section(2) of Section 346 may be substituted by the	of the Mizoram Municipalities
1			municipatities.	following:	Act, 2007, provisions relating
			(2) Notwithstanding	•	to election to the
			anything contained in this	Notwithstanding anything	municipalities were made
			Act, for the purpose of the	contained in this Act for the	focussing only the first

			first election to a new municipality, the electoral rolls used in the last election to the local bodies in Mizoram as it existed in the area shall be used as may be updated and corrected according to the rules governing preparation of electoral rolls of the said local bodies.	purpose of the election to a municipality, the electoral rolls used in the election to the Local Bodies in Mizoram as it existed then in the area shall be used as may be updated and corrected according to the rules governing preparation of Electoral Rolls of the said Local Bodies.	election to the municipality with inclusion of words such as 'first' in 'first election', the word 'new' in 'new municipality' and the word 'last' in 'last election to Local Bodies' under this section.  Now, a provision that can be employed in all the subsequent elections to a municipality is required. As such, this amendment is proposed.
13	XXIV	374	Penalty for breach of rules or regulations:  (1) Any rules or regulation made under this Act provide that a contravention thereof shall be punishable.  (2)  (a) with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees;  (b) with an additional fine in the case of a continuing contravention, which may extend to one hundred rupees for	Penalty for breach of rules or regulations:  (1) Any rules or regulation made under this Act provide that a contravention thereof shall be punishable  a) with fine which may extend to one lakh rupees;  b) with an additional fine in the case of a continuing contravention, which may extend to one thousand rupees for every day during which such contravention continues after conviction for the	In order to give deterrence to the public at large for any violation of the rules and regulations made under this Act, the penal provision for breach of rules and regulations by way of fines has been enhanced so that there is deterrence to a continuing violation of the rules and regulations under this Act.

every day during which such contravention continues after conviction for the firs such contravention; and  (c) with additional fine which may extend to fifty rupees for everyday during which the contravention continues after receipt of a notice from the Municipality requiring the offender to discontinue such contravention.  (3) Any rule or regulation made under this Act may further provide that the offender shall be required to remedy, in so far as such remedy lies in his power, the mischief, if any, caused by the contravention of any rule	everyday during which the contravention continues after receipt of a notice from the Municipality requiring the offender to discontinue such contravention.  (2) Any rule or regulation made under this Act may further provide that the offender shall be
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