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From Shri. Sampath Kumar, IAS

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt.of Meghalaya,

Community & Rural Development Department

Meghalaya, Shillong

To The Deputy Commissioner & District Programme Coordinator

West Jaintia Hills, Jowai

Subject: Selection of Ombudsman.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am enclosing herewith the proceedings of the Ombudsman Selection Committee meeting held on 4th December, 2020 in the Conference Room 1, Secretariat Building, Meghalaya.

The Committee has recommended Shri. Antony Syiemiong for the post of ombudsman in West Jaintia Hills District. It was also decided to upload the names of the recommended persons in the Government website for a period of 30 days inviting comments from the Public. Further, if no comments are received, appointment orders may be issued by the concerned District Programme Officers under intimation to the undersigned.

Yours faithfully

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Copy to:-

- 1. The Joint Secretary (MGNREGA), Ministry of Rural Development for kind information.
- 2. Shri. Moti Ram, Assistant Commissioner (MGNREGA) for kind information.
- 3. The State Informatics officer, NIC Shillong with a request to upload the same in the Meghalaya and Community and Rural Development Website for a period of 30 days inviting comments from the public domain.

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Proceeding of the Meeting of the Ombudsman Selection Committee held on the 4th December, 2020 at 12.30 AM in the Conference Room 1, Secretariat Building, Meghalaya.

Members present are placed at Annexure 1

At the outset, the Chief Secretary and Chairman, Ombudsman Selection Committee welcomed the members of the Selection Committee including Shri. Moti Ram, Assistant Commissioner (RE), a representative of the Ministry of Rural Development who joined the meeting via Video conference. The Commissioner and Secretary C& RD apprised the member present about the purpose of the meeting.

8 (Eight) candidates belonging to different districts had applied for the post of Ombudsman, however only 2(two) candidates Shri Testwell Kharir and Shri Antony Sylemiong appeared the interview.

The members of the committee had a thorough interaction with both the candidates and based on their knowledge about the scheme and their experience, the following decisions were made:

- 1. To recommend Shri Antony Sylemiong for the office of the Ombudsman in West Jaintia Hills, since he is currently based at Jowai for an assignment as a consultant under Social Welfare Department in the same district. The recommendation is to be communicated to the candidate for his acceptance since he did not apply for this particular district.
- 2. The Committee requested the representative of the Ministry of Rural Development to enhance the remuneration so as to encourage more applicants with vast experience in the field of MGNREGA, applying for the post in the future. In response the representatives from the Ministry informed the Committee that the remuneration was fixed as per the guidelines of the Ministry and suggested that a state share will perhaps be helpful.
- 3. The committee also suggested that perhaps the Deputy Commissioners may be requested to identify the potential candidates for the post of Ombudsman and forward it to the Department of C&RD for further action.

The name of the candidate recommended for the post of Ombudsman will be published in Government Website inviting comments from public for a maximum time of 30 days before directing the concerned District Programme Coordinator to issue appointment orders.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the chair.

Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya& Chairman, Ombudsman Selection Committee.