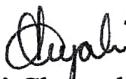


**GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE**

NOTICE

Imphal, the ^{20th} January, 2026

No. 9/59/2020-SW(SCPS-J)-MSCPS-Pt-I: The draft “ The Manipur Prohibition of Child Marriage Rules, 2025”, is hereby put up in the Department’s website socialwelfare.mn.gov.in for seeking suggestions, views and feedbacks, if any, from all the Stakeholders concerned. Any feedback or suggestions should reach the undersigned on or before ^{5th of february, 2026}


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2. Director (IPR), Manipur
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4. Editor, Poknapham/ Sangai express in both Manipuri and English edition with a request for kind publishing as advertisement item for 1 day
5. IT section, Directorate of Social welfare for uploading the draft Copy to the Department website- Socialwelfare.mn.gov.in
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**GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
SECRETARIAT: SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 2025

No.9/24/2010-SW(Pt-1): In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act,2006 (No. 6 of 2007), the Governor of Manipur is pleased to make the following rules, namely.

THE MANIPUR PROHIBITION OF CHILD MARRIAGE RULES, 2025

1. Short title and commencement – (1) These rules may be called the Manipur Prohibition of Child Marriage Rules, 2025.
2. They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the official Gazette and shall extend to the whole of Manipur, irrespective of any other matrimonial law in force.

3. DEFINITIONS:-

In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

- i. Act means “The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006”,
- ii. “Child” means a person who, if a male has not completed twenty-one years of age; and if a female, has not completed eighteen years of age **for the purpose of these Rules.**
- iii. “Child Marriage” means a marriage to which either of the contracting parties is a child;
- iv. “Contracting party” in relation to a marriage, means either of the parties whose marriage is or is about to be thereby solemnized;
- v. “District Court” shall mean those mentioned in the Act. **Further, the Court of the Judicial First Class Magistrate, and all other Children’s Courts in Manipur shall also be empowered to try cases under these Rules, as the case may be.**
- vi. “Marriage Officer” means an Officer duly appointed by the State Government under the Manipur Compulsory Registration of Marriages Act, 2008;
- vii. “Nodal Officer” means the Director of Social Welfare at State Level and the Deputy Commissioner at District Level or as may be notified by the Government from time to time;
- viii. “Section” means a section of the Act; and
- ix. “Rules” means The Manipur Prohibition of Child Marriages Rules, 2025’.
- x. **Child Marriage Prohibition Officer means those officers who are appointed by the State Government to carry out the functions as provided under Rule 6 of these Rules.**
- xi. **Child Welfare Committee means the Committee constituted under Section 27 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.**
- xii. **Juvenile Justice Board means the Board constituted under Section 4 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015**
- xiii. **District Child Protection Unit means a Child Protection Unit for a district, established by the State Government under Section 106 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015**

4. Function and Responsibility of the Nodal Officers

- (1) The State Nodal Officer or District Nodal Officer shall co-ordinate the work of Child Marriage Prohibition Officers and shall be responsible for the proper performance of the child marriage prohibition work in the State/District.
- (2) The State Nodal Officer or the District Nodal Officer shall be responsible for the preparation and submission of an Annual Report on the progress of implementation of the Act and related matters and of such statistics as may be required from time to time by the State Government. [Form-I]
- (3) In addition to the general duties of monitoring and supervision of the implementation of the provisions of the Act, it shall be the duty of the State Nodal Officer
 - (a) to exercise general control, supervision and direction over all the Nodal Officers for the implementation of the Act and Rules are concerned
 - (b) to review periodically the functioning of Child Marriage Prohibition Officer across the State;
 - (c) to cause an annual status report on child marriage to be submitted to the State Government;
 - (d) to formulate schedules and programmes for creating awareness, sensitizing the community and organize training to functionaries of the concerned departments;

5. Appointment of Child Marriage Prohibition Officer:

The State Government may appoint the “Child Marriage Prohibition Officers” (herein after referred to as the CMPO) for the whole State of Manipur at the District, Block, Panchayat, Municipality or otherwise from the date of notification in the official Gazette as deemed fit and appropriate from time to time for effective implementation of the Act.

6. FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF CHILD MARRIAGE PROHIBITION OFFICER

In addition to the duties enlisted in the Act, all the Child Marriage Prohibition Officer” at all levels, shall be duty bound to:

- i. Ensure implementation of the Manipur Compulsory Registration of Marriage Act, 2008 and its prescribed Rules made under the said Act
- ii. Prompt action on any information regarding the solemnisation of a child marriage, received through any mode of communication, written, oral, electronic, or otherwise, while ensuring confidentiality of the child, informant or source. The CMPO shall also act suo-moto on any incident that comes to his/her notice, including reports appearing in the media, and shall immediately initiate all necessary steps, including informing and coordinating with the police and other competent authorities.

- iii. Ensure the dissemination and wide circulation of the Act and the Rules in English, Manipuri, and relevant local dialects across all offices and public places under this Act, including all villages, with special emphasis on the penal provisions under the POCSO Act.
- iv. In case, the Child Marriage Prohibition Officer has reasonable grounds for doubt regarding the age of a child who is at the imminent risk of Child Marriage, the CMPOs shall undertake the process of age determination in co-ordination with the Competent Authority under the provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015.
- v. Associate and work in co-ordination with the respective Village/ Block/District, Standing/Sub-Committee system of the local bodies functioning for child welfare and protection issues under urban local body/Panchayati Raj Institution/Gram Panchayat etc.
- vi. Cause registration of cases under appropriate provisions of the Act, and Rules for their violation **within 24 hours**.
- vii. Formulate concrete strategies for the rescue, rehabilitation and reintegration of victims of child marriage as well as follow up as per the provisions of Prohibition of Child Marriages Act, 2006, Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act).
- viii. Strengthen co-ordination with the concerned DCPU and other statutory bodies for child protection and social re-integration.
- ix. Activate the Child Welfare & Protection Committees constituted under guideline of Mission Vatsalya at various levels and ensure the formation and functioning of Children Committee in all the Schools in their jurisdiction.
- x. Ensure regular meetings of the Child Welfare & Protection Committees at various levels like Village/Block/District and periodical trainings must be conducted for the capacity building of the members of the Committees at various levels.
- xi. Take all such measures as required to sensitize and promote awareness against child marriages and to prevent child marriage.
- xii. The Child Marriage Prohibition Officer shall work in coordination with State, District Legal Services Authorities to ensure the dissemination and wide circulation of the Act and the Rules in English, Manipuri, and relevant local dialects across all offices ,schools, post offices, panchayat offices and other public places including all villages that information about the provisions of the Act, as well as all laws and schemes that help to prevent child marriage or provide services to child victims of child marriage is made available, with special emphasis on the penal provisions under the POCSO Act.
- xiii. The Child Marriage Prohibition Officer shall report in case of a child who is in need of care and protection to the jurisdictional Child Welfare Committee. The Child Welfare Committee shall pass interim orders regarding stipulation of time frame for completion of inquiry and rehabilitation.
- xiv. The Child Marriage Prohibition Officer shall collect and maintain a Directory of Non-Government Organizations, registered under section 41 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. The CMPO shall maintain an updated

contact details of different stakeholders such as DPCU officials, CWCs, JJBs, CW, Police or SJPU, Commissions etc.

- xv. In particular, the Child Marriage Prohibition Officer and the concerned Police Officer, if any shall maintain the confidentiality of a child involved in a suspected case of child marriage, or of any child/person/organizations giving information to him about any impending child marriage, or a child marriage that has been solemnized and the said child who has contracted to this marriage is either still a minor or has not completed two years after having attained majority.
- xvi. The approach of the Child Marriage Prohibition Officer shall be primarily prevention of Child Marriage and it shall be a remedial one. Prosecution shall be recommended or resorted to only, if all other measures and directions are found ineffective or parties fail to comply with the orders or directions within the stipulated time.
- xvii. The Child Marriage Prohibition Officer has duty to take steps for the rehabilitation of victim of child marriages, and where such child has been referred to the Child Welfare Committee and DCPU for care and protection.
- xviii. The victim of child marriage shall be rehabilitated. The child marriage prohibition officer shall inform the child victim of child marriage about the facilities like educational, shelter, legal counseling, recreation, vocational service and support and also be repatriated and restored wherever required as mandated under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model rules, 2016 and shall also enable such child to access the facilities.

8. **CMPO shall make an arrangement for an undertaking in the prescribed form II to refrain from marrying before attaining the marriageable age as prescribed under Rule 3(ii).**

9. The Child Welfare Police Officer (CWPO) designated under the provisions of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 shall assist the CMPOs of their respective Police Station under their jurisdiction.

10. CMPO shall seek for LAC (Legal Aid Counsel) from DLSA/MSLSA in any case of legal assistance is required in connection with PMCA.

11. In case of duplication of complaints, location for the CMPO concerned of the planned solemnization of marriage shall register a case in coordination with the CMPO, where the report was initially submitted for suspicious case of child marriage.

12. Follow up by Child Welfare Committee and DCPU:-
A copy of any order passed by court under sub section (1) of section 5 of the Act shall be sent to concerned Child Welfare Committee and District Child Protection Unit whose duty shall be to ensure that the Child is getting proper care and protection from the authorized custodian from time to time.

12. Disciplinary Action against Child Marriage Prohibition Officers:

Every Child Marriage Prohibition Officer shall be responsible for taking pro-active steps to prevent child marriage including furnishing of timely information of any such marriages or proposed marriages to Police and Superior Officers concerned.

Any failure in this regard shall entail appropriate action against concerned by the District Magistrate.

Appropriate disciplinary action shall be initiated by the concerned Department in case of dereliction of duty or miscues of Power by the CMPO.

13. Removal of Child Marriage Prohibition Officer:

The State Government shall remove the Child Marriage Prohibition Officer from his/her office if she/he:-

- i. becomes an un-discharged insolvent;
- ii. is convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for an offence which in the opinion of the State Government, involves in moral turpitude;
- iii. becomes unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court
- iv. refuses to act or becomes incapable of acting; or
- v. has in the opinion of the State Government, so abused the position of the Child Marriage Prohibition Officer as to render that person's continuance in office is detrimental to the public interests;

Provided that no child Marriage Prohibition Officer shall be removed under this clause until he has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard in that matter.

14. Budget

In accordance with the provisions of the Mission Vatsalya guidelines, the Nodal Officers and the Child Marriage Prohibition Officers at all levels shall be provided with adequate financial support by their respective departments to effectively implement, supervise, and monitor the provisions of the Act and the Rules.

15. Repeal and savings:-1) The Manipur Prohibition of Child Marriage Rules, 2007, is hereby repealed.

2) Not withstanding such repeal, all cases and other proceedings pending or continued under the said rules at the commencement of these rules, shall be continued and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the repealed rules, as if these rules had not been made.

FORM I
[See rule]

Annual report under the Prohibition of Child Marriage Ac, 2006
For the period of to.....

Name of District

Name and Office address of the Child Marriage :
Prohibition Officer (with Phone No.)

1. Total No. of complaints received :
2. Total No. of enquiries conducted :
3. Total No. of Child Marriage Prevented :
after counselling both the parties
4. Total No. of Injunction Order received :
5. Total No. of violations made by parties :
6. Total No. of maintenance orders issued :
7. Total No. of punishment orders made:
8. Total No. of Child Marriage successfully :
prevented
9. Total No. of residence orders issued :
10. To No. of awareness programs :
conducted
11. Total No. of review meeting of :
assistance conducted
12. Any other information :

*Signature of the Child Marriage Prohibition
Officer with Date.*

(Seal)

FORM-II
[See rule-8]

UNDERTAKING BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE BRIDE/BRIDEGROOM IN THE PRESENCE OF CMPO

I.....aged.....
F/o/M/o.....aged.....a resident of
.....P.O.....P.S
.....District.....state.....do hereby
solemnly affirm and undertake the following:-

1. That, I am fully aware that child marriage is prohibited under the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 and is a punishable offence.
2. That, I shall not permit or support the solemnisation of marriage of my ward before attaining the legally prescribed age of (18 years for girls and 21 years for boys).
3. That, I shall take all necessary steps to prevent any attempt or pressure from any individual, family member, community, or group to arrange or conduct Child Marriage of my ward.
4. That, I shall immediately inform the Child Marriage Prohibition Officer, Police or any competent authority, in case of any information or suspect any attempt to conduct such a marriage.
6. That, I am submitting this undertaking voluntarily and also aware that violation of this undertaking may invite action as per law.

Dated:

**Parent or guardian of the
bride/bridegroom**

Witnesses

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Countersigned by CMPO