

was **excluded** from India – Empire of India with its territory by **Order in Council** passed by His Majesty under Section 91 of the Government of India Act 1935 on 27 December 1946 and immediately compromised the expanded territory of His Highness.

Kangleipak, now Manipur, is a kingdom with a 2000-year history ruled by an *absolute monarchy* that was transformed into a *constitutional monarchy* on the first day of January 1947.

The Manipur State Constitution Act 1947 is derived from absolute sovereign monarch, His Highness the Maharaja of Manipur, and Crown paramountcy. It is a *de jure* Constitution derived from the sovereigns, as the sovereign is the source of law. As a codified State Constitution Act 1947 from the Crown paramountcy a constitutional provision is provided under Section 57 that “Where in any case circumstances arise which prevent the proper operation in law or in the spirit of this Constitution Act, the Council may at their discretion refer the matter for decision **to such authority outside the State** as may be decided hereafter and the decision of that authority shall be binding”.

The Manipur State Council has discretionary power and authority to refer the legal and constitutional issues of the **Princely State of Manipur to His Majesty** under Section 57 of the codified Manipur State Constitution Act 1947 from the Crown paramountcy.

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