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"A STATEMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER OF MANIPUR EXILED IN LONDON ON THE CONSTITUTION DAY OF MANIPUR"

Manipur is an independent and sovereign princely State in Asia. Today, the First Day of January 2024, is the **Constitution Day** of Manipur. The codified Manipur State Constitution Act 1947 from the Crown paramountcy was **enacted** by His Highness the Maharaja of Manipur as a sovereign authority for the governance of the Manipur State while the Crown paramountcy was in operation in **India** – Empire of India and **Manipur** – State of Manipur. With ceasing the operation of the Government of India Act 1935 in India on 15 August 1947, the Crown paramountcy ceased to operate in India on 15 August 1947. The *State* means *Manipur State* comprising the whole territory of Manipur as delineated in the maps of the Survey of India current at the date of this enactment **created** under Section 9(a) of the Manipur State Constitution Act 1947.

The Manipur State Constitution Act 1947 was **enforced** and **implemented** in Manipur on 2 January 1947 as published in the Manipur State Gazette on 2 January 1947. Immediately, the Manipur State Constitution Act 1947 was **approved** and **introduced** in the State by the two agreements of 1st and 2nd July 1947. These two agreements were made between His Majesty's Representative and His Highness the Maharaja of Manipur. These two agreements were also made after Manipur State, an Indian State,

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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