



The Sikkim Official Languages Act, 1977

Act 5 of 1977

Keyword(s):

Nepali, Bhutia, Lepcha and Limbu Languages

Amendment appended: 5 of 1990

DISCLAIMER: This document is being furnished to you for your information by PRS Legislative Research (PRS). The contents of this document have been obtained from sources PRS believes to be reliable. These contents have not been independently verified, and PRS makes no representation or warranty as to the accuracy, completeness or correctness. In some cases the Principal Act and/or Amendment Act may not be available. Principal Acts may or may not include subsequent amendments. For authoritative text, please contact the relevant state department concerned or refer to the latest government publication or the gazette notification. Any person using this material should take their own professional and legal advice before acting on any information contained in this document. PRS or any persons connected with it do not accept any liability arising from the use of this document. PRS or any persons connected with it shall not be in any way responsible for any loss, damage, or distress to any person on account of any action taken or not taken on the basis of this document.

THE SIKKIM OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ACT 1977

ACT: 'NO.' 5 OF '1977

to provide, for the adoption of the Nepali, the Bhutia 1[, the Lepcha and the Limbu] languages, as the, languages to be used, for the Official purposes of the State of Sikkim

[17th October, 1977]

WHEREAS

The Legislature of Sikkim, as follows: it is expedient to provide for the adoption of the Nepali, the Bhutia 2[, the Lepcha and the Limbu] languages as the languages to be used for the official purposes of the State of Sikkim;

It is hereby enacted in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Republic of India by

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. (1) This Act may be called the Sikkim Official Languages Act, 1977. | <i>Short title and extent.</i> |
| (2) It extends to the whole of Sikkim. | |
| (3) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint | |
| 2. With effect from such date, as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify in this behalf, the Nepali, the Bhutia 3[,the Lepcha and the Limbu] languages shall be the languages to be used for all official purposes of the State of Sikkim:
Provided that different dates may be specified for different official purposes. | <i>Languages to be used for the official purposes of the State.</i> |
| 3. (1) The State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act. | <i>Power to make rules.</i> |
| (2) All rules made under this section shall be laid as soon as may be, after they are made, before the Legislative Assembly while it is in session and if before the expiry | |
| 1. subs. by sec. 2 of the Sikkim Official Languages (Amendment) Act, No.5 of 1981(w. e. f. 30. 3. 1981). | |
| 2. by <i>ibid.</i> | |
| 3. by <i>ibid.</i> | |

:

of the session in which they are so laid or the next session immediately following, the Legislative Assembly resolves to make any modification in the rules, or resolves that such rules or any portion thereof shall not have effect, the rules shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, in whole or in part, as the case may be, so however, that any such resolution shall be without prejudice to the validity of any thing previously done under such rules before such resolution. .

...

THE SIKKIM OFFICIAL LANGUAGES (AMENDMENT) ACT 1990
(ACT NO.5 OF 1990)

AN ACT

[30-3-1990]

further to amend the Sikkim Official Languages Act, 1977. Be it enacted' by the Legislative Assembly of Sikkim in the Forty first Year of the Republic of India as follows:

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. (1) This Act may be called the Sikkim Official Languages (Amendment) Act, 1990. | <i>Short title and Commencement</i> |
| (2) It shall come into force with effect from the 26th day . of April. 1990. | . |
| 2. In the Sikkim Official Languages Act, 1977, (5 of 1977) after section 2, the following section shall be inserted, namely: | <i>Insertion of new section 2A.</i> |
| "2A. Notwithstanding anything contained in section 2, the English language shall continue to be used for transaction of business in the Legislative Assembly of Sikkim in addition to the official languages of the State." | <i>Continuance of English for use in the Legislative Assembly.</i> |