



GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:.....SOUTH SALMARA MANKACHAR DISTRICT
HATSINGIMARI
(MAGISTRACY & ADMINISTRATION BRANCH)

ORDER

Whereas, it has been reported that in South Salmara Mankachar District, child marriages are being solemnized by the private Kazi, Imam, other religious leaders, Govt Kazis or their agents on a daily basis.


Whereas, it has been reported that the Notary are notarizing affidavits / agreement/ compromise note etc on the basis of the advocate identification by changing the date of birth and on which basis the child marriages are being solemnized.

Whereas, there is every reason to believe that post such marriages, the child (both male and female) may be facing situations similar to violation of child rights including child trafficking, child abuse (sexual and otherwise), child labour, slavery, servitude and attracting charges under provisions mentioned in **Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO)** and the **Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 (amended in 2016)** and the **Right to Education Act, 2009**.

In view of the above, it is hereby directed that -

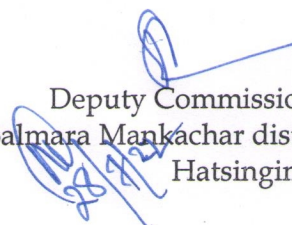
1. No Minor / Child Marriage shall be solemnized within the territorial jurisdiction of South Salmara Mankachar district.
2. Except Muslim Marriage Registrar (MMR) & government authorized Kazi, no other person shall be authorized to solemnize Muslim Marriage in the society.
3. Before solemnization of marriages, date of birth for both the parties should be **verified through anyone** of the following viz. birth certificate, AADHAAR card, voter ID, HSLC certificate, PAN card and no other certificate including affidavit shall be taken as a certificate of age.
4. MMR & Kazi shall also ensure that the registration of marriage at office of the Sub-Registrar, Hatsingimari is completed.
5. No Advocate / Notary / Kazi should indulge in practice of making unlawful affidavits for supporting child marriage and agreements between underage people for marriage for present or future. Necessary action under **Section 10 and 11 of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006** will be taken for cancellation of license on case-wise basis and disciplinary proceedings as mentioned in law shall be initiated.

This order shall come into force with immediate effect.


(Pallavi Sarkar, IAS)
Deputy Commissioner
South Salmara Mankachar district
Hatsingimari

Copy for kind information and necessary action to:-

1. The Commissioner, Lower Assam Division, Panbazar, Guwahati-1.
2. The Director, Social Welfare Department, Assam, M.G Road, Uzanbazar, Guwahati-1.
3. The Secretary, State Child Protection Unit, Assam, Beltola, Guwahati-28.
4. The Addl. Deputy Commissioner (all) South Salmara Mankachar.
5. The Superintendent of Police, South Salmara Mankachar.
6. The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, South Salmara Mankachar.
7. The District Mission Coordinator, SSA, South Salmara Mankachar District.
8. The Circle Officer, South Salmara / Mankachar.
9. All Executive Magistrate, South Salmara Mankachar district.
10. The District Social Welfare Officer, I/c South Salmara Mankachar.
11. All Heads of Department, South Salmara Mankachar for information and necessary action.
12. The District Child Protection Officer, I/c South Salmara Mankachar.
13. The DIO, NIC, South Salmara Mankachar. He is requested to upload the order in the district website/ facebook/ twitter.
14. The DI & PRO, South Salmara Mankachar for necessary publicity.
15. The Block Development Officer, Mankachar/ Fekamari/ South Salmara.
16. The President / Secretary, Hatsingimari Bar Association.
17. The MMR & Kazi, South Salmara Mankachar.


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