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Special Verification Process for Gaon Panchayat Secretary/Lot Mandal/Circle Officer Certificate starts from 2nd April, 2018

- ❖ As per direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, an exhaustive verification process is required to be carried out for GP Secretary/ Lot Mandal/ Circle Officer Certificates submitted by married women as proof of linkage with the Legacy Person.
- This verification will be carried out through a hearings-based process where the married women will be asked to appear. The Issuing Authority (Gaon Panchayat Secretary/ Lot Mandal/ Circle Officer) will also be present at the hearing to produce evidence based on which the certificate was issued.
- The certificate holder is required to bring with her the original of the Certificate. If the Original is not available, then a photocopy may be bought for the hearing. Further she may produce any evidence/ proof which can prove the truthfulness of the linkage certified. For this purpose, she may also bring with her either the Legacy Person or other descendants of that Legacy Person for recording of their statements to substantiate her claim of linkage claimed.
- ❖ A Notice will be issued to the certificate holder to appear at a hearing venue which will be located close to the Gaon Panchayat/ Lot Mandal/ Circle Office from where her certificate was issued. The date, time and venue for the hearing will be mentioned in the Notice that will be delivered house to house by NRC field level functionaries.
- ❖ No third party or members outside the family will be allowed to participate in the hearings.

- ❖ This Special Verification will only apply to cases where the Issuing Authority of the certificate is Gaon Panchayat Secretary in rural areas, or Lot Mandal in the districts of Dima Hasao, Karbi Anglong, Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baksa and Udalguri, or Circle Officer in urban areas.
- In case the certificate holder fails to attend the hearing, the decision regarding the admissibility of the certificate as a linkage document will be taken by the Special Verification Officer who will conduct the hearing in her absence.
- Such certificates would not be accepted if submitted by any unmarried woman or man.
- ❖ It is mandatory to bring one valid photo identity card to establish identity of any person participating in the hearing.
- ❖ In case the Gaon Panchayat/ Lot Mandal/ Circle Office mentioned in the Notice is not the Gaon Panchayat or Circle Office from where the certificate was originally issued, then the certificate holder is requested to contact the designated NSK where she submitted her Application Form.

In case of any difficulty in locating the venue, please call our toll free helpline number 15107 (Assam), **18003453762** (from outside Assam), visit NRC Assam website (http://nrcassam.nic. in/ftvc2.html) or post a query at NRC Assam's official Facebook Page or Twitter Handle.

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