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#### **FOREWORD**

Recognizing that the people repose trust and faith in the Lhengye Zhuntshog to protect and strengthen the sovereignty of the Kingdom; provide good governance, and ensure peace, security, well-being and happiness of the people;

To aid and advise Druk Gyalpo in His functions; to provide for determination of goals of the State; framing of policy; planning of strategy; and representation of the Kingdom including abroad;

And to provide for the procedure and guidance to the Lhengye Zhungtshog members to discharge the functions and business relating to the Lhengye Zhungtshog;

The Fourth Lhengye Zhungtshog, during the 2nd session adopts this Rules of Procedure as follows:



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#### **CHAPTER I: PRELIMINARY**

#### Title and Commencement

- 1. This Rule of Procedure shall:
  - 1.1. be cited as the Rule of Procedure of Lhengye Zhungtshog 2024 and
  - 1.2. come into force with effect from 28th day of the 12th month of the Water Female Rabbit Year corresponding to the 8th day of February, 2024.

#### Application

 This Rule of procedure shall apply to the conduct of business of the Lhengye Zhungtshog and the Ministrial Function carried out by the Minister concerned in the Ministry.

#### Repeal

3. This rule repeals the Lhengye Zhungtshog Rules of Procedure 2018.



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#### **CHAPTER II: THE LHENGYE ZHUNGTSHOG**

#### Formation and Composition

4. There shall be a Lhengye Zhungtshog in which all executive powers of the Government under the Constitution are vested. The Lhengye Zhungtshog shall consist of the Cabinet Ministers headed by the Prime Minister after receiving Dakyen from the Druk Gyalpo in accordance with Article 17(1) and (3) of the Constitution.

#### Inaugural session of Lhengye Zhungtshog

5. There shall be an inaugural session of Lhengye Zhuntshog after the Prime Minister and Ministers receive Dakyen from the Druk Gyalpo. The Cabinet Secretariat shall organize and conduct Inaugural sessions as prescribed under **Annexure I.** 

#### Oath and Affirmation of Office and Secrecy

- 6. The members of Lhengye Zhungthsog shall take an oath or affirmation of office and oath or affirmation of secrecy as provided under Article 10 (18) & (19) of the Constitution.
- 7. The Oath or Affirmation of Office and Secrecy of the members of the Lhengye Zhungtshog shall be administered by the Chief Justice of Bhutan. The Procedure for Oath or Affirmation of Secrecy will be as prescribed under Annexure I

#### Orientation Programme

- 8. Orientation programme may be scheduled on the first sitting of Lhengye Zhungtshog on the following presentations:
  - the Lhengye Zhungtshog Act and Rule of Procedure of the Lhengye Zhungtshog to the honorable members by the Cabinet Secretary.
  - the Legislative Impact Assessment Rules of Procedure and Rules of Procedure for Treaty Making Procedure by legal officers.
  - 3. policy formulation protocol by the Office of Cabinet Affairs and Strategic Coordination.



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#### Tenure

- 9. The tenure of the members of the Lhengye Zhungthsog shall be five years in one term in accordance with Article 10(24) of the Constitution and subject to resignation or removal or-death in accordance with section 11 of the Act.
- 10. No person shall hold office as the Prime Minister for more than two terms in accordance with Article 17(2) of the Constitution.

#### Resignation of Minister

- 11. As per section 12 of the Act, a member of Lhengye Zhungtshog may before the expiry of his/her term, resign from the office after submitting an application of resignation in writing to the Prime Minister at least thirty days in advance and subject to acceptance by the Druk Gyalpo. In case of the Prime Minister, the letter of resignation shall be submitted to the Druk Gyalpo.
- 12. The Prime Minister may accept or reject the application of resignation made by the Minister before submission to Druk Gyalpo.
- 13. As per section 14 of the Act, a member of Lhengye Zhungtshog may resign in the manner provided under section 12 of the Act but shall continue to be a Member of National Assembly.

#### Removal of members of the Lhengye Zhungtshog

- 14. As per section 15 of the Act, the members of the Lhengye Zhungtshog shall be removed on the following grounds but not limited to:
  - 1) marries a person who is not a citizen of Bhutan;
  - 2) convicted of any criminal offense and sentenced to imprisonment;
  - 3) is in arrears of taxes or other dues to the Government;
  - 4) holds any office of profit under the Government or public company or public corporation;
  - 5) due to permanent mental disability;
  - 6) commits willful violations of the existing laws of the country



### मवसासुव

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- 7) repeated or serious breach of Oath or Affirmation of Secrecy and Code of Conduct.
- 15. As per section 16 of the Act, the Druk Gyalpo shall appoint Ministers from among the members of the National Assembly, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, or shall remove a Minister on the advice of the Prime Minister.

#### Interim Vacancy

- If a Minister is temporarily absent from the Office, the Prime Minister may act or direct another Minster to act on behalf of the Minister who is absent, including signing of the Lhengye Zhungtshog papers and other official documents until the portfolio Minister returns to duty.
- 17. As per section 18 of the Act, when the position of a member of Lhengye Zhungtshog becomes vacant for any reason before the expiry of the term, the position shall be filled within a period of thirty days from the date of such vacancy. The Chairperson may perform or ask another member to perform the function of such member until a formal appointment for replacement is made.



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## **CHAPTER III: LHENGYE ZHUNGTSHOG SESSION**

#### Session

- The Lhengye Zhungtshog shall meet regularly on a day and time as decided during its first session in the Lhengye Zhungtshog Hall in the Tashichho Dzong.
- 19. The sessions of the Lhengye Zhungtshog shall be held in-camera and shall not be made open to the public with exceptions to special sessions as determined by the Chairperson. According to section 62(2) of the Act, publication of proceedings of the closed door meetings of the Lhengye Zhungtshog, without the permission of Chairperson is an offence and will be charged for breach of privileges in which an accused is liable to a maximum fine of five years minimum wage rate.
- As per section 33 of the Act, the proceedings of the Lhengye Zhungtshog shall be conducted in Dzongkha.
- The sessions of the Lhengye Zhungtshog shall be conducted as per the procedure prescribed under Annexure II

#### Types of session

- 22. Plenary Session: The Lhengye Zhungtshog may convene a plenary session upon approval of the Chairperson to familiarize and detail out the submission of any proposal before deliberating in the Lhengye Zhungtshog session. Such a Session may be conducted prior to five working days of the Lhengye Zhungtshog Session.
- Special Session: The Lhengye Zhungtshog may convene a Special Session as and when required upon approval of the Chairperson in any days and places.
- Adjournment: The Session may adjourn whenever the Chairperson finds necessary.

#### Chairperson of the session

25. As per section 24 of the Act, the Prime Minister shall preside over the sessions of the Lhengye Zhungtshog. In the absence of the Prime Minister, the next member of the Lhengye Zhungtshog as decided by the Prime Minister shall preside over the session.



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#### Attendance of the session

A member shall attend sessions unless the Chairperson has granted approval of absence.

#### Conflict of Interest

- 27. As per section 28 of the Act, a member of the Lhengye Zhungtshog shall ensure that no conflict of interest arises, or appears to arise between his or her official duties and his or her private interest, financial or otherwise. A conflict of interest may exist when a member of the Lhengye Zhungtshog is influenced or appears to be influenced by private interests.
- 28. As per section 29 of the Act, a member shall declare conflict of interest in any deliberations on the agenda and the Chairperson may accordingly excuse participation of that Minister from the deliberation on that agenda.
- 29. As per section 30 of the Act, if a member of the Lhengye Zhungtshog fails to declare conflict of interest under section 29 of the Act, the Prime Minister shall remove that Minister from attending a session.

#### Quorum

- 30. As per section 25 of the Act, the presence of not less than two thirds of the total number of members of the Lhengye Zhungtshog shall be required to constitute a quorum.
- 31. As per section 27 of the Act, for the purpose of quorum, the Chairperson may allow members of the Lhengye Zhungthsog to participate in session through use of secure video conferencing technology.

#### Agenda for the Session

 As per section 31 of the Act, the Ministry or Agency shall submit the agenda in accordance to format prescribed under Annexure III.



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- 33. The agenda to be submitted by the Ministries and Government Agencies and shall be signed by the Ministers on the Cabinet Note and forwarding letter signed by the Head of the Agencies/Ministries respectively. This requirement may not apply if responsibility for the matter has been transferred to another member on the ground of conflict of interest.
- 34. Agenda having impact on another Ministry or Agency shall be consulted before submitting to the Lhengye Zhungtshog and stakeholder's views should be submitted in writing.
- 35. A Ministry or Agency shall submit the policies for approval to the Lhengye Zhungtshog in accordance with the Protocol for Policy Formulation prescribed by the Cabinet Secretariat.
- The Secretariat shall compile the agenda for the session.
- The Cabinet Secretary shall apprise and seek approval of the Chairperson for inclusion of proposals from Ministries or Agencies for agenda submission.
- 38. The criteria for the Cabinet Note shall be as follows:
  - 1) CONFIDENTIAL security grading is required to mention.
  - Keep the length of the Cabinet Note to no more than 5 pages. The Note should only include the necessary information to support Cabinet's decision-making.
  - 3) language should be simple, clear and precisely used.
  - 4) supplementary information documents shall be attached in the Annexes.

### Agenda for Consideration

- 39. Matters which may be submitted to the session for consideration shall include:
  - draft policies, plans and programs scrutinized by the Cabinet Secretariat including proposals on revision of policies, plans and programs;
  - proposals to draft new Bills, amend and repeal the existing laws as per Legislative Impact Assessment Rules of Procedure;





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- an issue that requires urgent direction or course of action by two or more Agencies;
- a subject where an action of one Ministry or Agency may have impact on another Ministry or Agency;
- an issue which is not empowered or delegated to any of the Ministry or Agency by law;
- 6) proposals that affect the government's financial position, or important financial commitments;
- reports of a substantive nature relating to governments policy or government agencies;
- 8) involves large financial implication which is not agreed by the Ministry of Finance;
- 9) politically sensitive issues or issues of national security; or
- any other matter that the Chairperson deems appropriate to discuss in the Session.

#### **Urgent Submission of Agenda**

- 40. The agenda requiring urgent matter shall be considered if it concerns any of the following:
  - in the interest of sovereignty, security, unity and integrity of Bhutan/natural calamities and such other national crises.
  - 2) in the interests of friendly relations with foreign States.

### **Legislative Policies**

41. The procedure for submitting legislative proposals shall be in accordance with the Legislative Impact Assessment 2020.

#### Consultation

42. All Ministries or Agencies shall consult relevant ministries or agencies before submitting papers that deal with significant or potentially controversial matters, or that affect other ministry's interests.



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#### Timeline for submission of agenda items

- The Ministry or Agency shall submit a proposal to the Cabinet Secretariat at least one week prior to the Session.
- 44. If the Ministries and Agencies fail to submit agenda prior to one week of the Session, the Cabinet Secretary upon approval by the Prime Minister shall defer such agenda for next session and the office shall communicate reasons for rejections or deferment to the related Ministries and Agencies.
- 45. The Cabinet Secretariat shall circulate the agenda and all supporting documents to the members latest by two days before the session.
- If a member concerned is absent on the day of Session, such agenda may be deferred.
- An agenda may be withdrawn or deferred only upon the approval of the Chairperson.

#### **Number of Copies**

48. The sponsoring ministries and agencies shall submit two numbers of printed copies and an electronic copy of the note to the Secretariat.

#### Clarification of any issue

- 49. The Lhengye Zhungtshog may require any person to present or clarify on issues deliberated in the session. Invitee who attend the Lhengye Zhungtshog session shall conduct in a manner provided in Annexure IV.
- 50. If the Lhengye Zhungtshog desires that further information is needed on any issue, they may direct the C4CS, ministries and agencies concerned, and if necessary, to form an appropriate committee and submit the report.

#### Record of the Session

The Cabinet Secretariat shall circulate the draft minutes of the session to the member within three working days after each session.



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- 52. The minutes will be deemed approved if no comments are received from the members within two days after circulating the draft minutes.
- The endorsed minutes shall be maintained both in hard and soft copies consistently.

#### Decision of the Lhengye Zhungtshog

- 54. Members are expected to give support to decisions of the Government. If Lhengye Zhungtshog is not able to arrive at a consensus, members shall take decisions through show of hands. Decision shall be determined by majority of votes of members present and voting. However, the Chairperson may overrule the decision.
- 55. In case of equal votes on any matter of the decision of the session, the Chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.
- 56. The minutes recorded are the collective conclusions of the Lhengye Zhungtshog session and are binding on the members even if the members did not attend the session.
- 57. In accordance with section 62(2) of the Act, a member shall not make publication of proceedings of the closed door meetings of the Lhengye Zhungtshog, without the permission of the Chairperson.
- 58. Unless specifically directed by the Chairperson, after finalization of the decisions of the Lhengye Zhungtshog, the Cabinet Secretariat shall inform such decisions of cabinet directives in writing to ministries and relevant agencies within a week.
- 59. The Cabinet directives are issued on the minutes recorded on the agenda submitted to the Lhengye Zhungtshog and not on any other matter.
- 60. The ministries and agencies shall duly adhere and must ensure timely implementation of the directives issued by the Lhengye Zhungtshog.
- 61. The decisions of the Lhengye Zhungtshog may be released to the media by the Media Services of the Cabinet as deemed appropriate by the Chairperson.



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## Security and archival of Lhengye Zhungtshog Documents

- 62. As per section 37 of the Act, all important documents including agenda, papers and minutes of sessions, both in draft and final form of the Lhengye Zhungtshog shall be treated confidential and stored securely.
- 63. Only Lhengye Zhungtshog members and authorized officials of Cabinet Secretariat shall be given access to Lhengye Zhungtshog documents. The contents of documents should not be discussed in public places.
- 64. All classified documents of the Lhengye Zhungtshog shall be archived in a place designated by the Secretariat and only authorized officials of the Secretariat shall have access to the archive.
- 65. Hard copies of Lhengye Zhungtshog documents must be stored in locked cabinets when not in use. Ministers and public servants should avoid removing hard copies of Lhengye Zhungtshog documents from government premises wherever possible.
- 66. Wherever possible, electronic versions of Lhengye Zhungtshog documents shall be distributed only to Ministerial email accounts. Distribution to personal email accounts shall be avoided.
- 67. As per section 38 of the Act, every record of the Lhengye Zhungtshog sessions shall be the property of the government.
- 68. As per section 39 of the Act, a member of the Lhengye Zhungtshog shall return all official documents to the Cabinet Secretariat on relinquishing the office.



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## CHAPTER IV: POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LHENGYE ZHUNGTSHOG MEMBERS

- 69. The Executive Powers shall be vested in the Lhengye Zhungtshog as provided under Article 20 (2) of the Constitution.
- 70. As per section 20 of the Act, the Lhengye Zhungtshog shall:
  - protect and strengthen the sovereignty of the kingdom, provide good governance, ensure peace, security, wellbeing and happiness of the people;
  - (2) aid and advise the Druk Gyalpo as prescribed in Article 20(3) of the Constitution.
  - (3) assess the state of affairs arising from developments in the State and society and from events at home and abroad;
  - (4) define goals of State action and determine the resources required to achieve them;
  - (5) plan and coordinate Government policies and ensure their implementation;
  - represent the kingdom at home and abroad; Review and endorse plans and policies;
  - (7) promote an efficient civil administration based on the democratic values and principles enshrined in the Constitution;
  - (8) collectively responsible to the Druk Gyalpo and to Parliament;
  - (9) Not issue any executive order, circular, rule or notification which is inconsistent with or shall have the effect of modifying, varying or superseding any provision of a law made by Parliament or a law in force;
  - (10) institute, oversee or dissolve the Committee of Secretaries, including the approval of the approved Rules of Procedures or Guidelines thereof;
  - (11) comply with the Protocol for Policy Formulation adopted by the Government and ensure policy implementation through regular monitoring;
  - (12) submit consultation for the Prime Minister to nominate officials in the regional and international offices;



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- (13) prescribe procedures for nomination under sub section 12 of this rule; and
- (14) exercise any other powers, functions or discharge responsibilities as may be provided under the law in force;
- (15) approve Government Bill and direct appropriate authority to draft such Bill as per Legislative Impact Assessment Rules of Procedure.
- 71. As per Article 20(2) of the Constitution, the Lhengye Zhungtshog may propose creation or reduction of any Ministry to Parliament and shall ensure that the ministry is not created for the purpose only of appointing Ministers.
- 72. As per Article 10(10) of the Constitution, the Prime Minister shall present an Annual Report on the state of the nation, including legislatives plans and priorities of the Government, to the Druk Gyalpo and to a joint sitting of Parliament. For this purpose of formulation of report, the Ministers shall assist the Prime Minister.



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## CHAPTER V: CODE OF CONDUCT OF THE LHENGYE ZHUNGTSHOG MEMBERS

#### Loyalty and dedication

- 73. As per section 46 of the Act, a member of the Lhengye Zhungtshog shall not act in ways that are detrimental to Bhutan's sovereignty, territorial integrity and security, and be true and loyal to the Institution of Monarchy and Tsa-Wa-Sum.
- 74. As per section 47 of the Act, a member of the Lhengye Zhungtshog shall place the highest importance to serving the Tsa-Wa- Sum with utmost loyalty and dedication, and fulfill his or her responsibilities by following the highest moral principles.
- 75. As per section 48 of the Act, a member of the Lhengye Zhungtshog shall uphold and promote core Bhutanese values and essential elements of Driglam-Nam-Zha, Tha-Damtsi and Ley-Jumdrey.

#### Leadership

76. As per section 49 of the Act, a member of the Lhengye Zhungtshog shall display high moral values and conduct himself or herself at all times in a manner that befits his or her dignity and position. A member of Lhengye Zhungtshog shall abide by the existing laws, and adhere to the code of conduct prescribed in the Act.

#### Integrity

77. As per section 50 of the Act, a member of the Lhengye Zhungtshog shall not be influenced in any manner whatsoever by any person in the discharge of his or her official duties on the grounds of personal affinity or obligations;

#### Transparency

78. As per section 51 of the Act, the decisions and actions of every member of the Lhengye Zhungtshog shall be made transparent except for the matters related to National security.



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- नदःस्त्रीयात्वराष्ट्रसान्तवार्या चःर्साद्धयान्तराम् स्वरामुकानात्वराष्ट्रसान्तराम् । यद्भावर्षः वर्षःस्वराम् स्वरामुकाः स्वरामुकाः स्वरामुकाः स्वराम् स्वराम् स्वराम् स्वरामुकाः स्वराम् स्वराम स्वराम् स्वराम स्व

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## माडिमाञ्चीपा

#### र्ट्याम्बर्धा



### Confidentiality

79. As per section 52 of the Act, a member of the Lhengye Zhungtshog shall maintain confidentiality of decisions and shall not disclose the internal process through which a decision has been reached.

#### Other obligations

- 80. As per section 53 of the Act, a member of the Lhengye Zhungtshog shall respect the apolitical nature of public servants.
- As per section 54 of the Act, a member of the Lhengye Zhungtshog shall not maintain or operate bank accounts in any country outside Bhutan.

### Decorum of Lhengye Zhungtshog Members

82. As per section 55 of the Act, a member of the Lhengye Zhungsthog shall follow Lhengye Zhungtshog session decorum as prescribed below:

#### A member shall:

- (1) at all times conduct in a courteous and respectful manner and shall respect the authority of the Chairperson. In particular, a member shall not interrupt when the Chairperson is speaking.
- (2) wear national dress with Tshoglam, Kabney and Patang/Gyentag in the sessions.
- (3) forbid to mock, use profane or offensive expressions in the session.
- (4) forbid reading any book, newspaper or other documents and use electronic devices except in connection with the session.
- (5) forbid to engage in conversation when others speak.
- (6) bow as a gesture of respect while entering or leaving the session Hall.
- (7) maintain decorum and dignity of the session and shall desist from acts of defamation and use of physical force.
- (8) forbid to use information which is not in the public domain and information obtained in confidence in the course of the duty to further the member's private interests or those of his or her family, or to further another person's private interests.



### 미씨도되

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# CHAPTER VI: PROCEDURE FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE LHENGYE ZHUNGTSHOG

83. As per Chapter 7 of the Act, the Lhengye Zhungtshog shall be dissolved on the following ground:

### Completion of term:

84. The Lhengye Zhuntshog shall be dissolved following the completion of the five year term of the National Assembly in accordance with Article 10(24) of the Constitution. The Lhengye Zhungtshog shall constitute office until the appointment of interim government in accordance with Article 19(3) of the Constitution. However, the Lhengye Zhungtshog during that period shall not be entitled to take any policy decisions or enter into any agreement with foreign governments or organizations.

### Premature dissolution:

85. The premature dissolution of the National Assembly may take place on the recommendation of the Prime Minister to the Druk Gyalpo.

#### Vote of No confidence:

86. If a vote of no confidence against the Government is passed by not less than two-thirds of the total number of members of the National Assembly, the Druk Gyalpo shall dismiss the Government in accordance with Article 17(7) of the Constitution.

### Procedure for dissolution of Lhengye Zhungtshog

87. The procedure for dissolution of the Lhengye Zhuntshog shall be as per the procedure provided in Annexure VII.



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### **CHAPTER VII: PROCEDURE FOR THE TRAVEL OF MINISTERS**

#### In-Country Travel

- 88. A Minister shall obtain travel approval from the Prime Minister through the Cabinet Secretary in a prescribed form provided under Annexure V.
- 89. A Minister may also be sent on missions by the Prime Minister to carry out specific assignments in any other capacity, to represent the Prime Minister.
- 90. When seeking clearance or in circumstances where travel has to be undertaken on immediate basis, a minister shall inform the Cabinet Secretary and the Prime Minister and submit a detailed itinerary along with travel approval form to the Prime Minister.
- 91. The Cabinet Secretariat shall maintain the record of Prime Minister and Ministers' weekly travel itineraries.
- 92. A Minister wishing to undertake travel during Parliament session shall seek prior approval from the Prime Minister and the Speaker.

#### Overseas Travel

- 93. A Minister shall obtain travel approval from the Prime Minister in a prescribed form provided in Annexure V, upon obtaining political clearance from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade.
- 94. On the approval of Chairperson, ministerial overseas travel shall be for any of the following purposes:
  - 1) to attend specific conferences, meetings, and events;
  - to familiarize with specific issues;
  - 3) to meet international obligations; and
  - to respond to invitations extended by counterparts
- 95. A Minister may also be sent on missions by the Prime Minister to carry out specific assignments, including special envoys or in any other capacity, or to represent the Prime Minister.
- 96. If the Prime Minister/Minister is on overseas travel the Prime Minister shall assign a Minister incharge to undertake his/her roles and responsibility of the Ministry concerned. The Minister Incharge shall also represent the Ministry in the LZ.



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- 97. The Prime Minister may take into account the number of Ministers overseas when considering proposals for travel by Ministers. Generally not more than three Ministers overseas are to be absent from the country on any of the one official business except as otherwise decided by the Prime Minister.
- In preparing the overseas travel, a Minister shall contact the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade for necessary briefing and arrangements.
- A Minister may be accompanied by officials from their own office or officials from relevant ministries during travel.
- 100. A Minister shall submit a report to the Lhengye Zhungtshog within two weeks upon their return as per the format under Annexure VI.

### Ministerial Participation in official events or functions

101. A maximum of three Ministers shall attend an official event or function at one time based on the relevance unless otherwise decided by the Prime Minister. The Cabinet Secretary shall determine as to which Ministers should attend such an event or function.

### Leave approval

102. A Minister shall seek leave approval from the Prime Minister in a prescribed form provided under Annexure VIII

### Criteria for availing leave

103. The criteria for availing leave of the minister shall be at parity with the Members of Parliament.





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### **CHAPTER VIII: CABINET SECRETARIAT**

- 104. As per section 65 and 66 of the Act, there shall be the Cabinet Secretariat staffed by the civil servants and headed by the Cabinet Secretary who shall be appointed by the Druk Gyalpo by warrant under his hand and seal on the recommendation of the Prime Minister in accordance with Article 2.19(m) of the Constitution.
- 105. As per section 67 of the Act, the appointment, terms and conditions of service of the staff of the Secretariat shall be in accordance with the Civil Service Act of Bhutan for the effective discharge of responsibilities for the Lhengye Zhungtshog.
- 106. As per section 69 of the Act, the Office of Prime Minister shall be adequately staffed with specialized professionals.
- 107. As per section 71 of the Act, in the event, certain specialized professionals are not available within the civil service, such professionals may be recruited on contract as per the Civil Service Act of Bhutan.
- 108. As per section 73 of the Act, the Cabinet Secretariat shall aid and assist the Lhengye Zhungtshog in the discharge of its duties and responsibilities.
- 109. The Cabinet Secretary, Director and officials of the Cabinet Affairs Division and Legal Services shall attend the Lhengye Zhungtshog or Interim Government meetings to provide the professional and secretarial services.
- 110. As per section 75 of the Act, The secretariat shall:
  - (1) provide organization, information, legal , other expert and analysis and logistic support to the operation of the Lhengye Zhubgtshog.
  - (2) provide sound policy advice to the Prime Minister and Lhengye Zhungtshog.
  - (3) be the custodian of all documents of the Lhengye Zhungtshog and Interim Goverbnent and shall ensure strict confidentiality and safekeeping;





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- (4) coordinate and ensure timely and smooth implementation of the Lhengye Zhungtshog decisions and directives by various Ministries and Agencies;
- (5) be responsible for arranging the Lhengye Zhungtshog's business; submit the agenda for discussion by the Lhengye Zhungtshog; maintain safekeeping of the records of decisions and proceedings of teh Lhengye Zhungtshog sessions; convey the Lhengye Zhungtshog's decisions and conduct follow up actions on such decisions' implementation;
- (6) effectively manage transition of Governments and support continuity of governance,;
- (7) develop rules of procedures, guidelines and manuals for the Lhengye Zhungtshog consistent with the Act
- 111. The Cabinet Secretariat shall ensure that proper training and orientation of procedures, guidelines, manuals, discipline and decorum are sensitized to each new Member of the Lhengye Zhungtshog.
- 112. For the specific purposes of the Lhengye Zhungtshog, the Prime Minister may direct the relevant Minister to form commissions, committees, or authorities.





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### **CHAPTER IX: MISCELLANEOUS**

#### Amendment

113. The Lhengye Zhungtshog may amend these Rules of Procedure from time to time.
Interpretation

114. The Chairperson shall have the powers to interpret these Rules and his/her decisions shall be final.

### **Authoritative Text**

115. In any instance of difference in meaning between the Dzongkha and the English texts of this Act, the Dzongkha text shall be regarded as the authoritative text.



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### Annexure I: Inaugural Session

- Inaugural session shall be preceded with Goem-Tongtshog Sungchoe, to be performed in the Dukhang at Tashichhodzong by Zhung Dratshang.
- The Prime Minister and the Cabinet Ministers shall proceed to Goenkhang/ Kuenray to offer prayers and Nyendhar.
- The Members shall proceed to Lhengye Zhungtshog Hall for Oath/Affirmation of Secrecy for the Prime Minister, Speaker, Ministers and Deputy Speaker, administered by the Chief Justice.
- 4. Procedure For Oath of Affirmation or Secrecy in the Lhengye Zhungtshog Hall:
  - The Prime Minister, Speaker, Ministers and Deputy Speaker take their seats in the Lhengye Zhungtshog Hall;
  - One of the Venerable Lopens and the Chief Justice enter the Lhengye Zhungtshog Hall and take their seats;
  - Cabinet Secretary announces the names of the Prime Minister, Speaker, Ministers and Deputy Speaker for the administration of Oath of Secrecy/Affirmation of Office;
  - 4.4. The Chief Justice administers the Oath of Secrecy to the Prime Minister, Speaker, Ministers and Deputy Speaker;
  - 4.5. The Prime Minister, Speaker, Ministers and Deputy Speaker (as per order of sitting) sign the Oath/Affirmation document and receive Bumpai Thrue Chhu from the Ven. Lopen;
  - 4.6. Soelja Dresi begins;
  - 4.7. The Chief Justice, Speaker and Deputy Speaker leave the Lhengye Zhungtshog Hall escorted by the Cabinet Secretary.

Note: [The government secretaries shall receive the Prime Ministers and the Cabinet Ministers at the Entrance of the LZ hall and escort them to the LZ hall, and take part in the Inaugural Session]

- The same Ven. Lopen of the Zhung Dratshang shall preside over the Tendrel ceremony for the inauguration of the new Lhengye Zhungtshog followed by Zhugdrel Phuensum Tshogpa ceremony in the Lhengye Zhungtshog Hall.
- 6. Welcome statement by the Cabinet Secretary.
- The presentation of the RoP of the Lhengye Zhungtshog to the members by Cabinet Secretary.
- The Prime Minister's opening statement.
- Recitation of Zhabten of His Majesty the King by the members.
- 10. Press release if any.



# Annexure II: Procedure For The Conduct of the Lhengye Zhungtshog Session

- 1. The Chairman reads the agenda for adoption.
- 2. Adoption of the agenda with incorporation of additional agenda, if any
- 3. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- 4. Declaration of Conflict of interest
- 5. The Minister in-charge shall stand and present the agenda.
- 6. Deliberation on the agenda.
- 7. The Chairperson conveys the decision on the agenda.
- 8. Proceeds to the next agenda.
- 9. Chairperson opens the floor to make a submission under "Any Other Matter".

### Annexure III: Format for Submission of Proposal to the Lhengye Zhungtshog

The following are the requirements to be filled by the Ministries/Agencies for the agenda submission (Font: Times New Roman size 12 text, with numbered paragraphs, bold headings, and page numbers.)

1. **Title:** In a sentence or two, clearly outline the purpose of the paper. Use bullet points if seeking decisions on multiple matters.

### 2. Relation to government priorities

In a brief paragraph explain whether, and if so how, the proposal relates to the government's overall stated priorities. Some papers will not stem from a specific government priority. If so, reconsider if this requires the Cabinet's approval, given that Cabinet should be preoccupied with the Country's long-term planning and major policy decisions.

### 3. Background

(A brief background of the proposal to understand its genesis. This would include consideration of the matter earlier by Cabinet and other bodies).

Reference any relevant Cabinet decisions that have been taken, including the date the decision was taken, and the reference number from the Cabinet. Other background information can also be included if it will provide useful context for the Cabinet to understand why it is being asked to take these decisions. Research questions may be taken into account (what is the issue? Why did the issue emerge? How did the issue emerge? When did the issue arise?)

### 4. Executive Summary



The executive summary should be only a few paragraphs which highlight the key decisions sought in the paper. Use the following basic outline:

(The proposal must be stated with clarity and precision so that there is no ambiguity in what the Ministry or Agency aims to achieve by implementing the proposal. The time-lines for completion of different stages of the projects/schemes/plan etc., where relevant, need to be clearly spelt out. The Executive Summary must express succinctly the proposal of the sponsoring Ministry/Agency and its conclusive recommendations.)

### 5. Analysis

It should include enough detail that the information and argument supports analysis of the options and recommendations. Use this section to achieve the following:

- 5.1. Explain the issue
- 5.2. Outline main considerations
- 5.3. Discuss possible options
- 5.4. Explain any risks and suggest mitigation strategies
- 5.5. Set out the recommended course of action
- 5.6. Envisaged impact as a result of this policy change/implementation. Include outcome performance indicators.
- 5.7. The analysis should reflect robust policy development and consultation processes, be informed by evidence and insights from diverse perspectives, and be analytically sound.
- 5.8. To ensure the paper is easy to read and understand Ministries and Agencies must do the following.
  - Use subheadings to keep the text focused and tell a clear story
  - Define any acronyms or technical terms the first time you use them
  - Use comparison tables and numbered lists so that information is visually easy to follow and understand;
  - Use diagrams to help explain complex processes

### 6. Implementation

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This section should be included in papers that involve significant proposals or major projects (e.g. new/complex technology or service delivery arrangements). The implementation section should provide a brief overview of what will be done, how it will be done, who will do it, and when it will be done by. Summarize the implementation aspects, such as project timelines, key milestones, the responsible agency or group for each stage, and outline monitoring and evaluation plans.

### 7. MOF's Comments/Financial Implications

The financial implications of the proposal may be worked out as accurately as possible and should be detailed in this section. Further, the manner in which the expenditure is proposed to be borne may also be clearly indicated. If there are no financial implications, then state clearly that "There are no financial implications". Outline the costs and how they will be funded. Recommendations on expenditure or revenue, or that have financial, fiscal or economic implications, must include this section, and have been referred to MOF. Agencies must secure MOF's comments cleared by the Finance Secretary and the Finance Minister, before the paper can be submitted to Cabinet Secretariat for tabling at a Cabinet Session.

### 8. Legislative Implications

Details of all legal implications as a result of the proposal should be listed. The section must cover the possible impact of the proposed action to the domestic, international laws and existing policies, rules, regulations, guidelines, notification and circulars. Rationale and way forward solutions should be provided. The proponent must also clearly state whether OAG's Vetting is required or not.

### 9. Stakeholders Consultation

Cabinet papers should be well-consulted across relevant Ministries and Agencies. It may be appropriate to also consult with the interest groups, and other groups who are likely to be directly impacted by the proposal (e.g. local government, non-governmental organisations).

List the parties that were consulted. If a Ministry/Agency has raised concerns about the proposal and/or does not agree with the decisions sought in the paper, then include a statement of its views/comments. (Stakeholder mapping may used to explore the affected parties)

#### 10. Approval paragraph



The approval paragraph contains the proposal on which consideration and approval of the Cabinet is solicited. It should be a self contained paragraph and drafted clearly with clarity and precision leaving no scope for ambiguity or differing interpretations.

Mirror the headings used in the analysis section of the paper to group the recommendations for approval and make it easier for decision-makers to refer back to advice.

Each recommendation for approval must be supported by the information in the paper. DO NOT introduce new material in this section.

#### 11. Annex

Other information can be attached to Cabinet papers if it is useful but not essential to help Ministers understand proposals.

Annexes must be first referred to in the main paper, and clearly and coherently titled and labeled. The references to these Annexes in the main paper must sync with actual annexes.

(The note should not be more than five pages and details to the note may be relegated in the annex. The note must be duly signed and submitted along with a forwarding letter.)



# Annexure IV: Code of Conduct for the Invitees to the Lhengye Zhungtshog Hall, Tashichodzong.

- If the Chairperson has granted permission to invitee(s) to attend the Lhengye Zhungtshog meeting, the secretariat shall inform the time and place of the session.
- The secretariat shall brief the invitee(s) on the code of conduct before the session.
- The invitee(s) shall attend the session in national dress with kabney and rachu.
- 4. On the scheduled session, the invitee(s) shall arrive at least fifteen minutes prior to the commencement of the session.
- 5. The invitee(s) shall enter the Lhengye Zhungtshog Hall upon request of officials of the Secretariat.
- Upon entrance or exit of the session hall, the invitee(s) shall take their seat on the instruction of the Chairperson.
- Upon grant of permission by the Chairperson, the team leader shall introduce other members of the group and make a presentation in Dzongkha.
- The presentation shall be precise and brief and clearly highlight the issue on which the approval of the Lhengye Zhungtshog is sought.
- The invitee(s) shall be courteous and respectful during the presentation and shall not address the Minister by name. A Minister shall be addressed with the portfolio with which he or she is assigned.
- 10. If the presenter is not able to provide satisfactory explanation to the queries of the members of the Lhengye Zhungtshog, he or she may seek permission of the Chairperson to permit his or her colleagues to respond.
- The invitee(s) shall not clap, laugh, talk or interrupt the proceedings of the Lhengye Zhungtshog.
- 12. The invitee(s) shall maintain strict confidentiality of the deliberations of the Lhengye Zhungtshog.



# Annexure V: Approval Form for Cabinet Minister's in-country travel and ex-country's travel

Section A: All sections to be filled				
Purpose of Travel:				
Travel Dates:				
Place of Travel/Visit:				
Delegation team comp (specify names of peop	osition: ole accompanying Minister)			
Last travel date, place of	and purpose			
Copy of the itinerary /a	nnotated travel program attached	d - Yes or No		
Section B - To be filled	for ex-country travel only			
Frequency of event: Is it annual, biannual, triannual etc/special event/invitation				
Funding: Specify wheth	ner fully/partially funded or other a	rrangements		
(specify)	nd role: Head of state/Ministerial/H	lead of delegatio	n/any other	
Expected outcome/obj	ectives and benefit of your particip	oation		
Copy of invitation letter	from organizer/host country (for	ex country) - Yes	or No	
Copy of political cleara	nce issued by MoFA: Yes or No			
SUBMISSION BY:				
Date	Ministry o	of	Signature:	
CABINET SECRETARY				
Date received: Remarks		Recom	Recommendation and signature:	
PRIME MINISTER				
Date received:	APPROVED / NOT APPROVED	Signat	ture:	



# Annexure VI: Executive's Travel report Format for Hon. Lyonchen & Cabinet members

1	Travel Purpose:
2	Travel Dates:
3	Ec-Country/In Country (Specify the Dzongkhag/Country):
4	Place Visited (List the name of places/cities/states visited):
5	Action taken:
6	Follow- up required:
7	Total number of delegation and composition of the delegation:



# Annexure VII: Procedure for dissolution of the Lhengye Zhungtshog

- After the dissolution of the National Assembly, the Cabinet Secretary shall
  officially communicate to all the Ministries/Agencies informing that the
  Cabinet will be in office until the appointment of the Interim Government by
  the Druk Gyalpo.
- The Cabinet during that period shall not be entitled to take any policy decisions or enter into any agreement with foreign Government or organizations as per the Article 7 (56) of the Lhengye Zhungtshog Act 2021.
- The Prime Minister shall sign a Government Order relinquishing the office of the Prime Minister and handing over the office with complete inventory of physical assets to the Cabinet Secretary.
- 4. Cabinet Ministers shall conduct Handing-Taking over ceremony in their respective ministries following the Government order pertaining to dissolution of the Lhengye Zhungtshog. Thereafter, the Prime Minister and Ministers shall proceed to Tashichhodzong and assemble in the Lhengye Zhuntshog meeting Hall.
- 5. The Prime Minister shall address the Nation on national TV (address from the Lhengye Zhungtshog Hall)
- 6. Offering of Tashi Moenlam and Gyalpoi Zhabten [To be led by one of the Lopens from the Zhung Dratshang]
- 7. Members change their Namza (symbolic relinquish of their roles as Ministers as per the program considered by the Lhengye Zhungtshog)
- 8. Tashi Gyapai Jaling to be played from the outer waiting room of the Lhengye Zhungtshog hall as the Cabinet Ministers leave the hall.
- 9. Respective agencies shall arrange a formal see-off procession for each Lhengye Zhungtshog member to their residences.
- 10. Members change their Namza (symbolic relinquish of their roles as Ministers as per the program considered by the Lhengye Zhungtshog).
- 11. Respective agencies shall arrange a formal see-off procession for each Lhengye Zhungtshog member to their residences.



### AnnexureVIII: Leave Form

SI. #	Particulars of Information	To be filled up by the proponent
1	Type of leave [Specify if the leave is earned, casual, maternity, paternity, bereavement or medical or others.]	
2	Duration of leave[Date from when to when and total number of days]	
3	Place of travel/visit[Specify name of place if out of station]	
4	Purpose of travel[specify clearly ]	

Submitted by:
Minister for :
Cabinet Secretary's recommendations/remarks:

Approved/Not Approved[By the Prime Minister]

