

YOUNG MENS' CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

The Mall, LAHORE

N.C.C.

— Lahore, 13-1-42.

Dear Mr. Tigga,

As desired, under a separate cover, I am sending you four copies of my book explaining the Draft. I hope this will find you in the best of health. *The explanation Book is also being sent.*

With greetings,

I am,
Yours sincerely,

B. L. Rallia Ram

(B.L. Rallia Ram).

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A G E N D A

Ministerium File

For the meeting of the Ministerium of the G. E. L. Church to be held on the 24th January, 1941 in the morning.

- I. Prayer.
- II. Present.
- III. Minutes.
- IV. Business from Minutes.

- 1. Dand Byawastha ka Sudhar.
- 2. Pension and Provident Fund.
- 3. Minutes.
- 4. Office Reports - Office chijen office men rahen.

Ranchi.
The 23rd January, 1941.

Sd/- J.J.P.Tiga.
Secretary.

Ministerium file

A G E N D A

For the Joint meeting of the Ministerium and the Church Council to be held on the 24th January, 1941 in the evening and on the 25th January, 1941 in the morning.

- I. Prayer.
- II. Present.
- III. Minutes.
- IV. Business from Minutes.

1. Chiddi Case.
2. Mahasabha sambandhi baten.
3. Candidate S. Surin ka Imtihan.
4. Babu Anandmasih Topno aur Babu Daud Soy ka Imtihan.

Ranchi.
The 23rd January, 1941.

Sd/- J.J.P.Tiga.
Secretary.

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Rev. J. Lakra,
Ranchi.

Dear Mr. Lakra,

I ordered for " An Explanatory Statement on a Draft Indian Christian Marriage Bill " By Mr. B.L. Ballia Ram and I have got it now. I am sending the same to you for a study and presentation of the relevant matters at the meeting of our sub-Cee. at your convenience.

Yours Sincerely,

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ERRATUM.

The 6th December 1941.

No. 7577—VIE-48/41-R.—In the 6th line of notification no. 5779—VIE-48-R., dated the 29th October 1941, published at page 769, part II of the *Bihar Gazette*, dated the 5th November 1941, read "Paulus" for "Paulas" and "Solemnize" for "Solmenize".

By order of the Governor of Bihar,

R. A. E. WILLIAMS,

Secretary to Government.

No. 32/42

Copy forwarded to the Rev. Paulus Beek
for information.

J. M. G. 6/1/42
Secretary

G. E. L. CHURCH.
CH. NAGPUR & ASSAM.

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Enclosure

The 2nd December 1947

No. 1217-VIE-AS-41-B-1 in the 6th
line of paragraph no. 417-418-11.
dated the 20th October 1947. published as
page 100, part II of the 6th edition
dated the 20th November 1947 and
in the "Papers" and "Circulars"
of the Government.

By order of the Secretary of State

R. A. T. WILLIAMS

Secretary to Government

Secretary
G. E. L. CHURCH
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Memo. No. 11705 J.
Dated, Ranchi, the 23rd December, 1941.

Copy, with 3 spare copies of the printed erratum forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner of Ranchi in continuation of this office memo. no. 10544 J, dated the 18th November, ¹⁹⁴¹ for information and for favour of communication to Rev. Paulus Beck.

Sd/- Q. Huda.,
For Commissioner of Chotanagpur
22-12-41.

Memo. No. 98142

Dated, Ranchi, the ^{January} 2nd December, 1942.

Copy forwarded to the Secy., G.E.I. Church, Ranchi for in continuation of this office memo. no. 8876J dated the 21st November, 1941 for information and communication to Rev. Paulus Beck.

Sd/-
Deputy Magistrate, Ranchi.

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For Ch. VIII.

Sidowanti Tabia Sundega
To Benyanti Kupin
Seremang.

No. 162/41

A copy of The Marriage
Draft Bill to Mr.
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Memo No. 10544 J

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Dated Ranchi the 18th. November, 1941.

Copy with 3 spare copies of the printed notification forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner of Ranchi in continuation of this office memo no. 10112 J dated the 4th. November, 1941 for information and for favour of communication to Rev. Paulus Beck.

Sd. Q. Huda

For Commissioner.

Memo No. 8876J

Dated Ranchi the 21st November, 1941

Copy with one printed copy of the notification forwarded to the Secretary G.E.L. Church Ranchi for information in continuation of this office Memo No. 8491 J. dated 7.11.41 for communication to Rev. Paulus Beck.

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Deputy Magistrate, Ranchi.

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The 29th October 1941.

No. 5779—VIE-48-R.—In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (Act XV of 1872), the Governor of Bihar is pleased to authorise the Reverend Paulas Beck to solmenize marriage between persons, one or both of whom is a Christian or are Christians and to grant certificates of marriages between persons who are native Christians, within the territories under the administration of the Government of Bihar.

By order of the Governor of Bihar,

R. A. E. WILLIAMS,

Secretary to Government.

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ALL-INDIA COUNCIL OF INDIAN CHRISTIANS.

To
The Members of the All-India Council of Indian Christians.

Dear Friends,

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the All-India Council of Indian Christians, the question of raising an Organization Fund was again mooted. This subject had been discussed at the Madras Session of the All-India Conference, when the fund was started. Dr. H.C. Mookerji gave a cheque of Rs. 100/-/- and other promises were made. Neither were the promises redeemed nor was any further action taken.

In view of the importance and significance of the immediate future for the welfare of our community, it was considered necessary by the Committee to undertake to raise this fund as early as possible.

At the suggestion of the Honorary Treasurer, who himself announced a contribution of Rs. 51/-/- for this fund, the Committee passed a resolution that it is necessary that the assistance of every member of the Council should be enlisted for this purpose.

As one of the concrete measures to fulfill this desire, it was resolved to request every member of the Council to contribute himself, or to raise from others, a sum not less than Rs. 10/-/- towards this fund. If each member could approach a wealthy and well-to-do member of our community for a large donation, we could raise a substantial amount within a short time.

On behalf of the All-India Council, therefore, we are writing this letter to urge upon you to do your duty in this regard and take immediate steps to raise money for this purpose.

We shall be most grateful to hear from you as to what steps you are taking.

The money thus collected will be kept in a separate fund, the account of which is already opened in a Bank in Lahore, and no part of it will be spent without the previous permission of the Executive Committee, and then only for specific purposes in cases of real need.

Commanding this matter to your very early attention,

G.A. Simeon
(G.A. Simeon),
Hony. Treasurer.

H.C. Mookerji
(H.C. Mookerji),
Organizing General Secretary.

We are,
Yours sincerely,
B.L. Rallia Ram
(B.L. Rallia Ram),
General Secretary.

Note:-

The money may be sent to the Honorary General Secretary, care of Y.M.C.A., The Mall, Lahore.

Rev. J. Latona

Mrs. V. M. Mosley

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ALL-INDIA COUNCIL OF INDIAN CHRISTIANS.

Lahore, 28th Nov. '41.

To
The Members of the
All-India Council of Indian Christians.

Dear Friends,

Since all the persons elected to fill the vacancy in the All-India Council of Indian Christians have not accepted the nomination, I am writing to suggest that Mrs. Violet Alva, M.A., LL.B., of Bombay be co-opted.

She is a member of the Church of England, though her husband is a Roman Catholic.

If I do not hear from you to the contrary, within 15 days of the despatch of this letter, I shall presume that your vote is in the affirmative.

Yours sincerely,

B. L. Rallia Ram

(B.L. Rallia Ram),
General Secretary,

All-India Council of Indian Christians.

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The undermentioned document is forwarded to the Rev. J. Stosch, President, Rev. J. Lakra, Mr. Th. Surin and the Rev. J. J. P. Tiga for information and guidance.

J. J. P. Tiga
Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.

Extract from the Minutes of the C. C. Executive meeting held on the 26th November, 1941.

Item No. 18.

" Revision of the Marriage Act : B. C. C.'s request to Churches :-

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Rev. J. Lakra shall be the Convener."

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**The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Chotanagpur & Assam.**

Mission Estd. 1845—Autonomous 1919
Registered under Societies Registration Act XXI of
1860 on July 30, 1921.

Officers and members of the Executive.

1. *President*: Rev. J. Stosch, Lic. Theol.
2. *Secretary*: Rev. J. J. P. Tiga, B. D.
3. *Treasurer*: Mr. N. Soy,
4. Mr. Th. Surin, B. A., B. L.
5. Rev. L. Jojowar,

Other members of the Church Council.


6. Rev. S. Bage,
7. Rev. W. Radsick,
8. Rev. L. Topno,
9. Rev. S. Kula,
10. Mr. C. D. Ekka.
11. Mr. P. Soy.
12. „ D. Tirkey,
13. „ P. S. Vengra B. A.

G. E. L. COMPOUND.
RANCHI. (BIHAR) INDIA.

No. 2733-36/41/F- 31.

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To

1. The Presidents and Secretaries of the Affiliated Associations,
2. The members of the All-India Conference of Indian Christians.

Dear Friends,

I am addressing you this letter on the subject of the Indian Christian Marriage Bill. In the preparation of this Bill, the All-India Conference of Indian Christians have taken its full share from the very beginning. At the Nagpur Session, a general approval was given to the Bill as presented. At the Lucknow Session, however, instructions were given that a full statement should be prepared and circulated explaining the principles on which the Bill is based, with particular reference to Section 4 and 5 of the Bill.

In view of the misunderstandings and the criticisms, certain important amendments have been made particularly to Section 5, which it is hoped will go a long way to remove the misapprehension from the mind of everybody concerned.

While we have to safeguard our community, in every way possible, we have to give due place to the position of the State, with reference to its citizens, and I trust that on careful examination you will find that we have maintained a true balance.

I shall be grateful, if you will kindly favour me with your opinion after reading the statement carefully. If your Association have any constructive suggestions to make, I assure you that they will receive the best possible consideration.

There is no disagreement with regard to the principles involved, and there is no reason why we should not find a via media upon which we can all agree.

The Book is sent only to such members of the Council who have paid their dues for the last year or for this year. Others may obtain a copy by sending annas -/8/- in stamps. I am hoping to hear from you within a reasonable time after the receipt of this Book. The Book is also sent to those who have promised to pay.

Yours Sincerely,

B. L. Rallia Ram
(B.L. Rallia Ram),
General Secretary,

All-India Conference of India Christians.

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Government of Bihar,

Revenue Department.

No. 5797 R
VIE- 48.

Patna the 29th October, 1941.

From

R. A. E. Williams, Esqr., I. C. S.,

Secretary to Government.

To,

The Commissioner of the Chota Nagpur Division,

Ranchi.

Subject : Grant of license under sections 6 & 9 of the
Indian Christian Marriage Act to Reverend
Paulus Beck.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 9510 J dated the
13th October 1941, I am directed by the Governor of Bihar to
forward for presentation to the minister of religion named on
the margin, the accompanying licenses under sections 6 & 9 of
the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (Act XV of 1872)
to be valid within the territories under the administration of
the Government of Bihar.

2. The Reverend Paulus Beck is also appointed under
Act VI of 1886 to be Registrar of Births and Deaths.

I have etc.,

Sd/- R. A. E. Williams,

Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 10112 J Dated Ranchi the 4th November 1941.

Copy, with the enclosures, in original forwarded to the
Deputy Commissioner of Ranchi with reference to his letter No.
7820 J dated the 8th October 1941 for information and for
favour of presentation of the licenses to Reverend Paulus
Beck with a copy of the Government letter.

Sd/- Q. Huda,

For Commissioner.

Government of Bihar,
Revenue Department.

Memorandum No. 8491 J Dated Ranchi the 7th November 1941.

Copy with the licenses forwarded to the Secretary,
G. E. L. Church Ranchi with reference to his letter No.
1991/41/F-31 dated 23rd September, 1941 for information and
for favour of presentation of the licenses to Rev. Paulus
Beck.

Sd/- P.N.R.Sahi.

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Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi.

Memorandum No. 2287/41/F-31. Dated Ranchi the 8th Nov., 1941.

Copy with the copies of the licenses forwarded to the
Rev. Paulus Beck, G. E. L. Church, Kinkal for information.

Reverend

Paulus Beck.

[Signature]
Secretary

G. E. L. CHURCH.
CH. NAGPUR & ASSAM.

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To,

The Dewan,
Jashpur State,
P. O. Jashpur.

Subject :- Grant of licenses under Sections
6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act
(XV of 1872) to the Reverend Paulus Beck
stationed at Kinkel, Kinkel P. O. (Ranchi)
for the Feudatory State of Jashpur.

Sir,


I have the honour to request that you will kindly
move the Political Agent to grant marriage licenses under
Sections 6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of
1872) for the Feudatory State of Jashpur to the Reverend
Paulus Beck, as minister of Religion of " The Gossner
Evangelical Lutheran Church".

The said minister may also be appointed under Act
VI of 1886 to function as Registrar of Births and Deaths
within that State.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,


Secretary,

G. E. L. Church.

1991/41/F- 31.

23rd Sept. 1.

To,

The Deputy Commissioner,

R a n c h i.

Subject :- Grant of license under
Section 6 & 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage
Act (XV of 1872) to the Reverend Paulus Beck
for the territories under the administration of
the Government of Bihar.

Sir,

May I have the honour to request that you will kindly
move the Government of Bihar to grant marriage license under
Section 6 & 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872)
for the territories under the administration of the Government of
Bihar to the following newly ordained Reverend gentleman as
Minister of Religion of " The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Chotanagpur and Assam".

Rev. Paulus Beck,
G. E. L. Church, Jatatoly.
P. O. Kinkel, Dist. Ranchi.

I request that the said Minister may kindly be also
appointed under Act VI of 1886 to function as Registrar of Births
and Deaths within the Province.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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Secretary

G. E. L. CHURCH.

CH. NAGPUR & ASSAM.

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Б. О. Кукеръ, дѣл. бухгалт.
С. Е. Г. Смирновъ, завхозъ.
Бел. Благоевскъ.

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The 29th March 1941.

No. 2048—VIE-19/41-R.—In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (Act XV of 1872), the Governor of Bihar is pleased to authorize the Reverend Santosh Surin and the Reverend Luther Jojowar to solemnize marriage between persons, one or both of whom is a Christian or are Christians and to grant certificates of marriages between persons who are native Christians, within the territories under the administration of the Government of Bihar.

By order of the Governor of Bihar,

P. N. MAZUMDAR,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Government of Bihar ,
Revenue Department .

Memo No. 2371 R

Patna the 16th April 1941 .

Copy forwarded to the Commissioner of the Chota Nagpur division for information with reference to his letter No. 2820 J dated the 24th March 1941 .

Sd. J. D. Misra ,

Assistant Secreray to Government .

Memo No. 37321 J

Dated Ranchi the 21st April 1941 .

Copy with 2 spare copies of the printed notification forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner of Ranchi for information in continuation of this office memo No. 3190 J dated the 2nd April 1941 .

Sd. Q. Huda

For Commissioner .

Memo No. 37672

Dated Ranchi the 30th April 1941 .

Copy with one printed copy of the notification forwarded to the Secretary G.E. L. Church , Ranchi for information in continuation of this office memo No. 3195 J dated 7.4.41 .

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W. Singh
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Deputy Magistrate, Ranchi .

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22nd April 1941.

CONFIDENTIAL.

To
The Members of the All-India
Council of Indian Christians

Dear Friends,

This is to report to you that I had a talk with our President Dr. D. S. Ramchandra Rao, in Madras recently. He had hoped to interview Mr. Jinnah, as an engagement had already been made for this purpose. You may have read in the newspapers that a deputation of Indian Christians met him during his visit to Madras.

I am expecting a report from Mr. Ramchandra Rao and will report to you.

The President was of the opinion that we should delay action regarding the Bombay Conference Resolution until the results of his interview with Mr. Jinnah are known.

From the reports that have been published in the press or Mr. Jinnah's speech in Madras, there seems to be very little likelihood of our being able to do anything further at this stage regarding reconciliation between the Congress and the Muslim League.

Meanwhile I am sending you herewith a copy of the Bombay Resolution, and I shall be glad to know immediately if you approve of the Resolution and would desire that the All-India Council of Indian Christians should publicly associate itself with this Resolution.

I shall wait a fortnight for your answer before making any announcement. Meanwhile the report of our President would help us to decide the matter.

Kindly let me have your considered opinion without any delay.

Yours sincerely,

T B L. Rallia Ram
(B L. Rallia Ram),
General Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

"While India dislikes the idea of taking advantage of Britain's difficulties in her heroic struggle, the Conference demands that India's domestic problems should not be pressed to her disadvantage. As a first step towards the removal of the present deadlock and until a permanent constitution is brought into force, the Conference desires to emphasize the immediate need for the reconstruction of the Governor-General's Executive Council.

"The Conference considers that the present Council, which consists of three European members from the Indian Civil Service, and three Indians, of whom two are non-officials and one is a member of the Indian Civil Service, in addition to His Excellency the Viceroy and His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, is neither adequate nor sufficiently representative to organize and direct India's war efforts at this moment of grave peril.

"This Conference is anxious that India's defences should be put on a firm basis and that the resources of this great country in men and ~~resources~~ ^{of this great} material should be used to the fullest advantage not only for defending her own frontiers but for helping the British people to the fullest extent possible consistently with the best interests of India.

"For the reasons mentioned above, this Conference is of the opinion that the whole Executive Council should consist of non-official Indians drawn from important elements in the public life of the country. This would naturally involve the transfer of all portfolios, including the vital ones of Finance and Defence, to Indians, while the Conference is willing during the period of the war that the reconstructed Centre may remain responsible to the Crown; and, so far as Defence is concerned, the position of the Commander-in-Chief as the Executive head of the defence forces of the country may not be in any way prejudiced. At the same time the Conference is strongly of the view that the reconstructed Government should not merely be a collection of departmental heads, but should deal with all important matters of policy on a basis of joint and collective responsibility. In regard to all inter imperial and international matters, the reconstructed Government should be treated on the same footing as the Dominion Governments.

"The Conference is further of the opinion that with a view to create a favourable atmosphere for the working of the reconstructed Central Government, it is necessary to remove the doubts and misgivings of the people of this country as regards the genuineness of the intentions of His Majesty's Government by making a declaration simultaneously with the reconstruction of the Government, that within a specified time limit after the conclusion of the war, India will ~~enjoy~~ the same measure of freedom as will be enjoyed by Britain and the Dominions.

"The Conference authorises its President, the Rt. Hon. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, to communicate the terms of the resolution to His Excellency the Viceroy and the Secretary of State for India and to take such other steps as may be necessary to achieve its objects."

Government of Bihar.

Revenue Department.

No. 2068 R
VI E 19 .

Patna the 30th March 1941.

From

Rai Sahib P. N. Majumdar, B. A.
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To,

The Commissioner of the Chota Nagpur division.
Ranchi.

Subject :- Grant of licenses under section 6 & 9 of the Indian
Christian Marriage Act to Rev. Santosh Surin and
Rev. Luther Jojowar.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 2820 J dated the 24th March
1941, I am directed by the Governor of Bihar to forward for the
presentation to the ministers of religion named on the margin, the

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| ----- | accompanying licenses under sections 6 & 9 |
| 1. Reverend Santosh Surin. | of the Indian Christian Marriage Act 1872 |
| 2. " " Luther Jojowar. | (Act XV of 1872) to be valid within the |
| both of the G.E.L. Church | territories under the administration of |
| ----- | the Government of Bihar. |

2. The Reverend Santosh Surin and the Reverend Luther
Jojowar are also appointed under Act VI of 1886 to be Registrars
of Births and Deaths.

I have etc.,
Sd. P. N. Majumdar.
Deputy Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 3190 J Dated Ranchi the 2nd April 1941.

Copy with enclosures in original forwarded to the Deputy
Commissioner of Ranchi with reference to his letter No. 2635 J,
dated the 20th March 1941 for information and for favour of
presentation of the licenses to the Reverend gentlemen.

Sd. Nagendra Prasad.
For Commissioner.

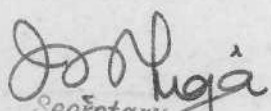
Memo No. 3195 J Dated Ranchi the 7th April 1941.

Copy with the enclosures in original forwarded to the Secretary
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi for information with reference to his letter
No. 561/41/F- 31 dated 11.3.41 with a request to present the
licenses to the Rev. gentlemen concerned.

Sd. Illegible.
Deputy Magistrate, Ranchi.

Memo No. 891-92/41/F- 31. Dated Ranchi, the 8th April, 1941.

Copy with the copy of licenses is forwarded to the Rev.
Santosh Surin and the Rev. Luther Jojowar for information and
guidance.


Secretary
G. L. CHURCH.
CH. SECRETARY & ASSAM.

File

To,

The Secretary
- G. E. L. Church.

Ranchi,

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to request you

(1) To arrange my "Marriage License" within
the Lent.

(2) To send me the "Mandli Byora" as
soon as possible.

I will be much thankful to you
for your work of kindness.

Dated Dhad
the 26th Feb.
1961

I have the honour to be
Sir

Yours Obediently,
Rev. Santosh Swam
Dhad.

561/41/F- 31.

11th Mar. 1.

To,

The Deputy Commissioner,
Ranchi.

Subject :- Grant of license under Section 6 & 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872) to the Reverend Santosh Surin and the Reverend Luther Jojowar for the territories under the administration of the Government of Bihar.

Sir,

May I have the honour to request that you will kindly move the Government of Bihar to grant marriage license under Section 6 & 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872) for the territories under the administration of the Government of Bihar to the following ordained Reverend gentlemen as Minister of Religion of " The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam ".

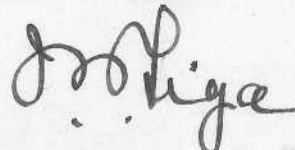
1. Rev. Santosh Surin, G.E.L.Church, Tokad.
P.O.Bandgaon, Dt. Ranchi.
2. Rev. Luther Jojowar, G.E.L.Church,
P.O. & Dt. Ranchi.

I request that the said ministers may kindly be also appointed under Act VI of 1886 to function as Registrar of Births and Deaths within the Province.

I Have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Secretary
G. E. L. CHURCH
CH. NAGPUR

No.

12522
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18A.
2nd REMINDER.

Ag. Commis. of the
Ranch.

Dated

20.2.41

193 :

Subject:—

Return of lists of persons appointed
under Indian Christian Marriage Act.

The undersigned ^{has the honour}
_{is directed} to draw the attention of Secretary

G. E. L. Church, Ranch to this office no. 12522 of 5-2-41

on the subject noted above, and to request an early reply thereto.

28.2.41

(Designation.)

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Ranch.

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Schedule LIII—Form No. 132.

O. H. M. S.



To

From

A.J.Mainwaring, Esqr., C.I.D., I. C.S.,
Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages,
B i h a r.

To

The Ex-officio Registrar of Marriages, under the
I.C.Marriage Act XV of 1872 (Deputy Commis-
sioner, Ranchi.

Patna, the 15th January 1941.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a list in duplicate of persons appointed under the Indian Christian Marriage Act of 1872, residing in your district and to request that you will be so good as to cause one copy of the list to be ~~xx~~ returned to this officer after a note having been made therein of any changes, additions or omissions that may be necessary, the other copy as corrected being kept in your office.

2) In correcting the list the following points may kindly be kept in view:-

(a) Care should be taken to see that the names as given are under the proper headings.

(b). Reasons should be assigned for every correction made in the list forwarded herewith.

(c) In support of the new names inserted in the list copies of the license held by the persons should be forwarded.

(d) All corrections should be made in red ink.

3). The names of the Clergymen of the established churches and of persons who have received episcopal Ordination and are, therefore, authorised to solemnize marriages, but who are not appointed by Government under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, should not be shown in the list. The list is intended only for those persons who hold authority from Government under any of the sections of the Indian Christian Marriage Act of 1972.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Sd. A.J. Mainwaring

Registrar General

Memo No. 1252 g

Dated Ranchi the 5th Feburary 1941 .

Copy with one set of the list forwarded to the Secretary
G. E. L. Church , Ranchi for favour of compliance and return .

Maragaj 2/2/41
Senior Deputy Magistrate, Ranchi .

Chattoraj .
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519/41/F- 31.

5th Mar. 1.

To,

The Deputy Commissioner,
Ranchi.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1252 J. Dated Ranchi, the 5th February, 1941 I have the honour to enclose herewith a list of officers appointed under the Indian Christian Marriage Act XV of 1872 in the district of Ranchi with desired informations duly given against their names.

Copies of licenses of the following under Sections 6 and 9 are enclosed :-

1. Rev. Laurentius Kujur, Chatti, Nagjua. ✓
2. Rev. Christochit Horo, Loarom, Bisra. ✓
3. Rv. Christochit Topno, Baribiringa, Lassia. ✓
4. Rev. Habil Topno, Singhani, Hazaribagh. ✓
5. Rev. Junas Dang, Tapkara, Barda. ✓
6. Yakub Bage, Kahupani, Simdega. ✓
7. Rev. Mansidh Topno, Umbulbaha, Bandgaon. ✓
8. Rev. Peter Khalkho, Kanke, Kanke. ✓

Copies of Licenses under Section 6 and 9 respectively of the following have been sent already (Vide Memo No. 182/40/F- 31 dated, the 31st January, 1940 :-

Under Section 6.

1. Rev. Barnabas Hemrom, Amlessa, Tamar. ✓
2. Rev. Immanuel Kujur, Dumbri, Nagjua. ✓

P. T. O.

3. Rev. Eliazar Kindo, Lali, Ranchi. ✓
4. Rev. Nichot Ekka, Mandar, Mandar. ✓
5. Rev. Kushalmay Topno, Kotbo, Kamdara. ✓
6. Rev. Jiwan Tirkey, Amgaon, Chainpur. ✓
7. Rev. Prem Dan Silas Bage, Karimatti, Bisra.
8. Rev. Thomas Topno, Ghoghor, Birmitrapur.

Under Section 9.

1. Rev. Barnabas Hemrom, Amlessa, Tamar. ✓
2. Rev. Mansukh Manki, Tujur, Bandgaon. ✓
3. Rev. Immanuel Kujur, Dumbri, Nagjua. ✓
4. Rev. Eliazar Kindo, Lali, Ranchi. ✓
- R5. Rev. Nichot Ekka, Mandar, Mandar. ✓
6. Rev. Kushalmay Topno, Kotbo, Kamdara. ✓
7. Rev. Jiwan Tirkey, Amgaon, Chainpur. ✓
8. Rev. Lucas Topno, Billingbira, Palkot.
9. Rev. Lucas Topno, Govindpur, Jariagarh.
10. Rev. Prem Dan Silas Bage, Karimatti, Bisra.
11. Rev. Thomas Topno, Ghoghor, Birmitrapur.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. E. L. Church 4/3

Secretary
G. E. L. CHURCH.
CH. NAGPUR & ASSAM.

List of officers appointed under the Indian Christian Marriage
Act XV of 1872 in the
district of Ranchi.

Name.	Residence		Absent Permanently or temporarily.	Dead.
	Village.	Post office		
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.

Under Section 7.

Rev. ^a M o shidas Ekka.	Siromtoly.	Ranchi.		
Rev. Luther Bagraila.	Jorabandh.	Bankibazar.		
Rev. Obed Tiru.	Tokad.	Bandgaon.		
Rev. Jaimasih Minz.	Darakna.	Chainpur.		
Rev. Dharam Das Kujur.	Khutitoly.	Simdega.		
Rev. Manmasih Lugun.	-----	-----		Dead.
Rev. Laurentius Lakra.	Kondra.	Raidih.		
Rev. Krist Kalyan Guria.	Darigutu.	Khunti.		
Rev. Johan Bhengra.	-----	-----		Dead.
Rev. Nathaniel Khalkho.	Kuru.	Kuru.		

Under Section 6.

Rev. Masihdas Ekka. ✓	Siromtoly.	Ranchi.	✓	
Rev. Luther Bagraila. ✓	Jorabandh.	Bankibazar.		
Rev. John Topno. ✓	-----	-----		Dead.
Rev. Ishak Ekka. ✓	Siromtoly.	Ranchi.		
Rev. Christogiri Tirkey. ✓	-----	-----		Dead.
Rev. Manmasih Toppo.	-----	-----		Dead.
Rev. Patras Kendalana. ✓	-----	-----		Dead.
Rev. Daud Kujur. ✓	-----	-----		Dead.
Rev. Krishtanand Minz ✓	-----	-----		Dead.
Rev. Matias Toppo. ✓	Kadru.	Ranchi.		
Rev. Christmaghan Lakra.	Gumla.	Gumla.		
Rev. Dharam Prakash Minz.	Pathalkudwa.	Ranchi.		
Rev. Danial Hero. ✓	Karimatti.	Bisra.		
Rev. Danial Hero. ✓	Do	Do		
Rev. Luther Ekka. ✓	Jurdag.	Karra.		
Rev. Samuel Topno.			P. T. O.	

List of officers appointed under the Indian Christian Marriage
Act XV of 1872 in the
district of Ranchi.

Name.	Residence		Absent Permanently or temporarily.	Dead.
	Village.	Post office		
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.

Continued.

Rev. Samuel Topno.				Dead.
Rev. Nathaniel Bage.	Lomboi.	Kolebira.		
Rev. ^N Nathaniel Bage.	Do	Do		
Rev. ^{Mansukh} Masakh Tuti.				Dead.
Rev. Obed Tiru.	Tokad.	Bandgaon.		
Rev. Paulus Mundes.				Dead.
Rev. Jaymasih Minz.	Darakna.	Chainpur.		
Rev. ^a Dhram Das Kujur.	Khutitoly.	Simdega.		
Rev. Kristochit Guria.	Marcha.	Torpa.		
Rev. Daud Kerketta.				Dead.
Rev. Urbanus Kujur.	Ranchi.	Ranchi.		
Rev. Benjamin Minz.	Lohardaga.	Lohardaga.		
Rev. ^a Suleman Kala Baringberlinga.	Takarma.	Lassia.		
Rev. Samuel Bage. Kinkel.	Kinkel	Kinkel.		
Rev. Joel Lakra.	Luthergiri.	Rajahmundry.		
Rev. Martin Gostan Adolf Prehn.	Left India			
Rev. G. G. Lowry.	Not of the G. E. L. Church.			
Rev. Niels P. Thomson.	Not of the G. E. L. Church.			
Rev. Laurentius Lakra.	Kondra.	Raidih.		
Rev. Khrist Kalyan Guria.	Darigutu.	Khunti.		
Rev. Johan Bhengra.				Dead.
Rev. Nathaniel Khalkho.	Kuru.	Kuru.		
Rev. J. J. P. Tiga.	Ranchi.	Ranchi.		
Rev. Suleman Bage.	Koronjo.	Koronjo.		
Rev. Immanuel Lakra.	Chiur.	Karra.		
Rev. Daud Sorang.	Khutitoly.	Simdega.		

List of officers appointed under the Indian Christian Marriage
Act XV of 1872 in the
district of Ranchi.

Name.	Residence		Absent Permanently or temporarily.	Dead.
	Village.	Post office		
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.

Continued.

Rev. Nathaniel Mundu .	Sarnatoly.	Khunti.		
Rev. Samuel Tirkey.	Kinkel.	Kinkel.		
Rev. Johannes Heinrich Schernat.	Left	India		
Rev. Markas Sanga.	Chakradharpur.	Chakradharpur.		
Rev. Narain Chandra Soren	Not of the G. E. L. Church.			
Rev. W. J. K. Radsick.	Parol Camp.	Purandhar.		
Rev. Lucas Topno.	Govindpur.	Jariagarh.		
Rev. Samuel Hemron.	Kitadih.	Tatanagar.		
Rev. ^{Luther} Lutta Kengari.	Jharsuguda.	Jharsuguda.		
Rev. Sudarshan Ananda Bhawan Lakra	Ratu.	Ratu.		
Rev. ³ Sharam Das Guria.	Churdag.	Barda.		

Under Section 9.

Rev. Masihdas Ekka.	Siromtoly.	Ranchi.		
Rev. Luther Bagraila.	Jorabandh.	Bankibazar.		
Rev. John Topno	-----	-----		Dead.
Rev. Ishak Ekka.	Siromtoly.	Ranchi.		
Rev. ^{Eius} Lauranliue Ekka.	Chiur.	Karra.		
Rev. Christogira Tirkey.	-----	-----		Dead.
Rev. Manmasih Toppo	-----	-----		Dead.
Rev. Patra Skandulna.	-----	-----		Dead.
Rev. Daud Kujur.	-----	-----		Dead.
Rev. Kristanand Minz.	-----	-----		Dead.
Rev. Matias Toppo.	Kadru.	Ranchi.		
Rev. Christa maghan Lakra.	Gumla.	Gumla.		
Rev. Dharam Prakash Minz.	Pathalkudwa.	Ranchi.		
Rev. Daniel Horo .	Karimatti.	Bisra.		

List of officers appointed under the Indian Christian Marriage
Act XV of 1872 in the
district of Ranchi.

Name.	Residence		Absent Permanently or temporarily.	Dead.
	Village.	Post office		
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.

Continued.

Rev. Luther Ekka.	Jurdag.	Karra.		
Rev. Samuel Topno.				Dead.
Rev. Nathaniel Bage.	Lomboi.	Kolebira.		
Rev. Man ^s ukh Tuti.				Dead.
Rev. Obed Tiru.	Tokad.	Bandgaon.		
Rev. Paulus Mandu.				Dead.
Rev. Jaymasih Minz.	Darakna.	Chainpur.		
Rev. Dharmdas Kujur.	Khutitoly.	Simdega.		
Rev. Khristochit Guria.	Marcha.	Torpa.		
Rev. Daud Kurketta.				Dead.
Rev. Urbanus Kujur.	Ranchi.	Ranchi.		
Rev. Benjamin Minz.	Lohardaga.	Lohardaga.		
Rev. Pastor Mansidh Purti.	Indipiri.	Bandgaon.		
Rev. John ^{John} Topno.	Runga.	Rajgangpur.		
Rev. A. John.				Dead.
Rev. John Kujur.	Lohardaga.	Lohardaga.		
Rev. Suleman Kula Baringeringa.	Takarma.	Lassia.		
Rev. Samuel Bage Kinkel.	Kinkel.	Kinkel.		
Rev. Joel Lakra.	Luthergiri.	Rajahmundry.		
Rev. Martin Castan Adolf Prehn.	L e f t I n d i a			
Rev. Lauren ^{kias} Lakra.	Kondra.	Raidih.		
Rev. Christ Kalyan Guria.	Darigutu.	Khunti.		
Rev. Johan Bhengra.				Dead.
Babu Lothe Ishwar Dutta Tirki	Not of the G. E. L. Church.			
Rev. Nathaniel Khalkho.	Kuru.	Kuru.		

List of officers appointed under the Indian Christian Marriage
Act XV of 1872 in the
district of Ranchi.

Name.	Residence		Absent Permanently or temporarily.	Dead.
	Village.	Post office		
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.

Continued.

Rev.M.Schieba.	Left	India		
Rev.J.J.P. Tiga.	Ranchi.	Ranchi.		
Rev.Immanuel Lakra.	Chiur.	Karra.		
Rev.Suleman Bage.	Koronjo.	Koronjo.		
Rev.Daud Soreng.	Khutitoly.	Simdega.		
Rev.Nathaniel Mandu .	Sarnatoli.	Khunti.		
Rev.Samuel Tirkey.	Kinkel.	Kinkel.		
Rev.Johaness Heinrich Schernat.	Left	India		
Rev.Markas Sanga.	Chakradharpur.	Chakradharpur.		
Rev.W.J.K.Badsick.	Parole Camp.	Purandhar.		
Rev.Samuel Hemron.	Kitadih.	Tatanagar.		
Rev. ^{Luther} Luttu Kongari.	Jharsuguda.	Jharsuguda.		
Rev.Sudarshan Ananda Bhawan Lakra.	Ratu.	Ratu.		
Rev.Dharma Das Guria.	Churdag.	Barda.		

List of officers appointed under the Indian Christian Marriage Act XV of 1872 in the district of Ranchi.

Name	Residence		Absent permanently or temporarily.	Dead.
	Village.	Post office.		
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.

Addition.

Under Section 6.

Rev. Peter Khalkho.	Kanke.	Kanke.
Rev. Mansidh Topno.	Umbulbaha.	Bandgaon.
Rev. Laurentius Kujur.	Chatti.	Nagjua.
Rev. Christochit Topno.	Baribiringa.	Lassia.
Rev. Christochit Horo.	Loaram.	Bisra.
Rev. Habil Topno.	Singhani.	Hazaribagh.
Rev. Yunas Dang.	Tapkara.	Barda.
Rev. Yakub Bage.	Kahupani.	Simdega.

Under Section 9.

Rev. Peter Khalkho.	Kanke.	Kanke.
Rev. Mansidh Topno.	Umbulbaha.	Bandgaon.
Rev. Laurentius Kujur.	Chatti.	Nagjua.
Rev. Christochit Topno.	Baribiringa.	Lassia.
Rev. Christochit Horo.	Loarom.	Bisra.
Rev. Habil Topno.	Singhani.	Hazaribagh.
Rev. Yunas Dang.	Tapkara.	Barda.
Rev. Yakube Bage.	Kahupani.	Simdega.

1st

REMINDER.

No.

Dated _____ 19 .

Subject—List of officers appointed to solemnise marriage under the Indian Christian marriage act.

The undersigned ^{has the honour} ~~to direct~~ to draw the attention of Secretary, Lutheran

Church Council Ranchi to this office no. 730-329 of 10.2.41

on the subject noted above and to request ^{to expedite the matter.} an early reply thereto.

GJP (C. O. F.) P. O. No. 77-95,000-19-2-36.

Dy. Coll. in charge
(Designation)
Singh
[Signature]

Schedule LIII—

Form No. 1

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To

THE Secretary
Luthsen Church Council
Ranchi

1st.

Urgent REMINDER.

No.

Urgent
Dated

21 3.

1941

Subject—*appointed* List of officers under the Indian Christian marriage Act.

The undersigned has the honour to draw the attention of Secretary, Lutheran
is directed

Church Council to this office no. 730-327 of 10.2.41

on the subject noted above and to request an early reply thereto.
Submission of the report.

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Dy. Collector in charge.
(Designation.)

GJP (COF) P. O. No. 45--1,00,600--27-3-37.

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Schedule LIII Form No. 131



To

THE Secretary,
Lutheran Church Council,
Ranchi.

W. P. Singh
Vice office
chairman

516/41/F- 31.

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To,

The Deputy Commissioner,
Singhbhum.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 730-32 J Dated, Chaibassa, the 10th February, 1941 I have the honour to enclose herewith a list of officers appointed under the Indian Christian Marriage - Act XV of 1872 in the district of Singhbhum with informations desired duly given against the names. The names against which I wrote nothing do not belong to the G. E. L. Church. Copies of Licenses under Sections 6 and 9 of Rev. Markas Sanga and Rev. Samuel Hemrom are also enclosed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. L. Lige
Secretary

G. E. L. CHURCH.
CH. NAGPUR & ASSAM.

List of officers appointed under the India Christian
Marriage Act XV of 1872 in the district of
Singhbhum.

Name.	Residence		Absent perma- nently of Temporarily.	Dead.
	Village.	Post Office		
1.	2	3	4	5

Under Section 7.

Rev.C.Kalyan Guria. G.E.L.Church,Darigutu,P.O.Khunti,Dt.Ranchi

Under Section 6.

Rev.Amrita Lal Maitra.

Rev.Martin Hurad. --- --- --- --- --- --- --- --- Dead.

Rev.L.Jojowar. G.E.L.Church, P.O.& Dt. Ranchi.

Rev.L.F.Marsh.

Rev.S.K.page.

Under Section 9.

Rev.Dharamdas Tuyun. --- --- --- --- --- --- --- --- Dead.

Rev.Martin Hurad. --- --- --- --- --- --- --- --- Dead.

Rev.L.Jojowar. G. E. L. Church, P.O.& Dt. Ranchi.

Rev.Khrist Kalyan Guria.G.E.L.Church,Darigutu,P.O.Khunti,Dt.Ranchi.

Rev.Immanuel Kuzar. Retired.

Rev.Binod Bihar Murmu.

Rev.Khrist Kalyan Bhengra.G.E.L.Church Chaibassa P.O.Dt.Singhbhum.

Rev.Umesh Chandra Patra.

Rev.Benjamin Minz. G.E.L.Church,Lohardaga P.O.Dt. Ranchi.

Rev. Christ Kalyan Guria. G.E.L.Church,Darigutu,P.O.Khunti,Dt.Ranchi.

Rev.Hamendra Mohan Patra.

Rev.Christ Kalyan Vengra. G.E.L.Church,Chaibassa P.O.Dt.Singhbhum.

Rev.G.B.Haris.

Rev.Benjamin Minz. G.E.L.Church,Lohardaga P.O.,Dt. Ranchi.

Under Section 6.

Rev. Marcos Sanga. G.E.L.Church,Chakradharpur P.O.Dt.Singhbhum.

Under Section 9.

Rev. Marcos Sanga. G.E.L.Church,Chakradharpur P.O.,Dt.Singhbhum.

From

A.J. Mainwaring Esqr., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages,
Bihar.

To

The Ex-Officio Registrar of Marriages under the I.C.
Marriage Act XV of 1872 (Deputy Commissioner),
Singhbhu, Chaibassa.

Patna the 15th January, 1941.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a list in duplicate of persons appointed under the Indian Christian Marriage Act of 1872 residing in your district and to request that you will be so good as to cause one copy of the list to be returned to this office after a note having been made therein of any changes, additions or omissions that may be necessary, the other copy as corrected being kept in your office.

2. In correcting the list the following points may kindly be kept in view:-

(a) Care should be taken to see that the names as given are under the proper headings.

(b) Reasons should be assigned for every correction made in the list forwarded herewith.

(c) In support of the new names inserted in the list copies of the licenses held by the persons should be forwarded.

(d) All corrections should be made in red ink.


3. The names of the Clergymen of the established churches and of persons who have received Episcopal Ordination and are therefore authorised to solemnise marriages, but who are not appointed by Government under the Indian Christian Marriage Act should not be shown in the list. The list is intended only for those persons who hold authority from Government under any of the sections of the Indian Christian Marriage Act of 1872.

I have etc.,
Sd/- A.J. Mainwaring,
Registrar General.

Memo. No. 730-32 Dated, Chaibassa, the 10th February, 1941.

Copy with a copy of the enclosure forwarded to *The Secretary, Lutheran Church Council, Ranchi* for favour of returning the form duly filled in in the light of the instructions given in the letter at a very early date so far he is concerned with the Clergy of this district.

In support of the new names if inserted in the list, copies of the license held by the persons may kindly be forwarded to the undersigned.


Deputy Commissioner,
Singbhum.

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NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

(COMMITTEE ON MARRIAGE ACT).

c/o P.O. Box 133, Lahore.

Dated 20th January, 1940.

Letter forwarding a draft of a new Christian Marriage Act for India.

DEAR FRIEND,

At the direction of the National Christian Council, I am sending you a revised draft of a new Christian Marriage Act for your careful consideration and scrutiny. This draft is being sent to (i) members of the National Christian Council.

(ii) Leaders of the Church and Mission organisations in India.

(iii) Members of the All-India Council of Indian Christians.

(iv) Secretaries of the Provincial Christian Councils.

(v) Secretaries of the Indian Christian Associations.

A brief explanatory memorandum describes some of the general features of this draft Bill.

In the margin of the draft references are given to the relevant section of Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (the present Act) for purposes of comparison.

You are particularly requested to consider the new definition of a "Christian" for the purposes of this Act. If you can suggest any improvement or a more satisfactory definition your help will be greatly appreciated. Dr. Murray Titus has suggested the following definition :—

A Christian means a person who by a public or overt act has professed the Christian religion, or a minor child of two such persons, or a minor child one of whose parents is a Christian, and who has been brought up as a Christian, provided that such person has not renounced the Christian religion by a public or overt act previous to entering upon the ceremonies of marriage.

The present draft is couched in the language commonly used, and is intended to convey the sense of the provisions which would need to be expressed in the more formal legal terminology by the experts of the Government of India. As far as possible the model of the present Act has been followed.

The Committee of the National Christian Council will be obliged if suggestions and criticism are sent to its Convener by the 20th March, 1940, at the latest.

Your help is also desired in drawing up Schedule A and Schedule B.

With reference to Schedule A, subject to the right of each Church to include further prohibited degrees in its own laws and regulations, it is proposed to follow the list of Prohibited Degrees as appended to the Anglican Book of Common Prayer with the exclusion of

- (1) Deceased wife's sister
- (2) Deceased husband's brother
- (3) Sister's daughter

In Schedule B, a list of recognised Churches is to be given, indicating (a) the "Authority" of the Church competent to give licences to its Ministers to solemnise marriages, (b) The "Authority" of the Church competent to frame marriage laws and regulations, which would be binding upon its members.

Kindly supply this information about your own Church to the Convener by 20th March, 1940.

Yours sincerely,
B. L. RALLIA RAM,
CONVENER,
Christian Marriage Act Committee.

NOTE.—A limited number of more copies of this document are available and may be had on application.

National Christian Council of India

Proposals for the Enactment of a New Christian Marriage Act

INTRODUCTORY MEMORANDUM.

1. The following draft of a Christian Marriage Act has been prepared by the National Christian Council, a body which represents practically all the Christian Churches and Missions in India, except the Syrian Churches and the Roman Catholic Church. It has been under consideration for over 20 years, and it is believed that it now expresses the desire of all the Churches and Missions represented.

2. The National Christian Council believes that amendment, clarification and extension of the present Indian Christian Marriage Act (Act XV of 1872) is needed for the following reasons:—

(a) At the present time the law of British India affords no clear statement of the conditions of validity and the status of Christian Marriages, since Act XV of 1872 deals with the forms of solemnisation of a Christian marriage in India rather than with the conditions and legal status of such marriage. In many cases, reference has at present to be made to the English law which governs marriage in the established Church of England; in other cases it is not even clear exactly what law applies.

(b) There is no enactment which deals clearly with the effect of conversion to Christianity upon the status of marriages contracted by two non-Christians, or which settles certain disputed questions of marriages between Christians which are solemnised otherwise than under Act XV of 1872.

(c) The position of Christians of British domicile resident in India who are members of the Church of England has been somewhat altered by the enactment of the Indian Church Act of 1928, whereby the Church of England in India (otherwise called the Church of India, Burma and Ceylon) has been legally separated from the Church of England and has the power to alter its marriage rules and customs from those of the Church of England. The right to have their marriages solemnised according to English law should be preserved for such members of the Church of England and other persons, who have their domicile outside India.

(d) In Act XV of 1872, the Church of England in India and other Episcopal Churches and the Church of Scotland, are given a special position, and all their Ministers are *ex officio* marriage officers, whereas the Ministers of other Christian bodies must obtain personal licences from the Government to solemnise marriages. At the present day there is no justification for this distinction between different Christian bodies.

3. The general scheme of the following proposals is therefore as follows:

(a) To lay down general provisions regarding the conditions of validity and the status of a marriage between two Christians, or a marriage of a monogamic and Christian type between a Christian and a non-Christian, and regarding the effect on a non-Christian marriage of the conversion to Christianity of one or both of the parties to that marriage.

(b) To provide that the Christian Churches recognised under the Act, shall have the power to regulate and solemnise the marriages of their members according to their own rules, provided always that the requirements of the Act are fulfilled, and that the Clergymen of these bodies shall receive licence from their own churches to solemnise marriages under the Act.

(c) To provide for the appointment of other marriage officers, including as at present Government Marriage Registrars and other Christian persons to whom a personal warrant is issued by local Governments and

(d) To lay down the essential duties of Clergymen, Ministers and other marriage officers, and providing for the registration of all marriages solemnised under the Act.

4. Following further points may be noted in this draft:—

(a) The name of the Act is so altered, as to remove the misapprehension in the minds of some that the Act deals primarily with marriages of *Indian Christians*. It is the Act for solemnisation of marriages between persons one or both of whom is or are Christians.

(b) The definition of a "Christian" has been altered so as to remove the ambiguity which has arisen out of the conflicting decisions of the Madras and Allahabad High Courts as to the exact meaning of the phrase "Persons Professing Christian Religion." Can a minor be said to profess the Christian religion?

The definition given in the draft may be carefully scrutinised. (See Section 3 of the draft)

(c) The word "Church" in this draft is uniformly used to mean the denominations of Christians, and the phrase "Place of Christian Worship" is used for a house set apart for Christian worship.

(d) A marriage between two Christians *must* be solemnised under this Act, and when only one party is a Christian it *may* be so solemnised, but if it is solemnised under this Act, it will be subject to all its provisions.

(e) All marriages solemnised under this Act are to be monogamous in character, and this character will not be affected by change of religion of one or both of the parties.

(f) Marriages are not permitted between persons related to each other in any degree of consanguinity or affinity prohibited in the Act. Additional prohibited degrees may be provided by rules and regulations of Churches, for their own members.

Personal laws of the parties shall no longer apply.—(Section 88 of the present Act.)

(g) The law relating to the marriages of minors, is simplified and consolidated in one part of the Act. The Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929, has limited considerably the extent to which a minor can marry.

(h) There are also a few changes by way of simplification and consolidation in sections dealing registration, notification and certification of marriages.

(i) The position of the Roman Catholic Church is even more fully safeguarded than ⁱⁿ the present Act.

January 1940,
c/o P. O. Box 133, Lahore.

B. L. RALLIA RAM
CONVENER,
Christian Marriage Act Committee

* [Draft Bill as prepared by the Committee of the National Christian Council held at Madras, August, 1939, and generally approved by the Council itself on 1st January, 1940 also generally approved by the All-India Conference of Indian Christians in December 1939.]

The Christian Marriage Act, 194 —

ACT No. — OF 194 —

An Act to consolidate, amend, clarify and extend the law relating to the solemnisation in India of the marriages of Christians.

Whereas it is expedient to consolidate, amend, clarify and extend the law relating to marriages in India of Christians, it is hereby enacted as follows :—

PART I.

References to the present Act.

PRELIMINARY

Short title, commencement and extent.

1. (1) This Act may be called "The Christian Marriage Act, 194 ."

(2) It shall come into force on the first day of January, _____.

(3) It extends to the whole of British India, and, so far only as regards Christian subjects of His Majesty, to the territories of Indian Princes and States in alliance with His Majesty.

(Section 1.)

2. The enactments specified in the Schedule E hereto annexed are repealed but not so as to invalidate any marriage confirmed by, or solemnised under, any such enactment.

And all appointments made, licences granted, consents given, certificates issued and other things duly done under any such enactment shall be deemed to be respectively made, granted, given, issued and done under this Act.

For clause xxiv of Section 19 of the Court Fees Act 1870, the following shall be substituted :—

(Section 2.)

"xxiv. Petitions under the Christian Marriage Act 194 _____, Section 64.

Definitions.

3. In this Act, unless there is something repugnant in the subject or context—

"PLACE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP" includes any church or chapel or any other building generally used for public Christian worship;

"MINOR" means a person who has not completed the age of 18 years.

"CHRISTIAN" means a person who has professed the Christian religion, or a minor child of two such persons, or a minor child one of whose parents is a Christian and who has been brought up as a Christian, provided that such person or minor child has not renounced the Christian religion by a public or overt act previous to entering upon the ceremonies of marriage.

"INDIAN STATES" means the territories of any Indian Prince or State in alliance with His Majesty;

"REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES" means a Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages appointed under the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886.

(Section 3.)

PART II.

GENERAL

Marriages to be solemnised under this Act.

4. Every marriage between persons both of whom are Christians, shall be solemnised in accordance with the provisions of this Act; and such marriage if solemnised otherwise than under this Act, shall be null and void.

(Section 4.)

Marriages between persons one of whom is a Christian.

5. Every marriage between persons one of whom is a Christian may be solemnised under this Act, in accordance with its provisions, and any such marriage shall have the same status and character and involve the same obligations as a marriage between persons both of whom are Christians.

(New, and part of Section 4.)

*Following persons were present at the meeting :—

The Right Revd. the Bishop of Dornakal (in the chair). The Right Revd. the Bishop of Madras, P. Punniiah, Esq., B.A., B.L., Nellore, S. Balasingham Satya, Esq., M.A., M.L., LL.M., Madras, W.H. Sell, Esq., Madras, Revd. Dr. J. Roy Strock, M.A., D.D., Revd. C. H. Monahan, M.A., Madras, Revd. J. Z. Hodge, R. B. Manikam, Esq., M.A., and B. L. Rallia Ram (Convener).

References to the
present Act.

(New.)

6. Every person whose marriage has been solemnised under this Act, or whose marriage shall under Section 9 or 10 of this Act be deemed to have been solemnised under this Act, shall not contract a subsequent marriage during the life-time of his or her wife or husband, unless such marriage has been dissolved or declared null and void by the decree of a Court of competent jurisdiction and any such subsequent marriage, if so solemnised, is null and void.

7. Any marriage purporting to be solemnised under this Act in respect of which any of the following conditions are not fulfilled shall be voidable and liable to be declared null and void under Section 19 of the Indian Divorce Act (Act IV of 1869), or under clause (4) of this section.

(1) That the persons between whom marriage was solemnised shall not be related to each other in any degree of consanguinity or affinity which is prohibited in Schedule A attached to this Act.

Provided that no marriage solemnised by a Clergyman of the Church of Rome between Roman Catholics shall be voidable or liable to be declared null and void merely by reason of such persons being within the prohibited degrees of consanguinity and affinity as given in Schedule A, if such marriage was solemnised after obtaining under the hand and seal of the competent ecclesiastical authority a dispensation in due form for the solemnisation of the marriage.

(2) That neither of the persons between whom marriage was solemnised was a lunatic or idiot at the time of marriage.

(3) That the former husband or wife of persons between whom marriage was solemnised was not living at the time of the marriage and the marriage with such former husband or wife was not then in force.

(New.)

(4) That the marriage solemnised under this Act was ~~not~~ solemnised by a person who is authorised under Section 11 of this Act to solemnise such a marriage.

Conditions under
which marriages shall
be voidable.

8. Every marriage solemnised under this Act is voidable :—

(1) If the age of the man whose marriage is solemnised does not exceed 18 years at the time of the marriage, or the age of the woman, whose marriage is solemnised, does not exceed 14 years.

Or

(2) If either of the persons whose marriage is solemnised, at the time of the solemnisation of marriage in the audience of at least two witnesses do not express his or her consent and agreement with the other to be husband and wife in the sense of a monogamic union in the following, or equally strict or stricter terms :—

“I, A. B., take thee, C. D. to be my wedded wife, (husband) as long as we both live, I will have none other.”

Or

(3) If either of the persons whose marriage is solemnised is made or induced to give his or her consent by force, fraud or misrepresentation.

Or

(4) If either party be at the time of the marriage physically incapable of the consummation of marriage.

A marriage falling under clause (1) of this section shall be voidable at the instance of the husband or the wife or both ; a marriage falling under clause (2) shall be voidable at the instance of either party ; a marriage falling under clause (3) at the instance of the party whose consent was obtained by force or fraud or misrepresentation ; and a marriage falling under clause (4) at the instance of the party who was capable of the consummation of the marriage.

Exception—If subsequent to the marriage and to the parties having reached the age of majority they have lived together as husband and wife for such a length of time and in such circumstances as to have acquired the reputation of being husband and wife, they shall be deemed to have affirmed the marriage and shall not be permitted to question its validity.

(New.)

9. If a husband and wife who were married as non-Christians both become Christians, whether simultaneously or successively, they shall not be married again under this Act, but if at the time of their respective conversions to Christianity, the former had no other wife living and recognised as his wife and the latter had no other husband living and recognised as her husband, then at the time when both have become Christians,

their marriage shall be deemed to have the same legal effect if it had been solemnised under this Act, provided they are not related to each other in any degree of consanguinity or affinity which is prohibited in Schedule A attached to this Act, and provided the parties apply to a Marriage Registrar or to a person authorised or licensed to solemnise marriages under this Act, and obtain from him a certificate in the form given in Schedule D, attached to this Act. Such certificates shall be duly entered into the marriage-register kept under this Act by the person issuing the certificate.

References to the present Act.

10. (1) If one of two persons, husband and wife, who were married as non-Christians, become a Christian and the other does not, and if the person who does not become a Christian wishes to continue to live with the other as wife or husband, and if by the laws under which the marriage was contracted it stands dissolved by reason of the conversion, then, provided that at the time the husband has no other wife living and recognised as his wife and the wife has no other husband living and recognised as her husband, the parties may apply to a Marriage Registrar or to a person authorised or licensed to solemnise marriages and make a declaration of their wish and intention to live as husband and wife in a life-long monogamous union, and he shall issue to them a certificate given in Schedule D attached to this Act showing that they have made such a declaration before him and their marriage shall be deemed to have been solemnised under this Act and to have acquired the same status and character as if it had been so solemnised from the date on which it stood dissolved under the law under which it was originally contracted, provided that neither of the parties has contracted any other marriage between that date and the date of the declaration, and provided further that they are not related to each other in any degree of consanguinity or affinity which is prohibited in Schedule A of this Act.

(New.)

Such a certificate shall be duly entered into the marriage-register kept under this Act by the person issuing the certificate.

(2) If by reason of the conversion referred to in para (1) of this section, the marriage does not stand dissolved, and if at any time subsequent to the conversion both parties desire to live together in a life-long monogamous union as if they had been originally married under this Act, then, provided that at the time the husband has no other wife living and recognised as his wife and the wife has no other husband living and recognised as her husband, the parties may apply to a Marriage Registrar or to a person authorised or licensed to solemnise marriages under Act provided that they make a declaration of their wish and intention to continue to live as husband and wife in a life-long monogamous union, and he shall issue to them as given in Schedule D attached to this Act a certificate showing that they have made such a declaration before him, and their marriage shall be deemed to have been solemnised under this Act to have acquired the same status and character as if it had been so solemnised.

Such a certificate shall be duly entered into the marriage-register kept under this Act by the person issuing the certificate.

(New.)

PART III.

PERSONS BY WHOM MARRIAGES MAY BE SOLEMNISED

Persons by whom marriages may be solemnised. **11.** Marriages may be solemnised under this Act :—

(1) By any person who is authorised to solemnise marriages by the Church of Rome.

(2) By any Clergyman of a Christian Church recognised in Schedule B as having powers to regulate and to solemnise the marriages of its members in accordance with the rules, rites and ceremonies of the Church of which he is a Minister. Provided he holds a licence to solemnise marriage from such authority or authorities as are caused to be entered into Schedule B as competent to grant such licences.

(3) By any Minister of Religion of any other Church licensed under this Act to solemnise marriages.

(4) By, or in the presence of, a Marriage Registrar appointed under this Act.

(5) By any person licensed under the Act to grant certificates of marriage.

(Section 5.)

12. The Local Government, so far as regards the territories under its administration, and the Governor-General in Council, so far as regards any Indian State, may, by notification in the local official Gazette or in the *Gazette of India*, as the case may be, grant licences to Ministers of Religion to solemnise marriages within such territories and State, respectively, and may, by a like notification, revoke such licences.—(Section 6 of the Act.)

13. The Local Government may appoint one or more Christians, either by name or as holding any office for the time being, to be the Marriage Registrars. Marriage Registrars for any district subject to its administration.

(Section 6.)

References to the
present Act.

Where there are more Marriage Registrars than one in any district, the Local Government shall appoint one of them to be the Senior Marriage Registrar.

When there is only one Marriage Registrar in a district, and such Registrar is absent from such district, or ill, or when his office is temporarily vacant, the Magistrate of the district shall act as, and be, Marriage Registrar thereof during such absence, illness or temporary vacancy.—(Section 7 of the present Act.)*

(Section 7.)

14. The Governor-General in Council may, by notification in the *Gazette of India*, appoint any Christian, either by name or as holding any office for the time being, to be a Marriage Registrar in respect of any district or place within the territories of any Indian Prince or State in alliance with His Majesty.

The Governor-General in Council may, by like notification, revoke any such appointment.—(Section 8 of the present Act.)

(Section 8.)

15. The Local Government or (so far as regards any Indian State) the Governor-General in Council may grant a licence to any Christian, either by name or as holding any office for the time being, authorising him to grant certificates of marriage between persons both of whom are Christians.

Any such licence may be revoked by the authority by which it was granted, and every such grant or revocation shall be notified in the official *Gazette*.—(Section 9 of the present Act.)

(Section 9.)

PART IV.

MARRIAGES SOLEMNISED BY CLERGYMEN OF CHURCHES RECOGNISED IN SCHEDULE "B"

16. Governor-General in Council may by notification in the Government Gazette cause any Christian Church to be entered into or removed from the Schedule "B" of this Act as a recognised Church as having power to regulate and to solemnise the marriages of its members in accordance with its laws and regulations, rites and ceremonies.

(New.)

17. Save and in so far as the conditions of a legal marriage under this Act have been expressly laid down in this Act any marriage under this Act shall be governed by the laws and regulations of the recognised Christian Church under which that marriage is to be solemnised, provided always that no marriage validly solemnised under this Act shall be rendered invalid merely because of the breach of any such law or regulation of such Church.

(New.)

18. Any Clergyman of a Christian Church recognised in Schedule "B" shall not be compelled to solemnise any marriage so long as any of the laws or regulations laid down by that Church in addition to the requirements of this Act remain unsatisfied, or to solemnise the marriage of any person whose former marriage or alleged former marriage may have been dissolved either under the Indian Divorce Act or in any other manner. Nor shall any such Clergyman be liable to any suit or penalty for refusing to solemnise a marriage in such circumstances.

(New.)

19. Any Clergyman of a Christian Church recognised in Schedule "B" may solemnise a marriage between a member of that Church and a member of another Christian Church at the written request of both the persons between whom marriage is to be solemnised provided that the marriage is not one prohibited by the laws and regulations of that Church to which the Clergyman belongs, and that he solemnises it according to those laws and regulations.

(New.)

20. Any Clergyman of a Christian Church recognised in Schedule "B" may solemnise a marriage between two persons neither of whom are members of that Church, provided that there be no Clergyman or Minister of the Church or Churches to which the persons between whom marriage is to be solemnised belong resident in the same place as either of the persons, and provided that at least one of the persons shall have obtained from the proper authority in the Church to which he or she belongs, a written statement that the proposed marriage is not contrary to the rules of that Church.

(New.)

* Where in addition to the reference given in the margin the words (Section of the Act) occur, it is implied that the wording of the section wholly or substantially is the same as in the section named of the present Act.

Duty of the Clergyman to see that conditions of valid marriage are fulfilled.

21. No Clergyman of a Christian Church recognised in Schedule "B" shall solemnise a marriage, unless he is satisfied that the following conditions are fulfilled :—

References to the present Act.

- (1) The marriage is valid under Section 7 (1), (2), (3), (4).
- (2) When one of the parties between whom marriage is to be solemnised is a minor, the requirements of Part IX of this Act have been met.
- (3) Sufficient publication of the intention of marriage has been made according to this Act and the laws and regulations of the Christian Church to which he belongs, provided that he shall secure at the least that public notice either by open proclamation or by writing publicly exhibited either in a Place of Christian Worship or in some other public place in or near to the dwelling of each of the persons between whom marriage is to be solemnised shall be made on three several days whether successive, or not successive, preceding the day on which the marriage is solemnised and provided that in no case less than 96 hours' notice is given,

Or

that he shall have received a licence under the hand of some person qualified to give such a licence according to this Act and the laws and regulations of a Christian Church recognised under Schedule "B" to which the persons between whom the marriage is to be solemnised or one of them belong, showing that the requirements referred to in clauses (1) and (2) above are fulfilled and that the parties may be married without further publication of their intention of marriage.

(4) The persons between whom marriage is to be solemnised sign in his presence the form prescribed in Section 8 (2), or a form in equally strict or stricter terms.

(5) At least two witnesses are present besides himself and the persons between whom marriage is solemnised.

(New.)

Duty of a Clergyman to keep proper books and to notify the marriages.

22. Every Clergyman of a Christian Church recognised in Schedule "B" shall—

(1) enter in a marriage-register the particulars of all marriages which he solemnises, in accordance with the forms laid down in Schedule C. I to the Act, causing two at least of the witnesses present at the marriage to attest the entry in the register, and signing such entry himself,

(2) send half yearly to the Registrar-General returns of all such marriages directly or through a person appointed by his Church for this purpose.

(Sections 28, 29.)

23. Every marriage solemnised by a person authorised by ^{the} Church of Rome to solemnise marriages shall be registered by the person and according to the form directed in that behalf by the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese or Vicariate in which such marriage is solemnised.

Registration by the Clergyman of Church of Rome.

(Section 30.)

PART V.

MARRIAGES SOLEMNISED BY MINISTERS OF RELIGION LICENSED UNDER THIS ACT

Notice of intended marriage.

24. Whenever a marriage is intended to be solemnised by a Minister of Religion licensed to solemnise marriages under this Act—

one of the persons intending marriage shall give notice in writing, according to the form contained in the Schedule C. II hereto annexed, or to the like effect, to the Minister of Religion whom he or she desires to solemnise the marriage, and shall state therein—

- (a) the name and surname, and the profession or condition, of each of the persons intending marriage,
- (b) the dwelling-place of each of them,
- (c) the time during which each has dwelt there, and
- (d) the Place of Christian Worship or private dwelling or any other public building in which the marriage is to be solemnised:

Provided that, if either of such persons has dwelt in the place mentioned in the notice during more than one month, it may be stated therein that he or she has dwelt there one month and upwards.—(Section 12 of the present Act.)

(Section 12.)

25. If the persons intending marriage desire it to be solemnised in a particular Place of Christian Worship, and if the Minister of Religion to whom such notice has been delivered is entitled to officiate therein, he shall cause the notice to be affixed in some conspicuous part of such Place of Christian Worship.

Publication of such notice.

[NOTE.—Part II of the present Act, consisting of Sections 10 and 11, "Time and Place at which Marriages may be solemnised" is omitted in this Draft, as being unnecessary, to be provided for if desired in the laws and regulations of the Churches themselves.]

- But if he is not entitled to officiate as a Minister in such Church, he shall, at his option either return the notice to the person who delivered it to him, or deliver it to some other Minister of Religion or Clergyman entitled to officiate therein, who shall thereupon cause the notice to be affixed as aforesaid.
- (Section 13.) Return of transfer of notice.
26. If it be intended that the marriage shall be solemnised in a private dwelling or some other public place, the Minister of Religion, on receiving the notice prescribed in Section 24 shall forward it to the Marriage Registrar of the district, who shall affix the same to some conspicuous place in his own office.
- (Section 14.) Notice of intended marriage in private dwelling.
27. Any Minister of Religion consenting or intending to solemnise any such marriage as aforesaid, shall, on being required so to do by or on behalf of the person by whom the notice was given, and upon one of the persons intending marriage making the declaration hereinafter required, issue under his hand a certificate of such notice having been given and of such declaration having been made:
- Issue of Certificate of notice given and declaration made.
- Provido. Provided—
- (1) that no such certificate shall be issued until the expiration of four days after the date of the receipt of the notice by such Minister ;
- (2) that no lawful impediment be shown to his satisfaction why such certificate should not issue ; and
- (3) that the issue of such certificate has not been forbidden, in manner hereinafter mentioned, by any person authorised in that behalf.—(Section 17 of the present Act.)
- (Section 17.)
28. The certificate mentioned in Section 27 shall not be issued until one of the persons intending marriage has appeared personally before the Minister and made a solemn declaration—
- Declaration before issue of Certificate.
- that he or she believes (a) that the persons between whom marriage is to be solemnised are not related to each other in any degree of consanguinity or affinity which is prohibited in Schedule A attached to this Act,
- (b) there is no other lawful hindrance to the marriage, and when one of parties is a minor,
- (c) the provisions of Part IX [have been complied with.—(Section 18 of the present Act.)
- (Section 18.)
29. When any person about to be married takes a notice of marriage to a Minister of Religion, or applies for a certificate from such Minister under Section 27, such Minister shall, before issuing the certificate, ascertain whether such person is cognizant of the purport and effect of the said notice or certificate as the case may be, and, if not, shall translate or cause to be translated the notice or certificate to such person into some language which he understands.—(Section 23, of the present Act.)
- (Section 23.) Issue of certificate to Indian Christians.
30. The certificate to be issued by such Minister shall be in the form contained in the Schedule C. III hereto annexed, or to the like effect.—
- (Section 24.) Form of Certificate.
- (Section 24 of the present Act.)
31. After the issue of the certificate by the Minister, marriage may be solemnised between the persons therein described according to such form or ceremony as the Minister thinks fit to adopt:
- Solemnisation of marriage.
- Provided that the marriage be solemnised in the presence of at least two witnesses besides the Minister.—(Section 25 of the present Act.)
- (Section 25.)
32. Whenever a marriage is not solemnised within two months after the date of the certificate issued by such Minister as aforesaid, such certificate and all proceedings (if any) thereon shall be void, and no person shall proceed to solemnise the said marriage until new notice has been given and a certificate thereof issued in manner aforesaid.—(Section 26 of the present Act.)
- (Section 26.) Certificate void if marriage not solemnised within two months.

PART VI.

MARRIAGE SOLEMNISED BY, OR IN THE PRESENCE OF, A MARRIAGE REGISTRAR

33. When a marriage is intended to be solemnised by, or in the presence of, a Marriage Registrar, one of the parties to such marriage shall give notice in writing in the form contained in the Schedule C. II hereto annexed, or to the like effect, to any Marriage Registrar of the district within which the parties have dwelt ;
- Notice of intended marriage before Marriage Registrar.
- or, if the parties dwell in different districts, shall give the like notice to a Marriage Registrar of each district,

Note:—For Sections 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, of the present Act see page 10.

and shall state therein the name and surname, and the profession or condition of each of the parties intending marriage, the dwelling place of each of them, the time during which each has dwelt therein, and the place at which the marriage is to be solemnised :

References to the present Act.

Provided that, if either party has dwelt in the place stated in the notice for more than one month, it may be stated therein that he or she has dwelt there one month and upwards.—(Section 38 of the present Act.)

(Section 38.)

34. Every Marriage Registrar shall, on receiving any such notice, cause a copy thereof to be affixed in some conspicuous place in his office.—
Publication of Notice. (Section 39 of the present Act, omitting second para.)

(Section 39.)

35. The Marriage Registrar shall file all such notices and keep them with the records of his office, and shall also forthwith enter a true copy of all such notices in a marriage Notice-Book. book to be furnished to him for that purpose by the Local Government, and to be called the "Marriage Notice-Book ;"

and the Marriage Notice-Book shall be open at all reasonable times, without fee, to all persons desirous of inspecting the same.—(Section 40 of the present Act.)

(Section 40.)

36. If the party by whom the notice was given request the Marriage Registrar to issue the certificate next hereinafter mentioned, and if one of the given and Solemn parties intending marriage has made solemn* declaration as Declaration made. hereinafter required, the Marriage Registrar shall issue under his hand a certificate of such notice having been given and of such declaration having been made :
Provido. Provided—

that no lawful impediment be shown to his satisfaction why such certificate should not issue ;

that four days after the receipt of the notice have expired ; that if the one of the parties is a minor, the provisions contained in Part IX of this Act have been fulfilled—
(Section 41 of the present Act, omitting "and further expired.")

(Section 41.)

37. The certificate mentioned in Section 36 shall not be issued by any Marriage Registrar, until one of the parties intending marriage appears personally before such Marriage Registrar, and makes solemn declaration, Certificate.

that he or she believes (a) that the persons between whom marriage is to be solemnised are not related to each other in any degree of consanguinity or affinity which is prohibited in Schedule A attached to this Act,

(b) there is no other lawful hindrance to the marriage,
and when one of the parties is a minor,

(c) that the Provisions of Part IX of this Act have been complied with.
(Section 42 of the present Act.)

(Section 42.)

38. Whenever a Marriage Registrar refuses to issue a certificate under this Part, either of the parties intending marriage may apply by petition † to the District Judge of the District of such Registrar.
Petition when Marriage Registrar refuses Certificate.

Procedure on petition.

The said District Judge may examine the allegations of the petition in a summary way, and shall decide thereon.

The decision of such Judge shall be final, and the Marriage Registrar to whom the application for the issue of a certificate was originally made shall proceed in accordance therewith.—(Section 46 of the present Act.)

(Section 46.)

39. Whenever a Marriage Registrar resident in any Indian State refuses to issue his certificate, either of the parties intending marriage may apply by petition to the Governor-General in Council, who shall decide thereon.
Petition when Marriage Registrar in Indian State refuses Certificate.

Such decision shall be final, and the Marriage Registrar to whom the application was originally made shall proceed in accordance therewith.—(Section 47 of the present Act.)

(Section 47.)

40. The certificate to be issued by the Marriage Registrar under the provisions of Section 36 shall be in the form contained in the Schedule "C.III" to this Act annexed or to the like effect, and the Local Government shall furnish to every Marriage Registrar a sufficient number of forms of certificate.—(Section 50 of the present Act.)
Form of Certificate.

(Section 50.)

41. After the issue of the certificate of the Marriage Registrar, or, where notice is required to be given under this Act to the marriage after issue of Marriage Registrars for different districts, after the issue of the Certificate. certificates of the Marriage Registrar for such districts,

* In every case oath has been changed to "Solemn declaration."

† The provision for an application to High Court seems to be unnecessary.

Note :—(1) For Section 27 and 30 of the present Act see page 9.

(2) Section 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 43, 44, 45, 48 and 49 of the present Act are omitted or consolidated in Part IX.

References to the
present Act.

marriage may, if there be no lawful impediment to the marriage of the parties described in such certificate or certificates, be solemnised between them, according to such form and ceremony as they think fit to adopt.

But every such marriage shall be solemnised in the presence of some Marriage Registrar (to whom shall be delivered such certificate or certificates as aforesaid), and of two or more credible witnesses besides the Marriage Registrar.

And in some part of the ceremony each of the parties shall declare as follows, or to the like effect :—

“I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I., A. B., may not be joined in matrimony to C. D.”

(Section 51.) And each of the parties shall say to the other as follows or to the like effect :—“ I call upon these persons here present to witness that I., A. B., do take thee, C. D., to be my lawful wedded wife [or husband] and* as long as we both live, and while thou art my wife (husband) I will have none other.”—(Section 51 of the present Act.)

(Section 52.) **42.** Whenever a marriage is not solemnised within two months after the copy of the notice has been entered by the Marriage Registrar, as required by Section 35, the notice and the certificate, if any, issued thereupon, and all other proceedings thereupon, shall be void ; and no person shall proceed to solemnise the marriage, nor shall any Marriage Registrar enter the same, until new notice has been given, and entry made, and certificate thereof given, at the time and in the manner aforesaid.—(Section 52 of the present Act.)

(Section 53.) **43.** A Marriage Registrar before whom any marriage is solemnised under this Part may ask of the persons to be married the several particulars required to be registered touching such marriage.—(Section 53 of the present Act.)

(Section 54.) **44.** After the solemnisation of any marriage under this Part, the Marriage Registrar present at such solemnisation shall forthwith register the marriage in duplicate ; in a marriage register-book, according to the form of the Schedule “ C IV ” hereto annexed, and also in a certificate attached to the marriage register-book as a counterfoil.

The entry of such marriage in both the certificate and the marriage register-book shall be signed by the person by or before whom the marriage has been solemnised, if there be any such person, and by the Marriage Registrar present at such marriage, whether or not it is solemnised by him, and also by the parties married, and attested by two credible witnesses other than the Marriage Registrar and person solemnising the marriage.

(Section 54.) Every such entry shall be made in order from the beginning to the end of the book, and the number of the certificate shall correspond with that of entry in marriage register-book.—(Section 54 of the present Act.)

(Section 55.) **45.** The Marriage Registrar shall forthwith separate the certificate from the marriage register-book and send it, at the end of every six† months to the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages.—(Section 55 of the present Act.)

(Section 56.) **46.** The Marriage Registrars in Indian States shall send the certificates mentioned in Section 44, to such officers as the Governor-General in Council from time to time, by notification in the *Gazette of India*, appoints in this behalf.—(Section 56 of the present Act.)

(Section 57.) **47.** When any person about to be married gives a notice of marriage, or applies for a certificate from a Marriage Registrar, such Marriage Registrar shall ascertain whether the said person understands the English language, and, if he does not, the Marriage Registrar shall translate, or cause to be translated, such notice or certificate or both of them, as the case may be, to such person into a language which he understands ; or the Marriage Registrar shall otherwise ascertain whether the person is cognizant of the purport and effect of the said notice and certificate.—(Section 57 of the present Act.)

(Section 58.) **48.** When any person is married under the provisions of this Part, the person solemnising the marriage shall ascertain whether such person understands the English language, and, if he does not, the person solemnising the marriage shall, at the time of the solemnisation, translate, or cause to be translated, to such person, into a language which he understands, the declarations made at such marriage in accordance with the provisions of this Act.—(Section 58 of the present Act.)

(Section 59.) **49.** The registration of marriages under this Part shall be made in conformity with the rules laid down in Part VIII (so far as they are applicable), and not otherwise.

* These are new words.

† Instead of every month as in the present Act.

PART VII.
MARRIAGES BY PERSONS LICENSED TO GRANT CERTIFICATES
OF MARRIAGE

References to the
 present Act.

50. A marriage between persons both of whom are Christians may on an application being made by one of the parties be solemnised by a person licensed to grant certificates of marriage under Section 11 provided he is satisfied that the following conditions are fulfilled and not otherwise :—

On what conditions marriages of Christians may be certificated.

(1) The persons between whom marriage is to be solemnised are not related to each other in any degree of consanguinity or affinity which is prohibited in Schedule "A" attached to this Act.

(2) Neither of the persons intending to be married shall have wife or husband still living.

(3) The age of the man, whose marriage is solemnised, is not less than 18 years at the time of the marriage, or the age of the woman whose marriage is solemnised is not less than 14 years.

(4) In case one of the parties is a minor the Provisions of Part IX have been complied with.

(5) In the presence of person licensed to grant certificate and of at least two credible witnesses other than such person, each of the party shall say to each other :—

"I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, A. B., in the presence of Almighty God, and in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, do take thee C. D., to be my lawful wedded wife (or husband), and as long as we both live I will have none other," or words to the like effect.

(Partly by New and partly Section 60.)

51 When, in respect to any marriage solemnised under this Part, the condition prescribed in Section 50 have been fulfilled, the person licensed as aforesaid, in whose presence the said declaration has been made, shall, on the application of either of the parties to such marriage, and on the payment of a fee of four annas, grant a certificate of the marriage.

The certificate shall be signed by such licensed person, and shall be received in any suit touching the validity of such marriage as conclusive proof of its having been performed.—(Section 61 of the present Act.)

(Section 61.)

52. (1). Every person licensed under Section 11 to grant certificates of marriage shall keep in English, or in the vernacular language in ordinary use in the district or State in which the marriage was solemnised, a marriage register-book of all marriages solemnised under this Part in his presence, in the form set forth in Schedule C IV and shall send an authenticated copy, every half yearly to the office of the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages for the territories under the administration of the said Local Government.

Keeping of register-book and deposit of extracts therefrom with Registrar-General.

2. Where the person keeping the register-book was licensed as regards a Indian State by the Governor-General in Council, references in sub-section (1) to the Local Government therein mentioned shall be read as references to the Local Government to whose Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages certified copies of entries in registers of births and deaths are for the time being required to be sent under Section 24, sub-section (2), of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886.—(Section 62 of the present Act.)

(Section 62.)

53. Every person licensed under this Act to grant certificates of marriage, and keeping a marriage register-book under Section 52 shall, at all reasonable times, allow search to be made in such book, and shall, on payment of the proper fee, give a copy, certified under his hand, of an entry therein.—(Section 63 of the present Act.)

Searches in register-book and copies of entries.

(Section 63.)

Part VII not to apply to Roman Catholics, saving of certain marriages.

54. This Part of this Act shall not apply to marriages between Roman Catholics.

(Section 65.)

PART VIII.
REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES

55. All marriages solemnised under this Act shall be registered in manner hereinafter prescribed.

All marriages to be registered.

(See Section 27.)

56. Every marriage solemnised by a Clergyman of the Church of Rome shall be registered by the person and according to the form directed to that behalf by the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese or Vicariate in which such marriage is solemnised, and such person shall forward half * yearly to the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages returns of the entries of all marriages registered by him during the six months next preceding.—(Section 30 of the present Act.)

Registration and returns of marriages solemnised by Clergyman of Church of Rome.

(Section 30.)

Note :—Section 64 of the present Act is omitted as being unnecessary.

* Present Act says "Quarterly."

References to the present Act.

Registration of marriages between Christians under Part IV, V, VI and VII Custody and disposal of register-book.

57. When any marriage is solemnised under Parts IV, V, VI and VII of this Act, the person solemnising the same shall register the marriage in a marriage register-book in the form set forth in Schedule C IV, and shall keep it safely, or if he leaves the district in which he solemnised the marriage he shall make over the same to the person succeeding to his duties in the said district.

Whoever has the control of the register shall send half yearly an authenticated copy to the Marriage Registrar of the district, or, if there be more Marriage Registrars than one, to the Senior Marriage Registrar, who shall send it to the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, to be kept by him with the records of his office.

(New but consolidated.)

Provided that the Clergyman authorised to solemnise marriages under Part IV may send his returns through one person appointed by his church for this purpose.

58. Every person, solemnising the marriage shall issue a certificate of marriage forthwith, if so required by either of the persons between whom marriage is solemnised. Such a certificate shall be signed by the person solemnising the marriage, and also by the person married, and shall be attested by two credible witnesses, other than the person solemnising the marriage, present at its solemnisation. The certificate shall be the exact copy of the entries in the marriage register and the number of the certificate shall correspond with that of the entry of the marriage book provided.

Exception—Certificate of marriage may not be issued for marriage solemnised under Part VII of this Act.

(New but consolidated.)

PART IX.

MARRIAGE WHEN ONE OF THE PERSONS BETWEEN WHOM MARRIAGE IS SOLEMNISED IS A MINOR

59. When one of the parties whose marriage is to be solemnised under any Part of this Act, is a minor, every person authorised or licensed to solemnise marriages under this Act, shall require a notice, from the parties intending marriage according to the form contained in the Schedule C II, provided such a notice had not already been received by him or provided if received had not been returned by him or delivered to some other Minister or Clergyman or Minister under Section 25. He shall send by post or otherwise a copy of such notice to the Marriage Registrar of the district, or, if there be more than one Registrar of such district, to the Senior Marriage Registrar.

(Section 15.)

60. The Marriage Registrar or Senior Marriage Registrar, as the case may be, on receiving any such notice, shall affix it to some conspicuous place in his own office, and the latter shall further cause a copy of the said notice to be sent to each of the other Marriage Registrars in the same district, who shall likewise publish the same in the manner above directed.—(Section 16 of the present Act.)

(Section 16.)

61. The father, if living, of any minor, or, if the father be dead, the guardian of the person of such minor, and, in case there be no such guardian, then the mother of such minor, may give consent to the minor's marriage, and such consent is hereby required for the same marriage, unless no person authorised to give such consent be resident in India.—(Section 19 of the present Act.)

(Section 19.)

62. Every person whose consent to a marriage is required under Section 61 is hereby authorised to prohibit the issue of a certificate of marriage under Section 29 or Section 36 and to prohibit the solemnisation of marriage under any Part of this Act, by notice in writing to any person authorised or licensed to solemnise marriages such notice shall be subscribed by the person so authorised with his or her name and place of abode and position with respect to either of the persons intending marriage, by reason of which he or she is so authorised as aforesaid.

(Section 20.)

63. If any such notice be received by such or person, he shall not issue his certificate and shall not solemnise the said marriage until he has examined into the matter of the said prohibition and is satisfied that the person prohibiting the marriage has no lawful authority for such prohibition,

(Section 21.)

or until the said notice is withdrawn by the person who gave it.—(Section 21 of the present Act.)

64. If any person whose consent is necessary to any marriage is of unsound mind, or if any such person other than the father without just cause withholds his consent to the marriage, the parties intending marriage may apply by petition to a District Judge, as the case may be, may examine the allegations of the petition in a summary way: and if upon examination such marriage appears proper, such District Judge as the case may be, shall declare the marriage to be a proper marriage.

Petition where person whose consent is necessary is insane or unjustly withholds consent.

Note:—Section 22 of the present Act is omitted as unnecessary.

Such declaration shall be as effectual as if the person whose consent was needed had consented to the marriage ;
 Procedure on petition. and if he has forbidden the issue of the Marriage Registrar's certificate, such certificate shall be issued and the like proceedings may be had in relation to the marriage as if the issue of such certificate had been forbidden.

References to the present Act.

(Section 45.)

PART X. PENALTIES

False oath, declaration, notice or certificate for procuring marriage.

65. Whoever, for the purpose of procuring a marriage or licence on certificate of marriage, intentionally—

(a) Where a solemn declaration is required by this Act, or by any rule or custom of a recognised Church according to the rites and ceremonies of which a marriage is intended to be solemnised, makes a false declaration, or,

(b) where a notice or certificate is required by this Act, signs a false notice or certificate,

shall be deemed to have committed the offence punishable under Section 193 of the Indian Penal Code with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years and, at the discretion of the Court, with fine.—(Section 66 of the present Act.)

(Section 66.)

66. Whoever forbids the issue, by a Marriage Registrar, of a certificate, by falsely representing himself to be a person whose consent to the marriage is required by law, knowing or believing such representation to be false, or not having reason to believe it to be true, shall be deemed guilty of the offence described in Section 205 of the Indian Penal Code.—(Section 67 of the present Act.)

Forbidding, by false personation, issue of certificate by Marriage Registrar.

(Section 67.)

67. Whoever, not being authorised or licensed under Section 11 of this Act to solemnise marriages, solemnises or professes to solemnise in the absence of a Marriage Registrar of the district in which the ceremony takes place, a marriage between persons one or both of whom is or are a Christian or Christians, shall be punished with imprisonment which may extend to ten years, or (in lieu of a sentence of imprisonment for seven years or upwards) with transportation for a term of not less than seven years, and not exceeding ten years,

Solemnising marriage without due authority.

or, if the offender is an European or American with penal servitude according to the provisions of Act XXIV of 1855 (*to substitute penal servitude for the punishment of transportation in respect of European and American convicts*)

and shall also be liable to fine.—(Section 68 of the present Act.)

(Section 68.)

68. Any persons authorised or licensed to solemnise marriages under this Act who, when one of the parties whose marriage is to be solemnised is a minor, and the required consent of the parents or guardians to such marriage has not been obtained, within fourteen days after the receipt by him of notice of such marriage, knowingly and wilfully solemnise a marriage, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years and shall also be liable to fine.

Solemnising, without notice or within fourteen days after notice marriage with minor.

(Section 70.)

Issuing certificate, or marrying without publication of notice.

69. A Marriage Registrar or any other person authorised or licensed to solemnise marriage under this Act, who commits any of the following offences :—

(1) knowingly and wilfully issues any certificate of marriage, or solemnises any marriage, without publishing the notice of such marriage as directed by this Act ;

Marrying after expiry of notice.

(2) after the expiration of two months after the copy of the notice has been entered as required by Section 35 in respect of any marriage, solemnises such marriage ;

Solemnising marriage with minor within fourteen days without authority of Court, or without sending copy of notice.

(3) solemnises, without any order of a competent Court authorising him to do so, any marriage, when one of the parties is a minor, before the expiration of fourteen days after the receipt of the notice of such marriage, or without fulfilling the provisions of Part IX or without sending, by the post or otherwise, a copy of such notice to the Senior Marriage Registrar of the district if there be more Marriage Registrars of the district than one, and if he himself be not the Senior Marriage Registrar ;

(4) issues any certificate the issue of which has been prohibited, as in this Act provided, by any person authorised to prohibit the issue thereof,

shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years, and shall also be liable to fine.—(Section 71 of the present Act.)

(Section 71.)

Note.—Sections 59 and 73 of the present Act are omitted as being unnecessary.

- References to the present Act. Issuing certificate after expiry of notice, or in case of minor, within fourteen days after notice, or against authorised prohibition.
- 70.** Any Marriage Registrar or person authorised or licensed to solemnise marriages under this Act knowingly and wilfully issuing any certificate for marriage after the expiration of two months after the notice has been entered by him as aforesaid.
- or knowingly and wilfully issuing, without the order of a competent Court authorising him so to do, any certificate for marriage, where one of the parties intending marriage is a minor, before the expiration of fourteen days after the entry of such notice, or any certificate the issue of which has been forbidden as aforesaid by any person authorised in this behalf,
- (Section 72.) shall be deemed to have committed an offence under Section 166 of the Indian Penal Code.—(Section 72 of the present Act.)
- 71.** Whoever, not being licensed to grant a certificate of marriage under Part VII of this Act, grants such certificate intending thereby to make it appear that he is so licensed, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years, and shall also be liable to fine.
- Unlicensed person, granting certificate pretending to be licensed.
- Whoever, being licensed to grant certificates of marriage under Part VII of this Act, without just cause refuses, or wilfully neglects or omits, to perform any of the duties imposed upon him by that Part shall be punished with fine which may extend to one hundred Rupees—(Section 74 of the present Act.)
- (Section 74.)
- 72.** Whoever, by himself or another, wilfully destroys or injures any register-book or the counterfoil certificates thereof, or any part thereof, or any authenticated extract therefrom,
- Destroying or falsifying register-books.
- or falsely makes or counterfeits any part of such register-book or counterfoil certificates,
- or wilfully inserts any false entry in any such register-book or counterfoil certificate or authenticated extract,
- shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to seven years and shall also be liable to fine.—(Section 75 of the present Act.)
- (Section 75.)
- 73.** Every person married under this Act who, during the life-time of his or her wife or husband, whose marriage has been solemnised or deemed to have been solemnised under Sections 9 and 10 of this Act, contracts any other marriage, shall be subject to the penalties provided in Sections 494 and 495 of the Indian Penal Code for the offence of marrying again during the life-time of a husband or wife, whatever may be the religion which he or she professed at the time of such second marriage.
- Punishment of bigamy.
- (New.)
- 74.** The prosecution for every offence punishable under this Act shall be commenced within two years after the offence is committed.—(Section 76 of the present Act.)
- Limitation of prosecutions under Act.
- (Section 76.)

PART XI.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 75.** Nothing contained in this Act, shall be taken to render invalid any marriage of a convert to Roman Catholicism if celebrated in accordance with the rules, rites, ceremonies and customs of the Roman Catholic Church.
- Saving of Roman Catholic marriages.
- (New.)
- 76.** Whenever any marriage has been solemnised in accordance with the provisions of this Act, it shall not be void merely on account of any irregularity in respect of any of the following matters, namely:—
- (1) Any statement made in regard to the dwelling of the persons married, or to the consent of any person whose consent to such marriage is required by law.
- (2) The notice of the marriage.
- (3) The certificate.
- (4) The registration of the marriage.
- (Section 77.)
- 77.** Every person charged with the duty of registering any marriage, who discovers any error in the form or substance of any such entry may, within one month next after the discovery of such error, in the presence of the persons married, or, in case of their death or absence, in the presence of two other credible witnesses, correct the error, by entry in the margin, without any alteration of the original entry, and shall sign the marginal entry, and add thereto the date of such correction, and such person shall make the like marginal entry in the certificate thereof.
- Correction of errors.
- And every entry made under this section shall be attested by the witnesses in whose presence it was made.
- And in case such certificate has been already sent to the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, such person shall make and send in like manner a separate certificate of the original erroneous entry, and on the marginal correction therein made.—(Section 78 of the present Act.)
- (Section 78.)

Searches and copies of entries.

78. Every person solemnising a marriage under this Act and hereby required to register the same,

References to the present Act.

and every Marriage Registrar or Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages having the custody, for the time being, of any register of marriages, or of any certificate, or duplicate, or copies of certificate, under this Act,

shall, on payment of the proper fees, at all reasonable times, allow searches to be made in such register, or for such certificate, or duplicate, or copies, and give a copy under his hand of any entry in the same.—(Section 79 of the present Act.)

(Section 79.)

79. Every certified copy, purporting to be signed by the person entrusted under this Act with the custody of any marriage-register or certificate, or duplicate, required to be kept or delivered under this Act, of an entry of a marriage in such register, or of any such certificate or duplicate, shall be received as evidence of the marriage purporting to be so entered, or of the facts purporting to be so certified therein, without further proof of such register or certificate or duplicate, or of any entry therein, respectively, or of such copy.—(Section 80 of the present Act.)

(Section 80.)

Local Government to prescribe fees.

80. Fees shall be chargeable under this Act for—

receiving and publishing notice of marriages ;
issuing certificates for marriage by Marriage Registrars, and registering marriages by the same ;
entering protests against, or prohibitions of, the issue of certificates for marriage by the said Registrars ;

searching register-books or certificates, or duplicates of copies thereof ;
giving copies of entries in the same under Sections 53 and 9.

The Local Government shall fix the amount of such fees respectively, and may from time to time vary or remit them, either generally or in special cases, as it may seem fit.—(Section 82 of the present Act.)

(Section 82.)

81. The Local Government may make rules in regard to the disposal of the fees mentioned in Section 82, the supply of register-books, and the preparation and submission of returns of marriages solemnised under this Act.—(Section 83 of the present Act.)

(Section 83.)

Power to prescribe fees and rules for Indian States.

82. The powers conferred on the Local Government by Sections 80 and 81 may, so far as regards Indian States, be exercised by the Governor-General in Council.—(Section 84 of the present Act.)

(Section 84.)

83. The Local Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, declare who shall, in any place to which this Act applies, be deemed to be the District Judge.—(Section 85 of the present Act.)

(Section 85.)

84. (1) The powers and functions exercisable by the Governor-General in Council under this Act shall, so far as regards any Indian State which is within the political charge of Local Government be exercised by that Local Government. The exercise under this section by any Local Government of powers and functions under this Act shall be by notification in the local official Gazette.

(2) The powers and functions exercisable under this Act by the Governor-General in Council may be delegated to, and exercised by, such officers as he may from time to time appoint in this behalf.—(Section 86 of the present Act.)

(Section 86.)

PART XII.

MARRIAGES BETWEEN PERSONS ONE OR BOTH OF WHOM IS OR ARE OF NON-INDIAN DOMICILE

When one of the parties is of the Indian domicile.

85. When one of the persons between whom the marriage is solemnised under this Act, is of Indian Domicile and the other has his or her domicile outside India, all the provisions of this Act shall apply.

(New)

86. Nothing in this Act applies to any marriage performed by any Minister, Consul or Consular Agent between subjects of the State which he represents and according to the laws of such State.

(Section 87.)

87. Subject to the provisions contained in this Act, the Courts shall in all suits and proceedings between persons who had been married under this Act, and both of whom have their domiciles in England or other parts of British Empire except India, relief shall be given as nearly as may be conformable to the principles and rules on which the Court for Matrimonial Causes in England give relief.

(New)

Note :—Section 81 of the present Act is omitted as being unnecessary. Section 88 of the present Act is omitted.

NOTES

(1) Status of converts with more than one wife is not determined. It is a problem which admits of no satisfactory solution.

(2) In case exceptions from the provisions of this Act, or additional provisions are necessary for Europeans, Anglo-Indians or parties with non-Indian Domicile, they can be added to Part XII.

References to the
Present Act.

(New)

SCHEDULE A.
The List of prohibited degrees of consanguinity and affinity.

SCHEDULE B.
The List of Churches recognised under clause (2) of Section II, Part III.

Official Name of the Church.	The "Authority" of the Church competent to give licences to its clergymen to solemnise marriage.	The "Authority" of the Church competent to frame Rules and Regulations for the solemnisation of marriages of its members.

(New)

Schedule III.

SCHEDULE C I
Form of Registers of Marriages.

Schedule I.

SCHEDULE C II
Notice of Marriage.

Schedule II

SCHEDULE C III
Certificate of Receipt of Notice.

Schedule IV.

SCHEDULE C IV
Marriage-Register-Book

SCHEDULE D.
(See Section 9 and Section 10)
Certificate of marriages of converts to be deemed to have acquired the legal effect as if they had been solemnised under this Act.

(New)

SCHEDULE E.
(See Section 2)
Enactments Repealed

Number and Year.	Title.	Extent of Repeal.

Schedule V.

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Revenue Department.

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Ranchi the 8th October 1940.

From

R.A.E. Williams, Esquire, I. C.S.
Secretary to the Government.

To,

The Commissioner of Chotanagpur division.

Subject :- Grant of licenses under sections 6 & 9 of the
Indian Christian Marriage Act to Revd. Peter
Khalkho and Revd. Mansidh Topno.

Sir,

With reference to letter No. 5663 J dated the 28th September 1940 from your Personal Assistant, I am directed by the Governor to forward for presentation to the ministers of religion named on the margin the accompanying licenses under sections 6 & 9 of the Indian

1. Revd. Peter Khalkho. Christian Marriage Act 1872 (Act XV of
2. ,, Mansidh Topno. 1872) to be valid with the territories

under the Administration of the Government of Bihar.

2. The Reverend Peter Khalkho and the Reverend Mansidh Topno
are also appointed under act VI of 1886 to be Registrars of Births
and deaths.

I Have etc.,
Sd/- R.A.E. Williams,
Secretary to Government. 9.10.40.

Memo No. 5893 J Dated Ranchi the 19th October 1940.

Copy with the enclosures in original forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner of Ranchi with reference to his letter No. 9918 J dated the 23rd September 1940 for information and for favour of presentation of the licenses to the Rev. gentlemen.

Sd/- Nagendra Prasad.
For Commissioner. 18.10.40.

P. T. O.

Copy sent
Government of Bihar.
Revenue Department.
Memo No. 10791 J.

Dated Ranchi the 24th October 1940.

Copy with the licenses in original forwarded to the Secretary
G. E. L. Church, Chotanagpur Ranchi with reference to his letter
No. 1624/40/F- 31 dated 16.9.1940, for information and for favour of
presenting them to the Rev. gentlemen concerned.

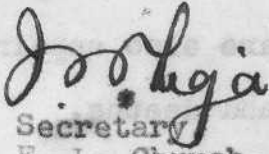
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Senior Deputy Magistrate, Ranchi.

Chattoraj.
23.X.40.

Memo No. 1840-41/40/F- 31. Dated Ranchi the 28th Oct., 1940.

Copy with the copies of licenses forwarded to the Rev. Peter
Khalkho and the Rev. Mansidh Topno for information and guidance.


Secretary
G. E. L. Church.

B.B.Minz.
28.10.40.

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Office of the Revenue Commissioner, Orissa.

No. 3483 Regn. IX-1/40

From

Rai Sahib Bisheshvar Patnaik, M.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Inspector General of
Registration, Orissa,

To

The Secretary,
G.E.L. Church, (Chotanagpur and Assam),

R A N C H I.

Dated Cuttack, the 8th December 1940.

Subject:-Grant of licences under sections 6 and 9 of the
Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 to Rev. Thomas
Topno and others and their appointment as Registrar
of Births, Deaths and Marriages, under Act VI of
1886 within the Orissa Province.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence resting with
your letter No. 1844/40/F-31, dated the 29th October 1940, I
am directed to say that the Government of Orissa is
authorised to grant licences to solemnise marriages within
the territories under its administration. But as the three
reverend gentlemen do not propose to change their head-
quarters from the Gangpur State to the Orissa Province, the
question of granting them licences by this Government does
not arise.

It is however suggested that the Central
Government may be moved in the matter, in case licences
to solemnize marriages in the Gangpur State are required.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Mahant
Secretary.

B.S.

6/7/12/40

The Gossner Lu. Lutheran Church in Shatanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845—Autonomous 1919]

Officers and members of the Executive,

1. *President* : Rev. J. Stosch,
2. *Actg. Treasurer* : Mr. N. Soy,
3. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
4. Rev. J. J. P. Tiga, **Secy:**
5. Mr. A. L. Tirkey,

Other members of the Church Council.

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| 6. Rev. W. Radsick, | 10. Mr. Th. Surin, |
| 7. „ L. Jojowar. | 11. „ C. D. Ekka, |
| 8. „ S. Kula, | 12. „ P. Soy. |
| 9. „ S. Bage, | 13. „ D. Tirkey, |

Incorporated under ~~XXXXXX~~ Societies Registration Act of
1860 on July 30, 1921.

G. E. L. COMPOUND.
RANCHI, (BIHAR) INDIA.

No. 1844/40/F- 31.

Dated the 29th Oct. 1940.

To,

The Secretary to Inspector General
of Registration, Orissa.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 3024 Regn/IX.1/40 dated the 22nd 23rd October, 1940 I have the honour to inform you that the three Reverend gentlemen are not contemplating to change their head-quarters from Gangpur State to the Orissa Province.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. J. P. Tiga
Secretary. 29/10

Office of the Revenue Commissioner of Orissa.

NO. 3024 Regn/IX.1/40.

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From
Rai Sahib Bisheshvar Patnaik, M.A., B.L.,

Secretary to Inspector General of Registration, Orissa

To

The Secretary,

G. E. L. Church (Chotanagpur and Assam), Ranchi.

Dated Cuttack, the 22nd October, 1940.

23rd

Subject :- Grant of licences under sections 6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 to Rev. Thomas Topro and others and their appointment as Registrars of Births and Deaths under Act VI of 1886, within the Orissa Province.

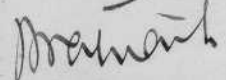
Sir,


With reference to your letter no. 1626/40/F.31 dated the 16th September, 1940, on the above subject, I have the honour to enquire whether the three ordained Reverend gentlemen named in the application received with the letter under reference are contemplating to change their head-quarters from the Gangpur state to the Orissa Province; if so, the name or names of place or places to which they propose to shift may be reported for consideration of the application by the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Orissa.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


Secretary.


Bhaginathi.

The Cassner Lu. Lutheran Church in Shatanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845—Autonomous 1919]

Officers and members of the Executive,

1. *President* : Rev. J. Stosch,
2. *Actg. Treasurer* : Mr. N. Soy,
3. *Secretary* : ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
4. Rev. J. J. P. Tiga, **Offg. Secy:**
5. Mr. A. L. Tirkey,

Other members of the Church Council.

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| 6. Rev. W. Radsick, | 10. Mr. Th. Surin, |
| 7. „ L. Jojowar. | 11. „ C. D. Ekka, |
| 8. „ S. Kula, | 12. „ P. Soy. |
| 9. „ S. Bage, | 13. „ D. Tirkey, |

Incorporated under ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Societies Registration Act of
1860 on July 30, 1921.

G. E. L. COMPOUND.
RANCHI. (BIHAR) INDIA.

No. 1648/40/F- 31.

Dated the 18th Sept. 1940.

To,

The Manager,

Government of India Central Publication Branch,

Civil Lines, DELHI.

Dear Sir,

Would you be so kind as to supply me with
40 copies of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872)
as modified up to date per V. P. P. at your earliest convenience
and oblige.

Yours faithfully,

Do. D. Legie
18/9

The Cassner Ev. Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845—Autonomous 1919]

Officers and members of the Executive,

1. *President* : Rev. J. Stosch,
2. *Actg. Treasurer* : Mr. N. Soy,
3. *Secretary* : ~~Mr. P. N. Choudhary~~
4. Rev. J. J. P. Tiga, *Offg. Secy*:
5. Mr. A. L. Tirkey,

Other members of the Church Council.

6. Rev. W. Radsick,
7. " L. Jojowar.
8. " S. Kula,
9. " S. Bage,
10. Mr. Th. Surin,
11. " C. D. Ekka,
12. " P. Soy,
13. " D. Tirkey,

Incorporated under ~~Societies~~ Societies Registration Act of
1860 on July 30, 1921.

G. E. L. COMPOUND,
RANCHI. (BIHAR) INDIA.

No. 1626/40/F- 31.

Dated the 16th Sept. 1940.

To,

The Registrar-General of
Births, Deaths and Marriages,
(Revenue Commissioner) Orissa,
Cuttack.

Sir,

Under the instructions contained in the letter, a copy of which is enclosed herewith I am sending the application for grant of license under the Indian Christian Marriage Act through your office with the request to kindly forward the same with recommendations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. J. P. Tiga 16/9

Secretary,
G. E. L. CHURCH
CH. NAGPUR & ASSAM
RANCHI, BIHAR, INDIA.

82/16/9.
GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA

Law, Commerce and Labour Department.

No. 6235 Com

From

Sri K. C. Nanda, M.A., B.L.,

Assistant Secretary to Government.

To

The Reverend J.J.P.Tiga, B.D.,

Secretary, G.E.L., Church in Chotanagpur and

Assam, R a n c h i.

Dated Cuttack, the 12th September 1940.

Subject:- Indian Christian Marriage Act - grant of
licence under Section 6 and 9 of - to
Rev. Thomas Topno and others.

Sir,

With reference to your memo No.1460/40/F-31,
dated the 23rd August 1940, I am directed to say that the
application for the grant of licence under sections 6 and 9
of the Indian Christian Marriage Act to Ministers of Religion
of your church may be made through the Registrar-General of
Births, Deaths and Marriages, (Revenue Commissioner) Orissa.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Ce/Secy. 12/9
Assistant Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE G. E. L. CHURCH
IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

Memo No. 1625/40/F- 31.

From :-

The Rev. J.J.P.Tiga, B.D.,
Officiating Secretary,
G.E.L.Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.
Ranchi.

Ranchi.

The 16th September, 1940.

To,

The Assistant Secretary,
Government of Orissa,
Law, Commerce and Labour Department, Cuttack.

Through,

The Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages,
(Revenue Commissioner) Orissa.

Subject :- Grant of license under Section
6 & 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of
1872) to the Reverend Thomas Topno, the Reverend
Christochit Horo and the Reverend Daniel Horo for
the territories under the administration of the
Government of Orissa.

Sir,

May I have the honour to request that you will kindly
move the Government of Orissa to grant marriage license under
Section 6 & 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872)
for the territories under the administration of the Government of
Orissa to the following ordained Reverend gentlemen as Ministers
of Religion of " The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in
Chotanagpur and Assam ".

1. Rev. Thomas Topno.
G. E. L. Church, Ghogher.
P. O. Birmitrapur.
Gangpur State.
2. Rev. Christochit Horo.
G. E. L. Church, Loarem.
P. O. Bisra.
Gangpur State.

P. T. O.

3. Rev. Daniel Horo.
G. E. L. Church, Karimatti.
P. O. Bisra.
Gangpur State.

I request that the said Ministers may kindly be also appointed under Act VI of 1886 to function as Registrar of Births and Deaths within the Province.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

D. P. Gupta
Secretary.

G. E. L. CHURCH
CH. NAGPUR & ASSAM
RANCHI, BIHAR, INDIA.

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE G. E. L. CHURCH
IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

Memo No. 1624/40/F- 31.

From :-

The Rev. J.J.P.Tiga, B.D.,
Officiating Secretary,
G.E.L.Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.
Ranchi.

Ranchi.

The 16th September, 1940.

To,

The Deputy Commissioner,
Ranchi.

Subject :- Grant of license under Section
6 & 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act
(XV of 1872) to the Reverend Peter Khalkho and
the Reverend Mansidh Topno for the territories
under the administration of the Government of
Bihar.

Sir,

May I have the honour to request that you will kindly
move the Government of Bihar to grant marriage license under
Section 6 & 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of
1872) for the territories under the administration of the
Government of Bihar to the following newly ordained Reverend
gentlemen as Ministers of Religion of " The Gossner Evangelical
Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam. "

1. Rev. Peter Khalkho,
G. E. L. Church, Kanke.
P. O. Kanke.
Dist. Ranchi.
2. Rev. Mansidh Topno,
G. E. L. Church, Umbulbaha.
P. O. Bandgaon.
Dist. Ranchi.

I request that the said ministers may kindly be also appointed under Act VI of 1886 to function as Registrars of Births and Deaths within the Province.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,


Secretary, 16/9

G. E. L. CHURCH
CH. NAGPUR & ASSAM
RANCHI, BIHAR, INDIA.

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE G. E. L. CHURCH
IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

Memo No. 1460/40/F- 31.

From :-

The Rev. J.J.P.Tiga, B.D.
Offg. Secretary,
G. E.L.Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

Ranchi.
The 23rd August, 1940.

To,

The Government of Orissa,
Law, Commerce and Labour Department,
Cuttack.

Subject :- Grant of license under Section
6 & 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of
1872) to the Reverend Thomas Topno, the Reverend
Christochit Horo and the Reverend Daniel Horo for the
territories under the administration of the Government
of Orissa.

Sir,

May I have the honour to request that you will kindly
move the Government of Orissa to grant marriage license under
Section 6 & 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872)
for the territories under the administration of the Government
of Orissa to the following ordained Reverend gentlemen as
Ministers of Religion of " The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Chotanagpur and Assam."

1. Rev. Thomas Topno.
G. E. L. Church, Ghoghor.
P. O. Birmitrapur.
Gangpur State.
2. Rev. Christochit Horo.
G. E. L. Church, Loarom.
P. O. Bisra.
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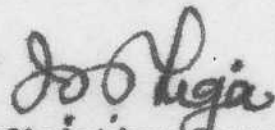
P. T. O.

I request that the said Ministers may kindly be also appointed under Act VI of 1886 to function as Registrar of Births and Deaths within the Province.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Officiating Secretary,

G. E. L. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam.

R A N C H I.

Office of the Revenue Commissioner of Orissa.

No. 1835 Regn/IX.1/40.

From

Sri Bisheshvar Patnaik, M.A., B.L.,
Secretary to Inspector General of
Registration of Orissa,

To

The Rev. J.J.P.Tiga, B.D.,
Acting Secretary, G.E.L. Churchh,
Ranchi.

Dated Cuttack, the 6th July, 1940.

Subject :- Grant of licences to the Rev. Thomas Copno
and the Rev. Christochit Horo by the
Government of Orissa under Sections 6 and 9
of Act XV of 1872.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.407/40.F/31
dated the 16th February, 1940, on the above subject, I
have the honour to say that the Government of Orissa in
Law, Commerce and Labour Department may be addressed
direct for the desired licences.


I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Secretary.


Bhagirathi.
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The Secy.

G E L C Council

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Sir,

Regarding my Marriage License for
Bangor State, I beg to state as follows:—

In my last explanatory letter I have
given full details which are wanted by the
Church Council. Please refer to it.

Secondly, in that letter I have also
suggested that Rev. F. Schultze be empowered
to interview the Political Agent at Sambaspur
on this point. I have again talked with
him and he is ready to do so provided
all papers in this connexion are made over
to him and he be empowered duly. I
mention this to remind the C Council of this
possible way.

Yours sincerely
B. Min.

GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

From R. A. E. Williams, Esquire, I. C. S.
Secretary to Government.

To, The Commissioner, of the Chota Nagpur Division.
Patna the 8th March, 1940.

Subject :- Grant of licenses under sections 6 and 9
of the Indian Christian Marriage Act 1872.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 74 T.J. dated the
16th February 1940, I am directed by the Governor of Bihar to
forward for presentation to the ministers of religion named on

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|-------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Reverend Laurentius Kujur. | | the margin, the accompanying license under |
| 2. Reverend Christochit Horo. | | |
| 3. Reverend Habil Topno. | | section 6 and 9 of the Indian Christian |
| 4. Reverend Yunas Dang. | | Marriage Act 1872 (Act XV of 1872) to |
| 5. Reverend Yakub Bage. | | be valid within the territories under the |
| 6. Reverend Christochit Topno | | administration of the Government of Bihar. |

2. The Reverend Laurentius Kujur, Reverend Christochit
Horo, Reverend Habil Topno, Reverend Yunas Dang, Reverend Yakub
Bage and Reverend Christochit Topno are also appointed under
Act VI of 1886 to be Registrars of Births and Deaths.

I have etc.,

Sd. R. A. E. Williams.

Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 1356 J. Dated Ranchi, the 12th March 1940.

Copy, with the enclosures in original, forwarded to the
Deputy Commissioner of Ranchi for information with reference to
his letter No. 1037 J, dated the 8th February 1940, and for
favour of presentation of the licenses to the Rev. Gentlemen.

Sd. Nagendra Prasad.
For Commissioner, 11.3.40.

Memo No. 3108 J. Dated Ranchi, the 15th March 1940.

Copy with the license in original forwarded to the Secretary
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi for information with reference to his
letter No. 183/40/F-31 dated 31.1.40 and for favour of presentation
of licenses to the Rev. gentlemen concerned.

Sd. H. C. Sarin. 15.3.40.

Assistant Magistrate, Ranchi.
14.3.

Memo Nos.

489-94/40/F.31.

Dated Ranchi, the 18th March, 1940.

The Commissioner, of the Chota Nagpur Division,
Ranchi, 18th March, 1940.

Copy with the copies of licenses forwarded to the Reverend
Laurentius Kujur, the Reverend Christochit Hor, the Reverend
Habil Topno, the Reverend Yunas Dang, the Reverend Yakub Bage
and the Reverend Christochit Topno for information and guidance.

N. Topno.

Secretary,
G. E. L. CHURCH
CH. NAGPUR & ASSAM
RANCHI, BIHAR, INDIA.

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No. 1923

CUTTACK DISTRICT OFFICE.

From

The Senior Deputy Magistrate, Cuttack.

To

The Secretary, G.E.L. Church in Chhotanagpur and
Assam, Ranchi.

Dated Cuttack, the 7th February, 1940.

Subject :- Grant of license u/sec. 6 and 9 of the Indian
Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872) to the
Reverend Thomas Topno and the Reverend Christo-
chit Horo for the territories under the admin-
istration of the Government of Orissa.

Sir,

With reference to your memo no. 181/40/F-31 dated the
30th January, 1940, on the subject noted above, I have the
honour to state that the District Magistrate, Cuttack is not
concerned in the matter. The Revenue Commissioner, Orissa who
who is the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages
of the Orissa Province may be moved direct.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. S. Svan

for Senior Deputy Magistrate, Cuttack.

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16.2.40

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE G. E. L. CHURCH
IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSM.

Memo No. 408/40/F- 31.

From :-

The Rev. J.J.P.Tiga, B.D.
Acting Secretary,
G.E.L.Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

Ranchi.

The 16th February, 1940.

To,

The Revenue Commissioner,
Orissa.

Subject :- Grant of license under Section
6 & 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of
1872) to the Reverend Thomas Topno and the Reverend
Christochit Horo for the territories under the
administration of the Government of Orissa.

Sir,

May I have the honour to request that you will kindly
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Section 6 & 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872)
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P. O. Bisra.
Gangpur State.

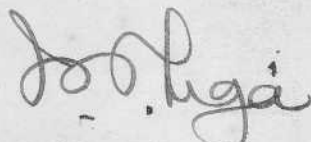
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I request that the said Ministers may kindly be also appointed under Act VI of 1886 to function as Registrar of Births and Deaths within the Province.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Acting Secretary,

G. E. L. Church,

R A N C H I.

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE G. E. L. CHURCH
IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

Memo No. 183/40/F- 31.

From :-

The Rev. J.J.P.Tiga, B.D.
Acting Secretary,
G.E.L.Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

Ranchi.

The 31st January, 1940.

To,

The Deputy Commissioner,
Ranchi.

Subject :- Grant of license under Section 6 & 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872) to the Reverend Laurentius Kujur, the Reverend Christochit Horo, the Reverend Habil Topno, the Reverend Yunas Dang, the Reverend Yakub Bage and the Reverend Christochit Topno for the territories under the administration of the Government of Bihar.

Sir,

May I have the honour to request that you will kindly move the Government of Bihar to grant marriage license under Section 6 & 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872) for the territories under the administration of the Government of Bihar to the following newly ordained Reverend gentlemen as Ministers of Religion of " The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam".

1. Rev. Laurentius Kujur,
G.E.L. Church, Chutti.
P. O. Nagjua.
Dist. Ranchi.
2. Rev. Christochit Horo,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.
P. O. Ranchi.
Dist. Ranchi.
3. Rev. Habil Topno.
G.E.L. Church, Govindpur.
P. O. Jariagarh.
Dist. Ranchi.

P. T. O.

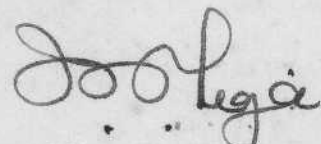
4. Rev. Yunas Dang.
G.E.L. Church, Tapkara.
P. O. Barda.
Dist. Ranchi.
5. Rev. Yakub Bage.
G.E.L. Church, Kahupani.
P. O. Simdega.
Dist. Ranchi.
6. Rev. Christochit Topno.
G.E.L. Church, Baribiringa.
P. O. Lassia.
Dist. Ranchi.

I request that the said ministers may kindly be also appointed under Act VI of 1886 to function as Registrars of Births and Deaths within the Province.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Acting Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.
Ranchi.

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE G. E. L. CHURCH
IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

Memo No. 182/40/F- 31.

From :-

The Rev. J.J.P.Tiga, B. D.
Acting Secretary.
G.E.L.Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

Ranchi.
The 31st January, 1940.

To,

The Deputy Commissioner,
Ranchi.


Sir,

With reference to your Memo No. 8139 of 22.12.1939 forwarding to me a copy of letter No. nil dated Patna, the 7th December, 1939 from Rai Bahadur N. N. Das, M. A. B. L., Registrar General of Births, deaths and Marriages, Bihar to the Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi I have the honour to return herewith one copy of the list of persons appointed under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, XV of 1872 with necessary changes, additions or omissions made according to the directions contained in the letter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Acting Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.
Ranchi.

List of officers appointed under the Indian Christian Marriage
Act XV of 1872, in the
district of Ranchi.

Name.	Residence.		Absent permanantly or temporarily.	Dead.
	Village.	Post office.		
1	2	3	4	5

Under section 7.

Rev. Masihdas Ekka.	Siromtoly.	Ranchi.
Rev. Luther Bagraila.	Jarakudar.	Bankibazar.
Rev. Obed Tiru.	Koronjo.	Simdega.
Rev. Jaymasih Minz.	Amgaon.	Chainpur.
Rev. Dharam Das Kujur.	Khutitoly.	Simdega.
Rev. Laurentius Lakra.	Kondra.	Raidih.
Rev. Krist Kalyan Guriya	Darigutu.	Khunti.
Rev. Nathaniel Khalkho.	Kuru.	Kuru.

Under section 6.

Rev. Masihdas Ekka.	Siromtoly	Ranchi.
Rev. Luther Bagraila.	Jarakudar.	Bankibazar.
Rev. John Topono.	-----Dead.	
Rev. Ishak Ekka.	Siromtoly.	Ranchi.
Rev. Laurantias Ekka.	Chiur.	Karra.
Rev. Daud Kujur.	Gumla.	Gumla.
Rev. Kristmaghan Lakra.	Gumla.	Gumla.
Rev. Dharam Prakash Minz.	Pathalkudwa.	Ranchi.
Rev. Daniel Horo.	Latakeli.	Lachragarh.
Rev. Nathaniel Bage.	Baribiringa.	Lachragarh. <i>Lassia.</i>
Rev. Mansukh Tuti.	-----Dead.	
Rev. Obed Tiru.	Koronjo.	Simdega.
Rev. Jaymasih Minz.	Amgaon.	Chainpur.
Rev. Dharamdas Kuj ^u ar.	Kahupani.	Simdega.
Rev. Khristochit Guria.	Marcha.	Torpa.
Rev. Daud Kerketta.	Tapkara.	Barda.
Rev. Urbanus Kujur.	Lohardaga.	Lohardaga.

List of officers appointed under the Indian Christian Marriage
Act XV of 1872, in the
district of Ranchi.

Name.	Residence		Absent permanantly or temporarily.	Dead.
	Village.	Post office.		
1	2	3	4	5

Under section 6.

Rev. Benjamin Minz.	Lohardaga.	Lohardaga.		
Rev. Pastor Mansidh Purty.	Burju.	Murhu.		
Rev. John Topno.	Runga.	Rigangpur.		
Rev. John Kujur.	Kinkel.	Kinkel.		
Rev. Suleman Kula. Baringberinga.	Takarma.	Lassia.		
Rev. ^{Samuel} Bage Kintel.	Jatatoli.	Kinkel.		
Rev. Joel Lakra.	Rajahmundry.	Rajahmundry.	Absent temprarily.	
Rev. Laurentius Lakra.	Kondra.	Raidih.		
Rev. Kristo Kalyan Guriya.	Darigutu.	Khunti.		
Rev. Nathaniel Khalkho.	Kuru.	Kuru.		
Rev. J.J.P. Tiga.	Ranchi.	Ranchi.		
Rev. Immanuel Lakra.	Chatti.	Nagjua.		
Rev. Suleman Bage.	Koronjo.	Koronjo.		
Rev. Daud ^O Sarang.	Khutitoli.	Simdega.		
Rev. Nathaniel ^{Mu} Wandu.	Tokad.	Bandgaon.		
Rev. Samuel Tirkey.	Kinkel.	Kinkel.		
Rev. ^M Karkas Sanga.	Umbulbaha.	Bandgaon.		
Rev. Lucas Topno.	Govindpur.	Jariagarh.		
Rev. Samuel Hemron.	Kitadih.	Tatanagar		
Rev. ^{u h} Latter Kongari.	Jharsugda.	Jharsugda.		
Rev. Sudarshan.	Mandar.	Mandar.		
Rev. Ananda Bhawan Lakra.				
Rev. Dharamdas Guria.	Churdag.	Barda.		
Rev. M. Kerschio.	Left	India		
Rev. Barnabas Hemrom.	Amlessa.	Tamar.		
Rev. ^u Immanuel ^{Kujur} Kurju.	Chiur.	Karra.		

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Under section 6.

Rev. Eliagar Kindo	Lali.	Ranchi.
Rev. Nichot Ekka.	Sarnatoli.	Khunti.
Rev. Kushalmay Topno.	Kotbo.	Kamdara.
Rev. Jiwan Tirkey.	Amgaon.	Chainpur.

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Under section 9.

Rev. Masihdas Ekka.	Siromtoly.	Ranchi.		
Rev. Luther Bag ^a grila.	Jarakudar.	Bankibazar.		
Rev. John Topno.				Dead.
Rev. Ishak Ekka.	Siromtoly.	Ranchi.		
Rev. Laurantius Ekka.	Chiur.	Karra.		
Rev. Daud K ^u jur.	Gumla.	Gumla.		
Rev. Christmaghan Lakra.	Gumla.	Gumla.		
Rev. Dharam Prakash Minz.	Pathalkudwa.	Ranchi.		
Rev. Daniel Horo.	Latakul.	Lachragarh.		
Rev. Luther Ekka.	Jurdag.	Karra.		
Rev. Nathaniel Bage.	Baribiringa.	Lachragarh. <i>Lassia</i>		
Rev. Mansukh Tuti.				Dead.
Rev. Obed Tiru.	Koronjo.	Simdega.		
Rev. Jaymasih Minz.	Amgaon.	Chainpur.		
Rev. Suleman Sanga.				Dead.
Rev. Dharmdas Kujur.	Kahupani.	Simdega.		
Rev. Khristochit Guria.	Marcha.	Torpa.		
Rev. Daud K ^e arketta.	Tapkara.	Barda.		
Rev. Urbanus Kujur.	Lohardaga.	Lohardaga.		
Rev. Benjamin Minz.	Lohardaga.	Lohardaga.		
Rev. Pastor Mansidh Purti.	Burju.	Murhu.		
Rev. John Topno.	Runga.	Rajgangpur.		
Rev. John Kujur.	Kinkel.	Kinkel.		
Rev. S ^u aleman Kula. Baringberinga.	Takarma.	Lassia.		
Rev. Samuel Bage.	Jatatoli.	Kinkel.		
Rev. Laurentsius Lakra.	Kondra.	Raidih.		
Rev. Khrist Kalyan Guriya.	Darigutu.	Khunti.		
Babu Lothe Ishwar Dutta Tirki.	Not of the G. E. Church.			

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Under Section 9.

Rev. Nathaniel Khalkho.	Kuru.	Kuru.		
Rev. J.J. P. Tiga.	Ranchi.	Ranchi.		
Rev. Immanuel Lakra.	Chatti.	Nagjua.		
Rev. Suleman Bage.	Koronjo.	Koronjo.		
Rev. Daud ^O Syrang.	Khutitoly.	Simdega.		
Rev. Nathaniel ^{Mu} Handu.	Tokad.	Bandgaon.		
Rev. Samuel Tirkey.	Kinkel.	Kinkel.		
Rev. Markas Sanga.	Umbulbaha.	Bandgaon.		
Rev. Dharmdas Guria.	Churdag	Karra.		
Rev. Barnabas Hamrom.	Amlessa.	Tamar.		
Rev. Mansukh Manki.	Tujur.	Bandgaon.		
Rev. M. E. Parrish.	Not of the G. E. L. Church.			
Rev. Immanuel ^u Kujru.	Chiur.	Karra.		
Rev. Eliazar Kindo.	Lali.	Ranchi.		
Rev. Nichot Ekka.	Sarnatoli.	Khunti.		
Rev. Kushalmoy Topno.	Kotbo.	Kandara.		
Rev. Jiwan Tirkey.	Amgaon.	Chainpur.		

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Addition.

Under Section 6.

Rev. Luther Ekka.	Jurdeg.	Karra.
Rev. Christ Kalyan Wengra.	Chaibassa.	Chaibassa.
Rev. Prem Dan Silas Bage.	Karimatti.	Bisra.
Rev. Thomas Topno.	Ghoghor	Rajgangpur.

Under Section 9.

Rev. Lucas Topno	Khutitoli.	Simdega.
Rev. Christ Kalyan Wengra.	Chaibassa.	Chaibassa.
Rev. Joel Lakra.	Rajahmundryh.	Rajahmundryh. absent temporarily.
Rev. Lucas Topno.	Govindpur.	Jariagarh.
Rev. Samuel Hemrom.	Kitadih.	Tatanagar.
Rev. Luther Kongari.	Jbarsugda.	Jbarsugda.
Rev. Sudarshan Anand Bhawan Lakra	Mandar.	Mandar.
Rev. Prem Dan Silas Bage.	Karimatti.	Bisra.
Rev. Thomas Topno.	Ghoghor.	Rajgangpur.

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Under section 7.

Rev. Masihdas Ekka. Siromtoly. Ranchi.

Rev. Luther Bagraila. Jarakudar. Bankibazar

Rev. Obed Tiru. Koronjo. Simdega.

Rev. Jaymasih Minz. Amgaon. Chainpur.

Rev. Dharam Das Kujur. Khutitoli. Simdega.

~~Rev. Manmashih Ekka.~~

Rev. Laurentius Lakra. Kondra. Raidih

Rev. Krist Kalyan Guriya. Darigutu. Khunti.

~~Rev. Ishak Ekka.~~

Rev. Nathaniel Khalkho. Kurā. Kurā

Under section 6.

Rev. Masihdas Ekka. Siromtoli. Ranchi.

Rev. Luther Bagraila. Jarakudar. Bankibazar.

~~Rev. John Topono.~~ Dead.

Rev. Ishak Ekka. Siromtoli. Ranchi.

Rev. Laurantias Ekka. Chiur. Karra.

~~Rev. Christogiri Tikka.~~

~~Rev. Manmashih Torani.~~

~~Rev. Patkash Kundalana.~~

Rev. Daud Kujur. Gumla. Gumla.

~~Rev. Kristian Mi~~

Rev. Kristmaghan Lakra. Gumla. Gumla.

Rev. Dharam Prakash Minz. Pathalkhudwa. Ranchi.

Rev. Daniel Horo. Latakeli. Lachragarh.

Rev. Nathaniel Bage. Baribiringa. Lachragarh.

Rev. Mansukh Tuti. ----- Dead.

Rev. Obed Tiru. Koronjo. Koronjo.

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Under section 6.

Rev. Jaymasih Minz.	Amgaon.	Chainpur.		
Rev. DharamDas Kujur. Kujur	Kahupani.	Simdega.		
Rev. Khristochit Guria.	Marcha.	Torpa.		
Rev. Daud Kerketta.	Tapkara.	Barda.		
Rev. Urbanus Kujur.	Lohardaga.	Lohardaga.		
Rev. Benjamin Minz.	Lohardaga.	Lohardaga.		
Rev. Pastor Mansidh Purti.	Burju.	Murhu.		
Rev. John Topno.	Runga.	Rajgangpur.		
RxxxxxxxJohn				
Rev. John Kujur.	Kinkel.	Kinkel.		
Rev. Suleman Kula Baring beringa.	Takarma.	Lassia.		
Rev. ^{Samuel} Bage Kintel.	Jatatoli.	Kinkel.		
Rev. Joel Lakra.				
RxxxxNixlxxxRxxThxxxxxx				
Rev. Laurentsius Lakra.	Kondra.	Raidih.		
Rev. Kristo Kalyan Guriya.	Darigutu.	Khunti.		
Rev. Nathaniel Khalkho.	Kuru.	Kuru.		
Rev. J.J. ^{P.} Tiga	Ranchi.	Ranchi.		
Rev. Immanuel Lakra.	Chatti.	Nagjua.		
Rev. Suleman Bage.	Koronjo.	Koronjo.		
Rev. Daud ^O Sarang.	Khutitoli.	Simdega.		
Rev. Nathaniel ^{Mundu} Mandu.	Tokad.	Bandgaon.		
Rev. Samuel Tirkey.	Kinkel.	Kinkel.		
Rev. ^{Markas} Karkas Sanga.	Umbulbaha.	Bandgaon.		
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Under section 6.

Luther
Rev. **Latter Kongari.** Jharsugda. Jharsugda.

Rev. **Sudarshan.** Mandar. Mandar.

Rev. **Ananda Bhawan Lakra.**

Rev. **Dharam Das Guria.** Churdag. Barda.

Rev. **M. Kerschio.**

Rev. **Barnabas** Amlessa. Tamar.

Hemrom

Immanuel Kujur
Rev. **Immanuel Kurju.** Chiur. Karra.

Eliagar
Rev. **Eliagar Kindo.** Lali. Ranchi.

Rev. **Nichot Ekka.** Sarnatoli. Khunti.

Rev. **Kushalmay Topono.** Kotbo. Kamdara.

Rev. **Jiwan Tirkey.** Amgaon. Chainpur.

Under section 9.

Masihdas Ekka. Siromtoli. Ranchi.

Bagrila
Rev. **Luther Bagrila.** Jarakudar. Bankibazar.

Rev. **John Topno.** ----- Dead.

Rev. **Ishak Ekka.** Siromtoli. Ranchi.

Rev. **Laurantius Ekka.** Chiur. Karra.

Kujur
Rev. **Daud Kajur.** Gumla. Gumla.

Rev. **Christmaghan Lakra.** Gumla. Gumla.

Rev. **Dharam Prakash Minz.** Pathalkhudwa. Ranchi.

Rev. **Daniel Horo.** Latakeli. Lachragarh.

Rev. **Luther Ekka.** Jurdag. Karra.

Rev. **Nathaniel Bage.** Baribiringa. Lachragarh.

Rev. **Mansukh Tuti.** ----- Dead.

Rev. **Obed Tiru.** Koronjo. ~~Koronjo.~~
Simdega.

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Under section 9.

Rev. Jaymasih Minz. Amgaon. Chainpur.

Rev. Suleman Sanga. ----- Dead.

Rev. Dharam Das Kujur. Kahupani. Simdega.

Rev. Khristochit Guria. Marcha. Torpa.

Rev. Daud ^{Kerketta} ~~Karketta~~. Tapkara. Barda.

Rev. Urbanus Kujur. Lohardaga. Lohardaga.

Rev. Benjamin Minz. Lohardaga. Lohardaga.

Rev. Pastor Mansidh Purti. Burju. Murhu.

Rev. ~~John~~ John Topno. Runga. Rajgangpur.

Rev. John Kujur. Kinkel. Kinkel.

Rev. ^{Suleman} ~~Saleman~~ Kula. Takarma. Lassia.

~~Baring~~ ^{beringa}.

Rev. ~~Max~~ Samuel/ Bage. Jatatoli. Kinkel.

Rev. Laurentsius Lakra. Kondra. Raidih.

Rev. Khrist Kalyan Guriya. Darigutu. Khunti.

~~John~~ Babu Lothe Ishwar Not of the G. E. L. Church.
Dutta Tirki.

Rev. Nathaniel Khalkho. Kuru. Kuru.

Rev. J.J. ^P Tiga. Ranchi. Ranchi.

Rev. Immanuel Lakra. Chatti. Nagjua.

Rev. Suleman Bage. Koronjo. Koronjo.

Rev. Daud ^{Soreng} ~~Surang~~. Khutitoli. Simdega.

Rev. Nathaniel ^{Mundu} ~~Nandu~~. Tokad. Bandgaon.

Rev. Samuel Tirkey. Kinkel. Kinkel.

Rev. Markas Sanga. Umbulbaha. Bandgaon.

Rev. Dharmdas Guria. Churgad. Barda.

Rev. ~~Barnabas~~ Hamrom. Amlessa. Tamar.

Rev. Mansukh Manki. Tujur. Bandgaon.

Rev. M.E. Parrish Not of the G. E. L. Church.

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Under section 9.

Immanuel Kujur
 Rev. Immanuel Kujur. Chiur. Karra.
 Rev. Eliazar Kindo. Lali. Ranchi.
 Rev. Nichot Ekka. Sarnatoli. Khunti.
 Rev. Kushalmoy Topno. Kotbo. Kamdara.
 Rev. Jiwan Tirkey. Amgaon. Chainpur.

Copy of letter no. Nil dated the Patna, the 7th December 1939 from Rai Bahadur N. N. Das, M. A. B. A., Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Bihar. to the Deputy Commissioner Ranchi.

" I have the honour to forward herewith a list in duplicate of persons appointed under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, XV of 1872, residing in your district, and to request that you will be so good as to cause one copy of the list to be returned to this office after a note having been made therein of any changes, additions or omissions that may be necessary, the other copy as corrected, being kept in your office.

2) In correcting the list the following points may kindly be kept in view:-

(a) Care should be taken to see that the names as given are under the proper headings.

(b) Reasons should be assigned for every correction made in the list forwarded herewith.

(c) In support of the new names inserted in the list copies of the licenses held by the persons should be forwarded.

(d) All corrections should be made in red ink.

3). The names of the clergymen of the establishment churches and of persons who have received episcopal ordination and are, therefore, authorised to solemnize marriages, but who are not appointed by Government under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, should not be shown in the list. The list is intended only for those persons who held authority from Government under any of the sections of the Indian Christian Marriage.

I have etc.

Sd. Illegible.

Registrar General.

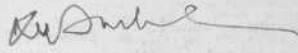
Memo No.

Dated Ranchi the 22nd December 1939 .

Copy , with a copy of the list ~~xxx~~ ~~xxx~~ forwarded to The Secretary G. E. L church , Ranchi with a request to return

No 8139922¹²/35

return it after compliance.

for 
Joint Magistrate, Ranchi.
20.12.
Im

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE G. E. L. CHURCH
IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

Memo No. 181/40/F- 31.

From :-

The Rev. J.J.P.Tiga, B. D.
Acting Secretary,
G.E.L. Church in chotanagpur & Assam.

Ranchi.

The 30th January, 1940.

To,

The District Magistrate,
Cuttack. Orissa.

Subject :- Grant of license under Section
6 & 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act
(XV of 1872) to the Reverend Thomas Topno and
the Reverend Christochit Horo for the territories
under the administration of the Government of
Orissa.

Sir,

May I have the honour to request that you will kindly
move the Government of Orissa to grant marriage license under
Section 6 & 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of
1872) for the territories under the administration of the
Government of Orissa to the following newly ordained Reverend
gentlemen as Ministers of Religion of " The Gossner Evangelical
Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam".

1. Rev. Thomas Topno.
G. E. L. Church, Ghoghor.
P. O. Rajgangpur.
Gangpur State.
2. Rev. Christochit Horo.
G. E. L. Church, Loarom.
P. O. Bisra.
Gangpur State.

P. T. O.

I request that the said ministers may kindly be also appointed under Act VI of 1886 to function as Registrar of Births and Deaths within the Province.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. B. Lega 30.1.40
Acting Secretary,

G. E. L. Church,

R a n c h i .

Government of Bihar,

Revenue Department.

No. 7 R.
VIE-93

Patna, the 2nd January 1940.

From

Rai Bahadur A.G.K.Lal, B.A.
Secretary to Government.

To,

The Commissioner of the Chota Nagpur Division.

Subject :- Grant of licenses under sections 6 & 9 of the
Indian Christian Marriage Act to Rev. Thomas
Topno.

Sir,

1. With reference to your letter No. 5296 J, dated the
20th December 1939, I am directed by the Governor of Bihar to
forward for presentation to the minister of religion named on
Reverend Thomas Topno. the margin, the accompanying licenses under
section 6 & 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872
(Act XV of 1872) to be valid within the territories under the
administration of the Government of Bihar.

2. The Reverend Thomas Topno is also appointed under
Act VI of 1886 to be Registrar of Births and Deaths.

I have etc.,

Sd. A.G.K.Lal,

Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 67 J.

Dated Ranchi, the 5th January 1940.

Copy forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner of Ranchi, with
reference to his letter No. 8018 J, dated the 15th/16th December
1939, for information and for favour of presentation of the
licenses to Rev. Thomas Topno.

Sd/-

E. O. Lee.

Commissioner.
4.1.40.

Government of Bihar,
Revenue Department.
No. 7 R.
VIR-23
Patna, the 2nd January 1940.
Memo No. 293 J.

Dated Ranchi, the 11th January 1940.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary G. E. L. Church, Ranchi
with reference to his letter No. 1193 dated 8.12.39 for
information and for favour of presentation of the enclosed
licenses to Rev. Thomas Topno.

Sd/- H. C. Sarin.

for Joint Magistrate, Ranchi.

Memo No. 56/40/F-31.

Dated Ranchi, the 15th January, 1940.

Copy with the copies of licenses forwarded to the
Reverend Thomas Topno for information and guidance.

H. C. Sarin 15/1/40
Acting Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.
15.1.40.

License under section 6, Act XV of 1872.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME

I, THOMAS ALEXANDER STEWART,

Governor of Bihar,

SEND GREETING :

Whereas by an Act passed by the Governor-General in Council on the Eighteenth day of July, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, being Act No. XV, and entitled " The Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872," it is provided that marriages may be solemnized in India by any Minister of Religion licensed under the said Act to solemnize Marriages : And Whereas it is further provided by section 6 of the said Act that the Provincial Government may grant licenses to Ministers of Religion to solemnize Marriages within the territories under its administration : And Whereas the Governor of Bihar has thought fit to grant to the Reverend Thomas Topno of the G. E. L. Church, Burju, district Ranchi, a Minister of Religion, a license to solemnize Marriages under the provisions of the said Act :

It is hereby certified that the Governor of Bihar, by virtue of the power so vested in him, does hereby license and authorize the said Reverend Thomas Topno as and being a Minister of Religion, to solemnize Marriages between persons one or both of whom is Christian, or are Christians within the territories under the administration of the Government of Bihar.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Government of Bihar, this second day of January, One thousand nine hundred and forty.

By order of the Governor of Bihar,

(Government Seal)

Sd/-

Illegible.

Secretary.

License under section 9, Act XV of 1872.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME

I, THOMAS ALEXANDER STEWART,

Governor of Bihar,

SEND GREETING :

Whereas by an Act passed by the Governor-General in Council on the Eighteenth day of July, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, being Act No. XV, and entitled " The Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872," it is provided that marriages may be solemnized in India by any persons licensed under the said Act to grant Certificates of Marriage between Native Christians : And Whereas it is also provided by section 9 of the said Act that the Provincial Government may grant a license to any Christian, either by name or as holding any office for the time being, authorizing him to grant Certificates of Marriage between Native Christians : And Whereas the Governor of Bihar has thought fit to grant to the Reverend Thomas Topno of the G. E. L. Church, Burju, district, Ranchi, a Christian, a License to grant Certificates of Marriage between Native Christians :

It is hereby certified that the Governor of Bihar, by virtue of the power so vested in him, does hereby license and authorize the said Reverend Thomas Topno as and being a Christian, to grant Certificates of Marriage between persons who are Native Christians within the territories under the administration of the Government of Bihar.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Government of Bihar this second day of January, One thousand nine hundred and forty.

By order of the Governor of Bihar,

(Government Seal)

Sd/- Illegible.

Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE G. E. L. CHURCH
IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

Memo No. 1193/39/F- 31.

From :-

The Rev. J.J.P.Tiga, B.D.
Acting Secretary,
G.E.L.Church in Chotanagpur
and Assam.

Ranchi.
The 8th December, 1939.

To,

The Deputy Commissioner,
Ranchi.

Subject :- Grant of license under
Section 6 & 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage
Act (XV of 1872) to the Reverend Thomas
Topono for the territories under the administra-
tion of the Government of Bihar.

Sir, ✓

May I have the honour to request that you will kindly
move the Government of Bihar to grant marriage license under
Section 6 & 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of
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Government of Bihar to the following newly ordained Reverend
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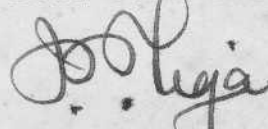
Reverend Thomas Topono,
G. E. L. Church, Burju.
P.O. Murhu, Dist. Ranchi.

I request that the said minister may kindly be also
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Births and Deaths within the Province.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Acting Secretary,
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

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May I have the honour to request that you will kindly
move the Government of Bihar to grant marriage license under
Section 6 & 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of
1872) for the territories under the administration of the
Government of Bihar to the following newly ordained Reverend
gentleman as Minister of Religion of " The Gossner Evangelical
Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam " .

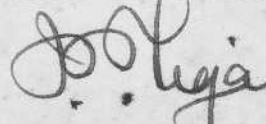
Reverend Thomas Topono,
G. E. L. Church, Burju.
P.O. Murhu, Dist. Ranchi.

I request that the said minister may kindly be also
appointed under Act VI of 1886 to function as Registrar of
Births and Deaths within the Province.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Acting Secretary,
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

The Cassner Ev. Lutheran Church in Sholanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845.—Autonomous 1919.]

G. E. L. COMPOUND.
RANCHI, (Bihar) India.

Secretary: F. N. TOPNO Esqr.

No. 505/32/F- 31.

Dated the 7th July 1939.

To,

The Diwan,
Gangpur State.
Sundergarh P. O.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 3547 dated 4th July, 1939 I have the honour to state that from the time you have very kindly granted a marriage license to Rev. P. D. S. Bage of Karimatti all our trouble in this respect is over. At present we have no more new priests in your State. Vacancies are still vacant and we cannot fill them up till October next when we shall have to write to you afresh.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

N. Topno.

Secretary.

No. 3547

Please
address reply
by designation
and not by name
SUNDARGARH
Via-JHARSUGUDA,
B. N. R.

From

Khan Bahadur Abdul Ghaffar Khan, B.A.,

Diwan of Gangpur State.

To

The Secretary,
The Gossner Evenligical Lutheran Church
in Chotanagpur and Assam, G.E.L. Compound, Ranchi.

Dated Sundargarh, the 4th July 1939.

Subject:- Grant of Marriage licenses to all the
Lutheran Pastors in the Gangpur State.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No.1690/38/F.31 dated the 19th October 1938, on the above subject, I have the honour to observe that among the list of lutheran pastors and priests Rev.F.Schulze of Rajgangpur has left the State and another priest has taken his place. Rev. Prabhusahay Horo of Ghoghar is reported to have died in March 1939 and his place is vacant. I would accordingly request you to forward to this office a list up-to-date of all the Lutheran priests Pastors in whose favour the Marriage Licenses will be issued by the Darbar to function as Registrars of Births and Deaths within this State.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Diwan
Diwan,
Gangpur State.

Sudhir,
1/7.

The 1st May 1939.

No. 3298 - VIE-37/39-R. - In exercise of of the powers conferred upon him by sections 6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (Act XV of 1872), the Governor of Bihar is pleased to authorize the Reveren Nichot Ekka, Reverend Kushalmay Topno and Reverend Jiwan Tirkey, Ministers of Religion of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotan Nagpur and Assam, to solemnize marriage between persons, one or both of which is a Christian or are Christians and to grant certificates of marriages between persons who are native Christians, within the territories under the administration of the Government of Bihar.

By order of the Governor of Bihar,
A. G. K. LAL.
Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 3908 R., Patna, the 19th May, 1939.

Copy forwarded to the Commissioner, Chotanagpur Division, with reference to his letter No. 1412 J, dated the 6th April, 1939.

Sd/- J. D. Misra.
Assistant Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 2027 J. Dated Ranchi, the 23rd May, 1939.

Copy, with 3 spare copies, forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner of Ranchi, for information with reference to the correspondence resting with Mr. Lacey's letter No. 1444 J dated the 1st April, 1939.

Sd/- N. Prasad.
For Commissioner.
22.5.39.

Memo No. 2143 J. Dated Ranchi, the 30th May, 1939.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary, G.E.L. Church, Ranchi for information with reference to his Memo No. 185/39/F. 31. dated 27th March, 1939.

Sd/- Illegible.
31.5.39.
For Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi.

Memo No. 430-32/39/F-31. Dated Ranchi, the 13th June, '39.

Copy of the above is forwarded to the Revs. N. Ekk, K. Topno and J. Tirkey for information.

N. Topno
Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.
13.6.39.

श्री युक्त मान्यवर सेक्टरों सी-सी छोड़ना गपुर और
आस्प. को श्री युक्तहाप.

मैं आप का - भोज. शायी लैसेस तीन कोपी
तल: 22-5-39 ईस्वी - को - पाया - और इन्ही
कोपियों पर विश्वास रख कर - शायी - देले का
भारतिया - समझकार - मारली - की - सेवा
में हाथ डालने चाहता हूँ।

आप का आशीर्वाद

साध

M. Ekka. Pastor

Garnatoli Parish.

22-5-39.

file
N.T.
29.5.39.

Government of Bihar, Revenue Department.
No. 3325 R/ VID-37.
Patna, the 2nd May, 1939.

From

Rai Bahadur A.G.K.Lal, B.A.,
Secretary to Government.

To,

The Commissioner, Chotanagpur Division.

Subject :- Grant of licenses under sections 6 and 9 of the
Indian Christian Marriage Act to certain Ministers
of Religion.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1412 J dated the 6th
April, 1939, I am directed by the Governor of Bihar to forward
for presentation to the ministers of religion named on the margin,
the accompanying licenses under section 6 and 9 of the Indian

1. Rev. Nichot Ekka.
 2. Rev. Kushalmay Topno.
 3. Rev. Jiwan Tirkey.
- Christian Marriage Act, 1872, (Act XV
of 1872) to be valid within the territories
under the administration of the Government of Bihar.

2. The Reverend Nichot Ekka, the Reverend Kushalmay Topno and
the Reverend Jiwan Tirkey are also appointed under Act VI of
1886 to be Registrars of Births and Deaths.

I have etc.,
Sd. A.G.K.Lal.
Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 1886 J., Ranchi the 10th May, 1939.

Copy with the enclosures, in original, forwarded to the
Deputy Commissioner of Ranchi, with reference to his predecessor's
letter No. 1444 J, dated the 1st April 1939, for information and
for favour of presentation of the licenses to the Three Reverend
gentlemen.

Sd. E.R.Cousins.
Commissioner.

Memo No. 1947 J., Dated Ranchi, the 16th May, 1939.

Copy with the licenses in original forwarded to the Secretary,
G.E.L.Church, Ranchi with reference to his No. 185/39/F 31,
dated 27th March, 1939 for information and for favour of presenta-
tion of the licenses to the Rev. gentlemen concerned.

Sd. Illegible.
Assistant Magistrate, Ranchi.
16/5

Memo No. 353-55/39/F. 31. Dated Ranchi, the 19th May, 1939.

Copy with the copies of licenses forwarded to the Rev. N.
Ekka, Rev. K. Topno and the Rev. J. Tirkey for information and
guidance.

N. Topno.
Secretary,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

To

The Secretary of C. C.

Church Council

Received 28.3.39

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Reply No.

Date

Mahashay,

Main . ap ko arzi karta
hain ki mere Shadi hone ka Liaton,
Wahapas kal ke aur hone tak band-
obast karne ka kriyaya karenge. Jiste
mere kam karne mein Shubhichha
hows. Main Rev. M. Kersechieh Sevak
ke bat kiya. bu us ne jo mujhe kaha
ki Secretary ko janti dijiye. So main
Ap ko janti deta hun.

{ Ap ka Sewak
Rev. K. Johno
Kotlo parish.
24.3.39

Church Council

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OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE G. E. L. CHURCH
IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

Memo No. 185/39/F- 31.

From :-

F. N. Topno, Esqr.,
Secretary,
G. E. L. Church in
Chotanagpur and Assam.
Ranchi.

Ranchi.
The 27th March, 1939.

To,

The Deputy Commissioner,
Ranchi.

Subject :- Grant of licenses under Sections
6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage
Act (XV of 1872) to the Reverne Nichot
Ekka, the Reverend Kushalmay Topno and the
Reverend Jiwan Tirkey for the territories
under the administration of the Government
of Bihar.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that you will kindly
move the Government of Bihar to grant marriage licenses
under Sections 6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act
(XV of 1872) for the territories under the administration
of the Government of Bihar to the following newly ordained
Reverend gentlemen as Ministers of Religion of " The Gossner
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam," posted
in the District of Ranchi in the places mentioned with their
names :-

1. Revd. Nichot Ekka,
G. E. L. Compound, Sarnatoli,
P. O. Khunti.
Dist. Ranchi.

P. T. O.

2. Revd. Kushalmay Topno,
G. E. L. Compound, Kotbo,
P. O. Kamdara,
Dist. Ranchi.

3. Revd. Jiwan Tirkey,
G. E. L. Compound, Amgaon.
P. O. Chainpur,
Dist. Ranchi.

I request that the said ministers may kindly be also
appointed under Act VI of 1886 to function as Registrars of
Births and Deaths within the Province.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

N. Topno.

Secretary,

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE G. E. L. CHURCH
IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

Memo/ No. 109-110/39/F 31. Dated, the 7th February, 1939.

The undermentioned document is forwarded to the Rev. P.D.Silas Bage and the Rev. Eliazar Ekka for information with the request to take necessary action.

P.D. Silas
for
Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.

Extract copy from the Minutes of the Full C. C. Meeting held on the 20th January, 1939.

Item No. 3.

" Gangpur men Shadi License :- Gangpur men ki ashanti ke bishay bahut batchit huwi. Anuman kiya gaya ki wahan ki ashanti ke karan hi wahan hamare Padriyon ko shadi ka license milne men kathinai ho rahi hai. Bartaman men Padri Silas Bage ke siway sab ko license hai. Tis par kaha gaya ki jab tak Padri Silas Bage ko shadi ka license na mile Padri Eliazar Ekka Karimatti Ilake men shadi dene ko jawe. Phir jis samay President Jharsuguda jayenge usi samay Rajgangpur men Ilaka Sabha kar bhaiyon ko Malgujari dene ke liye samjhawenge. We is sambandh men Sundargarh bhi pahunchenge."

No. 250 R. / VIE-14.

Government of Bihar.
Revenue Department.

From :-

Rai Bahadur A.G.K. Lal, B.A.,
Secretary to Government.

To,

The Commissioner of the Chota Nagpur Division.
Patna, the 13th January, 1939.

Subject :- Grant of license under sections 6 and 9
of the Indian Christian Marriage Act
to Rev. I. Kujur and Rev. E. Kindo.

Sir,

With reference to your Personal Assistant's letter
No. 4702 J, dated the 20th December, 1938, I am directed by
the Governor to forward for presentation to the ministers of
religion named on the margin, the accompanying licenses under

1. Rev. Immanuel Kujur | sections 6 and 9 of the Indian Christian
and | Marriage Act, 1872 (Act XV of 1872) to be
2. Rev. Eliazar Kindo | valid within the territories under the admini-
stration of the Government of Bihar.

2. The Reverend Immanuel Kujur and the Reverend Eliazar Kindo
are also appointed under Act VI of 1886 to be Registrar of
Births and Deaths.

I have etc.,
Sd. A.G.K. Lal.
Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 233 J., Dated Ranchi, the 18th January, 1939.

Copy with the enclosures in original, forwarded to the
Deputy Commissioner of Ranchi, with reference to the correspo-
ndence resting with his letter No. 6193 J, dated the 13th
December 1938, for information and for favour of presentation
of the licenses to the two Reverend gentlemen.

Sd. Nagendra Prasad.
17.1.39.
For Commissioner.

Memo No. 390 J. Dated Ranchi, the 20th January, 1939.

Copy with licenses in original forwarded to the Secretary,
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi with reference to his letter No.
1917/38/F 31, dated 25th November, 1938 for information and
for favour of presentation of the licenses to Rev. I. Kujur
and Rev. E. Kindo.

Sd. Illegible.
Assistant Magistrate, Ranchi.

Memo No. 27-28/39/F, 31. Dated Ranchi, the 24th January,
1939.

licenses
Copy with the copies of ~~enclosures~~ forwarded to the
Rev. E. Kindo and the Rev. I. Kujur for information and guidance.

N. T. ...
Secretary,
G. E. L. Church,
Ranchi.

Rajgangpur
21.12.38.

मान्यवर सेक्रेटरी C.C. को, योशुसहाय,

आप के चिट्ठी नं. 1943-49/38 ता 2 दिसम्बर
के अनुसार मैं आप को जनाता हूँ कि - मैं
सब पाट्रियो से जो राजगांगपुर के हैं, सादे, जन्म,
और मरन (सालाना हिस्सा) के विषय में पूछा उन्होंने
जवाब दिया किसी ने नहीं मंगा है। मैं त्री बितनी
बेर भुत पाट्री योहन जेगा के नाम पर यहां चिट्ठी देवा
और कई बेर झाड़े का हिस्सा Deputy Collector
in charge के पास सम्मलपुर जेजा दिया, कुल्से
साहेब जो योहन जेगा के नाम से चिट्ठी आने पर कई
चिट्ठियां सम्मलपुर जेजा पर मेरे नाम पर चिट्ठी नहीं
मिलता अतः मैं त्री नहीं जेजा क्योंकि नहीं मंगा
जाता है।



आप का आज्ञाकार दास

E. EKKA

No. 6215 D/ 20-11-38.

From

Khan Bahadur Abdul
Ghaffar Khan, B.A.
DIWAN, GANGPUR STATE
SUNDARGARH.
Via.—JHARSUGUDA.
B. N. Ry.

To

The Secretary, The
Gossner Evangelical
Lutheran Church in
Chotanagpur and Assam,
G.E.L. Compound,
Ranchi.

Subject:— Grant of marriage licenses to all the
Lutheran Pastors in Gangpur State.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1690/38/F-31,
dated the 19th October 1938 on the above subject, I
write to say that it is receiving the attention of the
Regent Rani Sahiba.

Yours faithfully,

Aswani
Diwan,
Gangpur State.

SG.19/11.

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ADDRESS ONLY



Mr. A. T. Puro
Secretary
G. E. L. Church
Ranchi

Jora Branth

26.12.38

Maka manyaw. See Sahib
ap to mwa I Sahib.

Main danda saphu men
tha sabh ke ek do rojage
ghar lanta + apka jhuri
khat para. Jabab dene
men der hui so kripara
maph karoge.

Jam Mibaur Karapur
Kahin nahin bhejte hain
Kauri ki Thana men
bhi iska diary jata hai
Dhar se a hhar se bhi
Dene se Dobwa Santkha
hoga ga.

Marriage Karetur
Patna Bankepur pheja
jata hai. H. O.
Apka agyaki
Datta Banke

[To be kept in office of receipt]

URGENT.

REMINDER

No.

FROM

THE

Div an Gangpur State.

TO

THE

*Secretary
Lutheran Mission,
Ranchi.*

Dated *Sunday* the *13/12/* 1938.

SIR,

I ^{am directed} ~~have the honour~~ to draw your very early attention to this office No. *6504* of the *6/12/38* and to request you to return the right-hand portion duly filled up before the *23-12-38*

SUBJECT :—

*Marriage Registrars &
Registrars of Births &
Deaths appointed for the
States in Political
relation with the
Political Agent,
on these States.*

Church Council

Received *16.12.38*

Register No. *652*

Date *15.12.38*

File *31*

Reply No.

Date

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

Yours faithfully,

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N.B.—Here note the number and date, purport of reply sent.

No. 6504

Please
address reply
by designation
and not by name:
SUNDARGARH
Via-JHARSUGUDA,
B. N. R.

From

Khan Bahadur Abdul Ghaffar Khan, B.A.,

Diwan of Gangpur State.

To

The Secretary, The Gossner Evangelical

Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam,
G.E.L. Compound, Ranchi.

Dated Sundargarh, the 6th December 1938.

Church Council

Received 7.12.38

Register No. 650

Date 6.12.38

File 31

Reply No.

Date

Subject:- Marriage Registrars and Registrars of Births and Deaths appointed for the States in Political relations with the Political Agent, Orissa States.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 590/37/F.32, dated the 29th November 1937 on the above subject, I write to enquire to whom the licensed Ministers and Registrars of Births and Deaths have been submitting their Returns of Births, Deaths and Marriages under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (Act XV of 1872) and Act VI of 1886.

2. The favour of a very early reply is requested.

Yours faithfully,

Rauhan
Diwan,
Gangpur State.

SG.4/12.

The Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845.—Autonomous 1919.]

G. E. L. COMPOUND.
RANCHI. (Behar) India.

Secretary: F. N. TOPNO Esqr.

No. 2060/38/F 31.

Dated the 21st Dec. 1938

To,

The Diwan,
Gangpur State,
Sundargarh P. O.

Subject :- Marriage Registrars and Registrars of Births and Deaths appointed for the States in Political relations with the Political Agent, Orissa States.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 6504 dated 6th Dec., 1938 I have the honour to state that the licensed Ministers and Registrars submit no Returns of Births, Deaths and Marriages unless they are called upon to do so by some authorities.

The Ministers and Registrars of the Ranchi District submit the Returns to the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages Bihar whenever the latter wants them.

The licensed Ministers and Registrars of Gangpur do not submit the Returns if these are not demanded from your office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

N. Topno.
Secretary.

From

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REV. BENJAMIN MINZ B.A., L.Th.

P. D. S. Bage.

Lutheran Church
Karimati.
P. O. Bisra
B. N. R.

28/11/38.

To,

The Secy, C.C.
Ranchi.

Sir,

(a) Please send me 32 printed
Census forms immediately.

(b) Please let me know, in what connection
the Provident Fund stands. Is it equal
to the Provident Fund of the Educational
Department? What is the Aim and
Object of this new fund? Try to make
me understand before the Amsabha
which commences on Tuesday, the 13th
December 1938. in Original,

(c) Please send my marriage Licenses
for Bihar in which the Seal and the
Signature of the Bihar Government
are given. Copied Licenses are ^{valueless}
worthless in Gangpur State that you know.

P.T.O.

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REV. BENJAMIN MINZ B.A., L.Th.

P.D. Bage.

Lutheran Church
Karimati,
P. O. Bisra
B. N. R.

According to the Rule of the 28/11/38
Government, Real Licenses must be
kept in the hand of the Licensee. Please
send my Original Licenses very soon.
I cannot solemnize marriages according
to the copied Licenses, because I see
danger in it.

We have sent application to you
for Gangpur State - marriage Licenses,
but we don't receive any answer from
you. The marriage-time is near and I see,
I have no Licenses for Gangpur State.
People of this side are crying but what
can I do without a License!

I beg humbly, that you will be
kind enough to send me Licenses
wanted, before the 15th Dec. '38.

Yours M.O.S.

P.D. Bage.

प्राद्वियों को प्रोमिटेड पत्रों के विषय
के ले मिनिस्ट्रियम से बात-चीत हुई
पर कोर्टी गपलर। गरी दुमा सो सगो
वह विषय मुक्त तबि है।

શીલો એમ ના original કાપ અને 3 સો
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The Cassner Lu. Lutheran Church in Shoranagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd, 1845.—Autonomous 1919.]

G. E. L. COMPOUND.
RANCHI, (Behar) India.

Secretary: F. N. TOPNO Esqr.

No...1955/38/F 31.

Dated the...10th Dec 1938.

To,
The Rev. Silas Bage,
Karimatti.

Manyawar Padri babu ko yishusahay.

Padriyon ke Provident Fund ke bishay bite Ministerium men batchit huwi par koi niptara nahin huwa so abhi wah bishay multhabi hai.

Sadi License original ap ko usi samay bheja jayga jab ap se koi original talab kare. Padriyon ke pas kewal copy bheja jata hai. Kam se kam Ranchi Jile ke liye ap ko koi dar nahin. Gangpur State se license ke bishay ab tak likha parhi ho raha hai. Diwan, Lutheran padriyon ko license dene men hichkicha raha hai kyonki wahan ke Lutheran raiyat malgujari nahin dete hain.

Census Form Aj ya Somwar ko bheja jayga.

Ap ka bishast,

N. Topno.

Secretary.

The Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd, 1845.—Autonomous 1919.]

G. E. L. COMPOUND.
RANCHI, (Behar) India.

Secretary: F. N. TOPNO Esqr.

No. ~~1950~~/38/F 31.

Dated the ~~9th~~ Dec. 1938.

To,

The Deputy Commissioner,
Ranchi.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No. 6098 J dated ^{6th}/_{7th} December, 1938 forwarding the copy of the letter No. 4509 J dated 3rd December, 1938 from the Personal Assistant to the Commissioner of Chotanagpur I have the honour to state that for the present Rev. Immanuel Kujur has to work in the Chiur pastorate and Rev. Eliazar Kindo in the Lali pastorate among the Lutheran Christians.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

N. Topno.
Secretary.

Copy of letter No. 4509 J dated Ranchi, the 3rd December, 1938, from the Personal Assistant to the Commissioner of Chota Nagpur to the Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi.

Subject :- Grant of marriage licenses to Rev. Immanuel Kujur and Rev. Eliazar Kindo.

With reference to your letter no. 5980 J dated the 28th/29th November 1938, on the above subject, I am directed by the Commissioner to say that under section 12 of the Act VI of 1886 Registrars have to be appointed for particular local areas and this local area has to be defined. Section 19 of the same Act imposes a duty on receipt of notice of a birth or death within the local area or from among the class for which the Registrar is appointed. I request that the area or class in regard to the two gentlemen proposed to be appointed Registrar of ~~Births~~ Births and Deaths under Act VI of 1886 may please be reported.

Memo. No. 6098 J

Dated Ranchi, the 6th December, 1938.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary, G.E.L. Church in Chota Nagpur and Assam, Ranchi with reference to his letter no. 1917/38/F 31 dated 25.11.38 for early report.

Delus

Assistant Magistrate, Ranchi.

7/12

The Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845.—Autonomous 1919.]

G. E. L. COMPOUND.
RANCHI. (Behar) India.

Secretary: F. N. TOPNO Esqr.

No....1917/38/F 31.

Dated the....25th Nov....1938.

To,
The Deputy Commissioner,
Ranchi.

Subject :- Grant of licenses under Sections 6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872) to the Reverend Immanuel Kujur and the Reverend Eliazar Kindo for the territories under the administration of the Government of Bihar.

Sir,

(i) I have the honour to request that you will kindly move the Government of Bihar to grant marriage licenses under Sections 6 & 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872) for the territories under the administration of the Government of Bihar to the following Reverend gentlemen as Ministers of Religion of " The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam," posted in the District of Ranchi in the places mentioned with their names :-

1. Rev. Immanuel Kujur,
G. E. L. Church, Chiur.
P. O. Karra,
Dist. Ranchi.
2. Rev. Eliazar Kindo,
G. E. L. Church, Lali.
P. O. Palanda,
Dist. Ranchi.

(ii) I request that the said Ministers may kindly be also appointed under Act VI of 1886 to function as Registrars of Births and Deaths within the Province.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

N. Topno.
Secretary.

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Lutheran Church,
 Karimati,
 Biera P.O.B.N.R.
 6. 9. 38.

To, The C.C.,
 Lutheran Church,
 Ranchi.

प्रिये महाशयगण,

आप लोगों को धीनु-सहाय ।

आप लोगों को सादर धन्यवाद देते हैं कि आप लोगों ने हमारे पाद्री के लिये बिहार का आदी लैथेन्स भेज दिया है। हमारे इलाके की अधिकांश सरहलियां गांगपुर स्टेट में हैं सो केवल बिहार का लैथेन्स-काफ़ी नहीं है अतः सखिनाथ हमारी भर्जा है कि आप लोग गांगपुर स्टेट का आदी लैथेन्स पल्ड बन्दोवस्त करके भेजने की कृपा कीजिये। क्योंकि बिना गांगपुर स्टेट के लैथेन्स से पाद्री का काम चलेगा नहीं। इसलिये यह लैथेन्स नवम्बर महिने के अन्त तक जरूर मिले ऐसा कोशिश किया जाय जिससे दिसम्बर महिने ही से काम शुरू हो सके।

1. A. Aml

2. T. Guria

3. Philip Dofono

4. B. B. B.

5. Nirmal Prage

6. M. Guria

7. Nainsuk Kandulna

8. Jaymarik Bage

9. S. Joso

आप के आस्थाधीन,

20. A. J. J. J.

12. Y. N. S. S.

11. Isahap Sugun

13. Theophil Harey

14. Johnon Tono

15. Amelias Gurti

16. Sukas Buninga

17. Jaimarik Surun

18. Ch. etim

19. S. Rongari

Forwarded to the
 C.C., G.E.S. Church.
 J. B. Bage
 6/9/38.

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Lutheran Church
 Kasimati.
 Bista P.O. B.B.R.
 6. 9. 38.

To The C.C.
 Lutheran Church,
 Ranchi.

पिपारे महाशय —

हम लोग आप को बहुत धन्यवाद देते हैं कि आप ने हमारे पाद्री के लिये बिहार का (Bihar) लैथेन्स बन्दोबस्त कर के भेज दिया। पर हमारे गांगपुर स्टेट के लिये केवल बिहार का लैथेन्स काफ़ी नहीं है - हमारे इलाके में अधिकांश मसूलियां गांगपुर स्टेट में हैं। सो आप से अर्जी करते हैं कि बहुत जल्द गांगपुर स्टेट के लिये भाद्री का लैथेन्स बन्दोबस्त कर के भेजिये - जब तक गांगपुर स्टेट का लैथेन्स न मिले - पाद्री का काम चलेगा नहीं। यह लैथेन्स नोवम्बर महिने के आस तक जरूर मिले ऐसा कोशिश किया जाय जिस्ते दिसम्बर महिने ही से काम शुरू हो सके।

आप के आज्ञाचारी,

1. महेश्वर
 3. 9. 38

2. Luther Bishh Staken member
3. Prabhudan Bage Ach. Secty
4. T. Gurin Ach. Khazanchi

Forwarded to
 the C.C.
 G. E. L. Church.

B. B. Bage.
 6. 9. 38.

No. 4593.

Please
address reply
by designation
and not by name:
SUNDARGARH
Via-JHARSUGUDA.
B. N. R.

From

Khan Bahadur Abdul Ghaffar Khan, B.A.

Diwan of Gangpur State.

To

The Secretary to the Lutheran Church,
Chotanagpur and Assam, Church Compound,
Ranchi.

Church Council
Received..12.8.38
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Dated Sundargarh, the 16th August 1938

Subject: Grant of Licenses under Sections 6 and 9
of the Indian Christian Marriage Act
(XV of 1872) to the Reverend Prem Dan
Silas Bage, stationed at Lowarom, Bisra
P.O. for the Feudatory State of Gangpur.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 960/38/F.31
dated the 14th June 1938 and subsequent reminder No.
1117/38/F.31 dated the 4th July 1938 on the above
subject, I beg to refer you to Colonel Murphy's letter
No. F.42-WS/37 dated the 11th March 1937 to your
address in connection with a request for a similar
License in favour of Revd. Benjamin Minz of Karimatti.
That letter is an estoppel for a new request on the
subject.

Yours faithfully,

Amun
Diwan.

Nilmony,
15/8.

Eastern States Agency.

No.F.42-WS/37.

From

Lieutenant Colonel G. P. Murphy,

Political Agent, Orissa States, Sambalpur.

To

The Secretary, G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur
and Assam, R A N C H I.

Dated, the 11th March 1937.

Subject:- Grant of licenses under Sections 6 and 9 of the
Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872) to the
Revd, Benzamin Minz of Karimati for Gangpur State

Dear Sir, ~

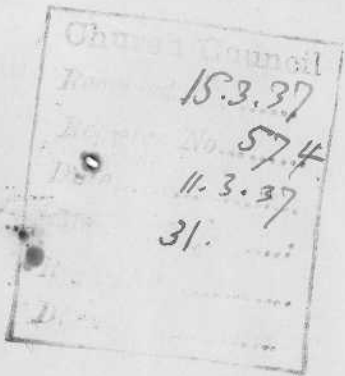
With reference to the correspondence resting with
your letter No.1032/36/F.-31 dated the 8th December 1936, I
have the honour to say that licenses issued under sections
6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872)
apply only to the subjects of His Majesty residing in Indian
States. As marriages amongst them are negligible in the
Gangpur State, there appears no necessity for the issue of
a license in favour of Revd. Benzamin Minz of Karimati in
the Gangpur State. I would further state that marriages
solemnized between persons in Indian States who are Chri-
stians but not subjects of His Majesty are not valid under
the Act and that the Government of India have ruled that
they are null and void.

Yours faithfully,

G.P.M. Lt. Colonel

Political Agent.

G.P.



The Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845.—Autonomous 1919.]

G. E. L. COMPOUND.
RANCHI. (Behar) India.

Secretary: F. N. TOPNO Esqr.

No 1620/38/F 31.

Dated the 19th Oct. 1938.

To,

The Diwan,
Gangpur State.

Subject :- Grant of Marriage Licenses to all the Lutheran P
Pastors in the Gangpur State.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that solemnization of marriages is a part and parcel of the duties of a pastor in our church as well as in other churches. And with thanks I have to acknowledge that we have always been getting necessary licenses for every one of the pastors without any difficulties from the proper authorities. But for some time we have been experiencing difficulties in obtaining such licenses for our pastors in the Gangpur State. When I consulted the law I found that the fault is ours own. The Indian Christian Marriage Act of 1872 (XV of 1872) is meant for the British Subjects only residing either in British India or in Native States. Then now I am at a loss to understand under what Acts and what sections I am to ask for such necessary licenses for my pastors.

I, therefore, under such circumstances request that you will kindly grant the necessary and appropriate marriage licenses to the following of my pastors at an early date. The licenses in question should, ^{be} such as will empower the pastors to solemnize a marriage in which one or both of the parties is or are the Native

P. T. O.

Christians of the Gangpur State.

The pastors may also be appointed to function as Registrars of Births and Deaths within the State.

Name of the pastors	Station	Post Office.
Rev. F. Schulze	G. E. L. Church Rajgangpur	Rajgangpur, B. N. R.
Rev. Eliazar Ekka	Do	Do
Rev. Johan Topno	G. E. L. Church Runga.	Do
Rev. Prabhusahay Horo	G. E. L. Church Ghoghor.	Do
Rev. Luther Bagraila	G. E. L. Church Jarakudar	Bankibazar.
Rev. Masibdas Lakra	Do	Do
Rev. Prem Dan Silas Bage.	G. E. L. Church Karimatti.	Bisra. B.N.R.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

N. Topno.

Secretary.

The Cassner Lu. Lutheran Church in Shotanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd, 1845.—Autonomous 1919.]

G. E. L. COMPOUND.
RANCHI, (Behar) India.

Secretary: F. N. TOPNO Esqr.

No. 1689/38/F 31.

Dated the...19th...Oct 19..38.

To,

Babu Gustaph Mundu,
Pleader, Sundargarh.

Dear Gustaph Babu,

You will please approach the Diwan with this petition and compel him to grant the pastors some kind of lecenses. If he is not authorised to do so, ask him to recommend the petition strongly so that the Agent may grant the necessary lecenses without any objection and without any delay.

The time for marriages is nearing and without the licenses the people applying for marriages will be put into a great inconvenience.

I am not sending the petition direct to the Diwan only because I want the work to be done at once. If the Diwan should like to know more in this matter you are authorised to give him the necessary answer as far as you can.

I hope you will be kind enough to help us this much.

P. T. O.

The Governor of the Lutheran Church in China

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Rev. Gustaf Lundberg
President, Synod

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

N. Toivola

Secretary.

From

REV. BENJAMIN MINZ, B. A., L. Th.

Lutheran Church,
Karimati.

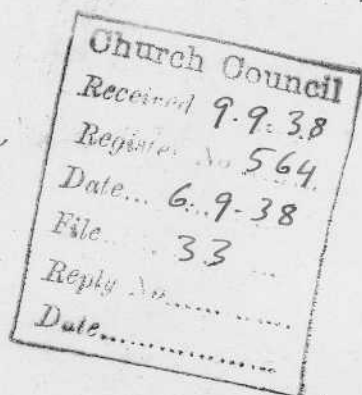
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B. N. R.

6.9.38

To,

The Church Council,
G. E. L. Church.
Ranchi.



This application is forwarded to the
Church Council for careful consideration.

Yours obediently.

B. S. Bage.

Karimatti 5. 7. 38

महाशय

मान्यवार चर्च कौंसिल को
हम करीमट्टी के इलाका पंचों की ओर से बहुत

धीशुसहाय

हम इलाका पंचों की ओर से आप को
सबिन्ध अर्ज है कि आप पाद्री बाबू सीलास बागे
के लिये शादी लैशनश गांगपूर स्टेट और छोटा नागपूर
का बन्दोवस्त करके बहुत जल्दी भेज देजीये ।
यहां करीमट्टी इलाका में हर महीना शादी होता है
इस लिये करीमट्टी में मंडली के लिये सुभीधा होवे
आप मेहरवानी कर बहुत जल्दी शादी लैशनश भेज देजीये
हम आप को धन्यवाद करेंगे ॥

12-7-38 9laka khayanchi Khwas Guria.

मासौदघान जेजोवार

P. D. Bage

Chairman Karimatti.

Ilaka.

5/7/38.

For Ilaka Seoha.

The Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845.—Autonomous 1919.]

G. E. L. COMPOUND.
RANCHI, (Behar) India.

Secretary: F. N. TOPNO Esqr.

No. 1117/38/F 31

Dated the 4th Aug. 19.38

To,

The Diwan,
Gangpur State,
Sundergarh P. O.
Via - Jhagsuguda.
B. N. R.

Subject :- Grant of licenses under Sections 6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872) to the Reverend Prem Dan Silas Bage, stationed at Lowarom, Bisra P. O. for the Feudatory State of Gangpur.

Sir,

I have the honour to enquire whether any orders have been passed on my letter No. 960/38/F 31, dated the 14th June, 1938.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

F. N. Topno

Secretary.

The Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church in Shatanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845.—Autonomous 1919.]

G. E. L. COMPOUND.
RANCHI. (Behar) India.

Secretary: F. N. TOPNO Esqr.

No. 1101/38/F 31

Dated the 2nd Aug. 1938.

To,

The Deputy Commissioner,

Ranchi.

Reference No. ____ Memo No. 4170 - 72 J, dated 20th July,
1938.

Sir,

In submitting herewith the copy of the list of the license holders under different sections of the Marriage Act XV of 1872, I have the honour to state that some names are wrongly spelt and they have been corrected. There may be some changes in the addresses. This is due to transfer we have to do occasionally as necessity arises.

Under section 6 two names and under section 9 also two names are inserted. Copies of licenses required are enclosed herewith.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

F. N. Topno

Secretary.

Copy of letter No. 4932-45/5B-4-1938 from the Personal Asstt. to the Registrar, General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Bihar to the Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi.

" I have the honour to forward herewith a list in duplicate of persons appointed under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, XV of 1872, residing in your district, and to request that you will be so good as to cause one copy of the list to be returned to this office after a note having been made therein of any changes, additions or omissions that may be necessary, the other copy as corrected, being kept in your office.

2. In correcting the list the following points may kindly be kept in view :-

- (a) Care should be taken to see that the names as given are under the proper headings.
- (b) Reasons should be assigned for every correction made in the list forwarded herewith.
- (c) In support of new names inserted in the list copy of the licenses held by the persons should be forwarded.
- (d) All corrections should be made in red ink.

3. The names of the clergymen of the established Churches and of persons who have received episcopal ordination and are, therefore, authorised to solemnize marriages, but who are not appointed by Government under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, should not be shown in the list. That is to say, the list is intended for those persons who held authority from Government under any of the sections of the Indian Christian Marriage Act ".

4170-729
Memo. No.
Dated Ranchi, the 19th July, 1938.

Copy with a copy of the list forwarded to the
Secretary, G.E.L. Church, Ranchi
for verification and return.



Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi.

List of officers appointed under the Indian Christia Marriage
Act XV of 1872 in the
district of Ranchi.

Name	Residence		Absent permanently or temporarily	Dead
	Village	Post Office		
1	2	3	4	5
<u>Under section 7.</u>				
Rev. Masihdas Ecka	Siromtoly	Ranchi		
Rev. Luther Bagrailla	Jarakudar	Bankimbazar F. State of Bonai		
Rev. Obed Tiru	Koronjo	Koronjo		
Rev. Jaymasih Minz	Amgaon	Chainpur		
Rev. Dharamdas Kujur	Khutitoly Kahupani	Simdrga		
Rev. Manmasih Lugun	-----			Dead
Laurentius Lakra	Kondra	Raidih		
Kristkalyan Guria	Darigutu	Khunti		
Rev. Johan Bhengra	-----			Dead
Rev. Nathaniel Khalkho	Lohardag	Lohardaga		

Under section 6.

Rev. Masihdas Ecka	Siromtoly	Ranchi		
Rev. Luther Bagrailla	Jarakudar	Bankimbazar F. State of Bonai		
Rev. John Topno	Takarma	Lassiya		
Rev. Ishak Ekka	Siromtoly	Ranchi		
Rev. Laurentius Ekka	Chiur	Karra		
Rev. Christogirih Tirkey	-----			Dead
Rev. Manmasih Topno	Lali	Palandu		

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Rev. Obed Tiru	Koronjo	Koronjo		
Rev. Jaymasih Minz	Angaon	Chainpur		
Rev. Dharamdas Kujur	^{Kahubani} Khutitoly	Simdrga		
Rev. Manmasih Lugun	-----			Dead
Laurentius Lakra	Kondra	Raidih		
Kristkalyan Guria	Darigufu	Khunti		
Rev. Johan Bhengra	-----			Dead
Rev. Nathaniel Khalkho	Lohardag	Lohardaga		
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<u>Section 6 cont.</u>				
Rev. Patras Kandulna	-----	-----	-----	Dead
Rev. Daud Kujur	G.H.S. Comp.	Ranchi		
Rev. Christanand Minz	-----	-----	-----	Dead
Rev. Matias Toppo	<i>Not of the G. E. L. Church.</i>			
Rev. Christmaghan Lakra	Kuru	Kuru		
Rev. Dharmprakash Minz	Chatti	Nagjua		
Rev. Daniel Horo	Latakeli	Lachragarh		
Rev. Luther Ekka	Kotbo	Kamdara		
Rev. Samuel Topno	<i>Not of the G. E. L. Church</i>			
Rev. Nathaniel Bage	Baribi- ringa	Lachragarh		
Rev. Mansukh Tuty	Darigutu	Khunti		
Rev. Obed Tiru	Koronjo	Koronjo		
Rev. Paulus Mundu	-----	-----	-----	Dead
Rev. Jaymasih Minz	Amgaon	Chainpur		
Rev. Dharamdas Kujur	Kahupani	Simdega		
Rev. Christochit Guria	Marcha	Torpa		
Rev. Daud Kerketta	Topkara	Barda		
Rev. Urbanus Kujur	Gumla	Gumla		
Rev. Benjamin Minz	Lohardaga	Lohardaga		
Rev. Pastor Mansidh Purty	Burju	Murhu		
Rev. John Topno	Runga	Rajgangpur		
Rev. A. John	-----	-----	-----	Dead
Rev. Johan Kujur	Kinkel	Kinkel		

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Rev. Benjamin Minz	Lohardaga	Lohardaga		
Rev. Pastor Mansidh Purty	Burju	Murhu		
Rev. John Topno	Runga	Rajgangpur		
Rev. A. John				Dead
Rev. Johan Kujur	Kinkel	Kinkel		

List of officers appointed under the Indian Christian Marriage
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district of Ranchi.

Name	Residence		Absent permanently or temporarily.	Dead
	Village	Post Office		
1	2	3	4	5
<u>Section 6 cont.</u>				
Rev. Suleman Kula	Takarma	Lassiya		
Rev. Samuel Bage	Jatatoly	Kinkel		
Rev. Joel Lakra	Guntur		Absent temporarily	
Rev. M. G. A Prehn	Germany		Absent temporarily	
Rev. G. G. Lowry	Not of the G. E. L. Church			
Rev. Niels P. Thompson	Not of the G. E. L. Church			
Rev. Laurentius Lakra	Kondra	Raidih		
Rev. Christkalyan Guria	Darigutu	Khunti		
Rev. John Bhengra	-----			Dead
Rev. Nathaniel Khalkho	Lohardaga	Lohardaga		
Rev. M. Schiebe	Germany	Pattai	Absent temporarily	
Rev. J.J.P.Tiga	G.E.L.Comp. Ranchi			
Rev. Suleman Bage	Koronjo	Koronjo		
Rev. Immanuel Lakra	Chatti	Nagjua		
Rev. Daud Soreng	Khutitoly	Simdega		
Rev. Nathaniel Mundu	Tokad	Murhu <i>Bandgaon</i>		
Rev. Samuel Tirkey	Kinkel	Kinkel		
Rev. J.H.Schernat	Germany		Absent temporarily	
Rev. Markas Sanga	Umbulbaha	Tamar		
Rev. Narayan Chandra Soren	Not of the G. E. L. Church			
Rev. Rev. W.J.K.Radsick	Assam	Tezpur		
Rev. Lucas Topno	Govindpur	Jariagarh		
Rev. Samuel Hemrom	Khutitoly	Simdega		

List of officers appointed under the Indian Christian Marriage
Act XV of 1872 in the
district of Ranchi.

Name	<u>Residence</u> Village Post Office	Absent permanently or temporarily	Dead
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Section 6 cont.

Rev. Suleman Kula	Takarma Lassiya			
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Rev. Nathaniel Mundu	Tokad Murhu			
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Rev. S.A.B. Lakra	Mandar	Mandar		
Rev. Dharamdas Guria	Churdag	Barda		
Rev. M.Kerschis	G.E.L.Comp	Ranchi		
Rev. Barnabas Hemrom	Amlessa	Tamar		

Under Section 9

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Rev. Luther Bagraila	Jarakudar	Bankimbazar		
	F. State of Bonai			
Rev. Johan Topno	Takarma	Lassiya		
Rev. Isahak Ekka	Siromtoly	Ranchi		
Rev. Laurentius Ekka	Chiur	Karra		
Rev. Christogirih Tirkey	-----			Dead
Rev. Manmasih Toppo	Lali	Palandu		
Rev. Patras Kandulna	-----			Dead
Rev. Daud Kujur	G.H.S.Comp	Ranchi		
Rev. Christanand Minz	-----			Dead
Rev. Matias Toppo	<i>Not of the G. E. L. Church</i>			
Rev. Christmaghan Lakra	Kuru	Kuru.		
Rev. Dharmprakash Minz	Chatti	Nagjua		
Rev. Daniel Horo	Latakeli	Lachragarh		
Rev. Luther Ekka	Kotbo	Kamdara		
Rev. Samuel Topno	Not of the G. E. L. Church			

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Rev. Mansukh Tuty	Darigutu	Khunti		
Rev. Obed Tiru	Koronjo	Koronjo		
Rev. Paulus Mundu	-----	-----		Dead
Rev. Jaymasih Minz	Amgaon	Chainpur		
Rev. Dharamdas Kujur	Kahupani	Simdega		
Rev. Christochit Guriya	Marcha	Torpa		
Rev. Daud Kerketta	Topkara	Barda		
Rev. Urbanus Kujur	Gumla	Gumla		
Rev. Benjamin Minz	Lohardaga	Lohardaga		
Rev. P. M. Purty	Burju	Murhu		
Rev. Johan Topno	Runga	Rajgangpur		
Rev. A. John	-----	-----		Dead
Rev. Johan Kujur	Kinkel	Kinkel		
Rev. Suleman Kula	Takarma	Lassiya		
Rev. Samuel Bage	Jatatoly	Kinkel		
Rev. Joel Lakra	Guntur		Absent temporarily	
Rev. M.G.A. Prehn	Germa		Absent temporarily permanently	
Rev. Laurentius Lakra	Kondra	Raidih		
Rev. Christkalyan Guria	Darigutu	Khunti		
Rev. Johan Behngra	-----	-----		Dead
Babu Lothe Ishwar Dutt Tikari	Not of the G. E. L. Church			
Rev. Nathaniel Khalkho	Lohardaga	Lohardaga		
Rev. M. Schiebe	Germany		Absent temporarily	

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Rev. Immanuel Lakra	Chatti	Nagjua		
Rev. Suleman Bage	Koronjo	Koronjo		
Rev. Daud Soreng	Khutitoly	Simdega		
Rev. Nathaniel Mundu	Tokad	Murhū		
Rev. Samuel Tirkey	Kinkel	Kinkel		
Rev. J.H.Schernat	Germany		Absent temporarily	
Rev. Markas Sanga	Umbul- baha	Tamar		
Rev. W.J.K.Radsick	Assam	Tezpur		
Rev. Samuel Hemrom	Khutitoly <i>Lomboi</i>	Simdega <i>Kolebira</i>		
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Soarom P.O. Bista. B.N.R.
24-6-38.

To,
The Secretary.
G.E.L. Church Council.
Ranchi.

mahashay,

Akho mera yisthusahay,

Akho malum hove ki bina

License ke mandlion mein kam karna

kathin hai kyonki License na hone

ke karan kitnon ki shadi band hain.

Jaise mere Parish mein adhikaus

mandlian Chotanagpur vibhag mein aur

kitni mandlian Gangpur State mein

hain isliye marriage License donon

taraph ka darkar hai. Kripa karke ap

bahut jaldi License bhejiye jiste kam

application mein rok tok na hone pawe. License is

for the liamenama par kijiye, "Premdan Silas Bage."

Apka Agyadhin,

P.D. Bage.

मि. ए. जे. ए. ए.
ग. ए. ल. चर्च कौंसिल
रान्ची
6-7-38.

Blank to
draft an
application
for the liamenama
in the Ranchi
district.

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE G. E. L. CHURCH
IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

No. 1019/38/F 31.

From :-

The Secretary, Lutheran Church,
Chotanagpur and Assam.
G. E. L. Church Compound, Ranchi. (Bihar)

To,

The Deputy Commissioner,
Ranchi.

Dated Ranchi, the 7th July, 1938.

Subject :- Grant of licenses under Section 6 and 9
of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV
of 1872) to the Reverend Prem Dan Silas
Bage for the territories under the asminis-
tration of the Government of Bihar.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that you will kindly move
the Government of Bihar to grant marriage licenses under Sections
6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872) for
the territories under the administration of the Government of
Bihar to the Reverend Prem Dan Silas Bage, Lutheran Compound,
Loarom, P. O. Bisra in the Gangpur State, as Minister of Religion
of " The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and
Assam." Though he is stationed in the Gangpur State his
jurisdiction covers some parts of the Ranchi District.

The said minister may also be appointed under Act VI of
1886 to function as Registrar of Births and Deaths within the
Province.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Nathaniel Toj...

Secretary,

G. E. L. Church.

Government of Bihar.
Revenue Department.

No. 4943 R / VIE - 65.

Patna, the 21st June, 1938.

From

Rai Bahadur A.G.K. Lal, B.A.
Secretary to Government.

To,

The Commissioner, Chota Nagpur Division, Ranchi.

Subject :- Grant of license under sections 6 and 9 of the Indian
Christian Marriage Act to Rev. Dharamdas Guria.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 2376 J, dated the 16th
June 1938, I am directed by the Governor of Bihar to forward for
Reverend Dharamdas Guria presentation to the minister of religion named on
the margin, the accompanying licenses under sections 6 and 9 of
the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (Act XV of 1872) to be
valid within the territories under the administration of the
Government of Bihar.

2. The Reverend Dharamdas Guria is also appointed under
Act VI of 1886 to be Registrar of Births and deaths.

I have etc.,
Sd/- A.G.K. Lal,
Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 2508 J., Dated Ranchi, the 24th June, 1938.

Copy with the enclosures in original, forwarded to the Deputy
Commissioner of Ranchi, with reference to his letter No. 3291 J,
dated the 4th June 1938, for information and for favour of presen-
tation of the licences to Rev. Dharamdas Guria.

Sd/- K.C. Chatterjee
24.6.38.
For Commissioner.

Memo No. 3770 J, dated Ranchi, the 28th June, 1938.

Copy with the licenses in original forwarded to the Secretary,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi with reference to his letter No. 924/38/F 31
dated 31.5.38 for favour of presentation of the licenses to
Reverend D. Guria.

Sd/- Illegible,
Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi.

Memo No. 974/38/F 31, dated the 29th June, 1938.

with the copies of enclosures

Copy forwarded to the Reverend Dharamdas Guria for information
and guidance.

N. Topno.

Secretary,
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi.

License under Section 6, Act XV of 1872.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME

I, THOMAS ALEXANDER STEWART

Acting Governor of Bihar,

SEND GREETING:

Whereas by an Act passed by the Governor-General in Council on the Eighteenth day of July, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, being Act No. XV, and entitled "The Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872," it is provided that marriages may be solemnized in India by any Minister of Religion licensed under the said Act to solemnize Marriages: And Whereas it is further ~~provided~~ provided by section 6 of the said Act that the Provincial Government may grant licenses to Ministers of Religion to solemnize Marriages within the territories under its administration: And Whereas the Governor of Bihar has thought fit to grant to the Reverend Dharamdas Guria, a Minister of Religion, a license to solemnize Marriages under the provisions of the said Act:

It is hereby certified that the Governor of Bihar, by virtue of the power so vested in him, does hereby license and authorize the said Reverend Dharamdas Guria as and being a minister of Religion, to solemnize Marriages between persons one or both of whom is Christian, or are Christians within the territories under the administration of the Government of Bihar.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Government of Bihar, this twenty-first day of June, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight.

By order of the Governor of Bihar

Sd/- Illegible,
Secretary.

Licenses under Section 9, Act XV of 1872.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME

I, THOMAS ALEXANDER STEWART,

Acting Governor of Bihar,

SENDS GREETING :

Whereas by an Act passed by the Governor-General in Council on the Eighteenth day of July, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, being Act No. XV, and entitled " The Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872," it is provided that marriages may be solemnized in India by any persons licensed under the said Act to grant Certificates of Marriage between Native Christians: And Whereas it is also provided by section 9 of the said Act that the Provincial Government may grant a license to any Christian, either by name or as holding any office for the time being, authorizing him to grant Certificates of Marriage between Native Christians: And Whereas the Governor of Bihar has thought fit to grant to the Reverend Dharamdas Guria, as and being a Christian, a License to grant Certificates of Marriage between Native ~~Christian~~ Christians.

It is hereby certified that the Governor of Bihar, by virtue of the power so vested in him, does hereby license and authorize the said Reverend Dharamdas Guria, as and being a Christian, to grant Certificates of Marriage between persons who are Native Christians within the territories under the administration of the Government of Bihar.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Government of Bihar this twenty-first day of June, One thousand nine hundred and ~~thirty~~ thirty-eight.

By order of the Governor of Bihar,

Sd/- Illegible,

Secretary.

To,

The Secretary,
for the G. E. L. Church, Chotanagpur
Assam,

Ranchi.

Prize Mahashay,

Afko mera sadar yishu-
sahay.

Age apse arji karta hun
ki mere Gangpur State mein kam karne
ke liye jitna jaldi ho sake ap License
nikalne ki kriya karenge. License
is name par nikalna chahiye:—
"Premdan Silas Bage."

Afke is kam ke liye main
ap ka dhayabadi rahuंगा.

Ranchi,
31/5/38.

Age Shubh.

P. D. Bage
Loarom,
P.O. Bisra.
Singhbhum B.N.R.

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE G.E.L.CHURCH
IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

From:-

The Secretary,
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi,

To,

Rev. W. Radsick,
G. E. L. Church, Tezpur (Assam.)

Dated Ranchi, the 15th June, 1938.

Dear Sir,

I beg to send herewith a copy of an application for ^a marriage license. Please send it to the Dy. Commissioner if there is no mistake in it. But if there is any mistake in it, you will please correct it and then send it the Dy. Commissioner. In case there are many mistakes, you will please return it to me after correction to type it afresh.

Yours sincerely,

N. Tope
Secretary.

No 962/38/F31.

From :-

The Secretary, Lutheran Church,
Chotanagpur and Assam.
G. E. L. Church Compound, Ranchi. (Bihar)

To,

The Deputy Commissioner,
Darrang District,
Assam.

Dated Ranchi, the 15th June, 1938.

Subject :- Grant of licenses under Sections 6 and 9
of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of
1872) to the Reverend Hanukh Minz for the
territories under the administration of the
Government of Assam.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that you will kindly move
the Government of Assam to grant marriage licenses under Sections
6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872) for
the territories under the administration of the Government of
Assam to the Reverend Hanukh Minz Lutheran Compound Tezpur, P. O.
Tezpur in the district of Darrang, as Minister of Religion of
" The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and
Assam."

The said minister may also be appointed under Act VI
of 1886 to function as Registrar of Births and Deaths within
the Province.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Nathaniel Tooms.
Secretary,

G. E. L. Church.

No. 961/38/F 31.

From :-

The Secretary, Lutheran Church,
Chotanagpur and Assam.
G. E. L. Church Compound, Ranchi. (Bihar)

To,

The Dewan,
Jashpur State,
Jashpur P. O.

Dated Ranchi, the 14th June, 1938.

Subject :- Grant of licenses under Sections 6 and 9
of the Indian Christian Marriage Act
(XV of 1872) to the Reverend Samuel
Tirkey stationed at Kinkel, Kinkel P. O.
(Ranchi) for the Feudatory State of
Jashpur.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that you will kindly move the
Political Agent to grant marriage licenses under Sections 6 and
9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872) for the
Feudatory State of Jashpur to the Reverend Samuel Tirkey, ad
minister of Religion of " The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran
Church ".

The said minister may also be appointed under Act VI of
1886 to function as Registrar of Births and Deaths within that
State.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Nathaniel Topno.

Secretary,

G. E. L. Church.

No. 960/38/F 31.

From :-

The Secretary, Lutheran Church,
Chotanagpur and Assam.
G. E. L. Church Compound, Ranchi. (Bihar)

To,

The Diwan,
Gangpur State,
Sundargarh P. O.

Dated Ranchi, the 14th June, 1938.

Subject :-

Grant of licenses under Sections 6 and 9
of the Indian Christian Marriage Act
(XV of 1872) to the Reverend Prem Dan
Silas Bage, stationed at Lowarom, Bisra
P. O. for the Feudatory State of Gangpur.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that you will kindly move the Political Agent to grant marriage licenses under Sections 6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872) for the Feudatory State of Gangpur to the Reverend Prem Dan Silas Bage of Lowarom as Minister of Religion of the " Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church".

The said minister may also be appointed under Act VI of 1886 to function as Registrar of Births and Deaths within that State.

In this connection I beg to state that one license holder Rev. Mansukh Marki who was at Lowarom is now transferred to Singhbhum District and so his licenses may be suspended for the time being.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Nathaniel Topper

Secretary,

G. E. L. Church.

The Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

[Mission Estd. 1845.—Autonomous 1919.]

G. E. L. COMPOUND.
RANCHI, (Behar) India.

Secretary ~~P. D. KANDUWALA~~ ~~RA~~.

No. 324/38/F 31.

Dated the... 31st May 19... 38.

N. Topno Esqr.

To,
The Deputy Commissioner,
Ranchi.

Subject :- Grant of licenses under Sections 6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872) to the Reverend Dharmdas Guria for the territories under the administration of the Government of Bihar.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that you will kindly move the Government of Bihar to grant marriage licenses under Sections 6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872) for the territories under the administration of the Government of Bihar to the Rev. Dharmdas Guria, Lutheran Compound, Churdag, P.O. Torpa, District Ranchi, as minister of Religion of " The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam."

The said minister may also be appointed under Act VI of 1886 to function as Registrar of Births and Deaths within the Province.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Nathaniel Topno.

Secretary,

G. E. L. Church.

M. Secy.

C. E. L. C. C.

Dear Sir,

Church Council
Received. 1. 11. 37
Register No.....
Date.....
File.....
Reply No.....
Date.....

Karimati.

1. 11. 1937.

Enclosed please find copy of a letter from the Diwan, Gangpur State.

In reply I have written to him

"With reference to yours No. 5444, dated the 26th October 1937, I have to state that till now there is no Marriage Registrar and Registrar of Births and Deaths in my jurisdiction. The C. E. L. C. C., Ranchi, has not yet obtained licenses even for me."

This is a matter for the Council to kindly give heed. I had been all along ~~this~~ reminding the Council of this matter. Last year a pastor had been called from Gangpur for solemnisation of marriages. Who will do it for Karimati in January 1938? Should it remain so? I think an application through the present Diwan of Gangpur State will be enough. But I do not know the mind of the Church Council why licenses have not been obtained for me for such a length of time.

Yours sincerely
B. Min

(Copy)

No. 5444

From

Khan Bahadur Abdul Gaffar Khan, B.A.

Diwan of Gangpur State.

To

Rev. Benjamin Minz, Lutheran Mission,
Karimati, P.O. Bisra

Dated Sundargarh the 26th October 1937

Subject : Marriage Registrars and Registrars of Births
and Deaths appointed for the States in Political
relation with the Political Agent, Orissa States.

Dear Sir,

I request you kindly to let me know the name,
place of residence, postal address and particulars of license
of the Marriage Registrars and Registrars of Births and
Deaths appointed for the Indian Christians of this State
in your jurisdiction at an early date. This information
is wanted by the Political Agent.

Yours faithfully

(Sd) A. G. Khan

Diwan

Received from church council office
the book of the Indian Divorce Act of
1869.

containing 6 articles. (six).

Samuel Minze
Sub. Governor

Arunapur
P. G. Hino

Ranchi
5/3/38.

Received the book "Indian
Divorce Act of 1869"
from Babu Samuel Minze on
4-4-38.

B. B. Minze
4/4/38

[To be kept in office of receipt]

[To be returned to issuing office]

URGENT.

REMINDER.

No.

No. I

FROM

THE Diwan,

Gangpur State,

P.O. Sundargarh,

To

Via. Jharsuguda, B.N.Ry

THE Secretary to the G.E.L.

Church, Chota Nagpur & Assam,

Lutheran Mission Compound,

Church Road, Ranchi.

Dated Sun dargarithe

1937.

SIR,

I ^{am directed} ~~have the honour~~ to draw your very early attention to this office No. 5442 of the 26th October 1937 and to request you to return the right-hand portion duly filled up before the 5th December 1937.

SUBJECT :—

Marriage Registrars and Registrars of Births and Deaths appointed for the States in Political relation with the Political Agent, Orissa States.

Church Council

Received... ..

Register No.....

Date.....

File.....

Reply No.....

Date...

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

Alcey
Head Clerk,
for Diwan, Gangpur
State.

SG.26/11.

N.B.—Here note the number and date, purport of reply sent.

FROM

THE

To

THE

Dated

the

193 .

Your No.

dated

193 .

SUBJECT :—

RECEIVED AND NOTED.

REPLY will be submitted by the

193 .

N.B.—Here note explanation of delay, if necessary.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

[To be kept in office of receipt.]

[To be returned to issuing office.]

URGENT.

REMINDER.

No.

No.

53458

FROM

THE

FROM

Khan Sahib A. Huoain

~~THE~~ Senior Deputy Magistrate

Rauchi

TO

THE

TO

THE

Secretary, G.E.L.

Church Chola Nagar
Assam, Rauchi.

Dated

, the

19

Dated Rauchi the 12.1. 1938

SIR,

Your no.

, dated

19

I ~~am directed~~
HAVE the honour

to draw your very early
attention to this office no. 53458 of the 4.12
1938 and to request you to return the right-
hand portion duly filled up before the

kindly furnish the information
asked for therein early.

SUBJECT:—

SUBJECT:—

Grant of marriage
license

RECEIVED AND NOTED.

REPLY will be submitted by the

19 .

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

N. B.—Here note explanation of delay, if necessary

N. B.—Here note the number and date, and purport of
reply sent.

No.

Rauchi

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

Church Council
Received. 2/11/37
Register No. 176
Date. 2/11/37
File. 31
Reply No. 665-667
Date. 1-20-38

To,

The Secretary Church Council
G.E.L. Church Ch. & Assam
Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

humbly and respectfully I beg
to lay the following fact before you for
your kind consideration and favourable
action,

that, I am, as a Pastor, in-charge
of the Mandar Parish. Now I shall have
to perform marriage ceremony for
which it is needful that I obtain
License.

I, therefore, request you that you
would kindly correspond with the Government
and get License in my name for the
purpose. The sooner the License is
received the better for the congregation.

I shall be much thankful to
you for the same.

I have the honour to be
sir,

Your most Obedient Servant
Tudarshan Anand Bhama
Lakra

Recommended
and forwarded
to the Secretary,
Church Council,
Ranchi.

J. S. Diga
Chairman
Ranchi
2/11/37

Ranchi,
November 2
1937.

Church Council
Received 5.12.37
Register No. 215
Date 4.12.37
File 31
Reply No.
Date

No. 5344

From

Khan Sahib Ahmed Husain,
Senior Deputy Magistrate, Ranchi.

To

The Commissioner of the
Chota Nagpur Division, Ranchi.

Dated Ranchi, the 3rd December, 1937.

Subject :- Grant of marriage licenses to Rev. Samuel
Hemron and 2 others.

Sir,

In submitting a copy of letter no. 585/37/F-31 dated 27th November 1937 from the Secretary, G.E.L. Church in Chota Nagpur and Assam, Ranchi, I have the honour to request you to move the Local Government to grant licenses under section 8 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act to the 3 Rev. gentlemen mentioned in the letter and also to appoint them under Act VI of 1886 to be Registrars of Births and Deaths.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Sd/- A. Husain.

Senior Deputy Magistrate, Ranchi

Memo. No. 5345

Dated Ranchi, the 3rd December, 1937

Copy forwarded to the Secretary, G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam, Ranchi with reference to his letter no. 585/37/F-31 dated 27.11.37 for information-

He is requested to report immediately the Headquarters station of the Rev. gentlemen where they would function as marriage Registrars.

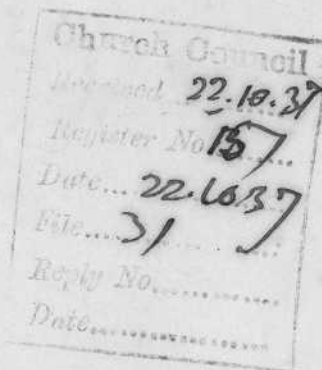
A. Husain

Senior Deputy Magistrate, Ranchi.

REVD. J. J. P. TIGA B. D.

Chairman.

G. E. L. CHURCH RANCHI, BIHAR.



RANCHI.
(BIHAR, EAST INDIA)

The 22nd.Oct. 19 7.

The Secretary,

Church Council, G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that Rev. Sudarshan Lakra will be required to solemnize marriages and therefore he soon wants to be licensed to solemnize marriages in his Parish. I request you therefore to kindly write to the Givernment at once for his license. I should suggest that the application for such license in favour of Sudarshan Anand Bhanuel Lakra and Samuel Hemrom should be sent together and if possible for Rev. Luther Kongari also. This should be considered urgent.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. J. P. Tiga".

Member of the Church Council.

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF G. E. L. CHURCH
IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

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No. 585 /37/F-31.

From,

A.L. Tirkey, B.A., B.Ed.
Secretary, G.E.L. Church in
Chotanagpur and Assam,
Ranchi.

Ranchi,

The 27th Nov. 1937.

To,

The Deputy Commissioner,
Ranchi.

Subject:- Grant of licenses under Sections 6 and 9
of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of
1872) to the Reverend Samuel Hemron, the
Reverend Luther Kongari, and the Reverend
Sudarshan Anand Bhawn Lakra, for the territories
under the administration of the Government of
Bihar.

Sir,

(1) 1. I have the honour to request that you will kindly move the
Government of Bihar to grant marriage licenses under Sections 6 and 9
of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872) for the territories
under the administration of the Government of Bihar to the following
Newly ordained Reverend gentlemen as Ministers of Religion of "The
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam," posted
in the District of Ranchi in the places mentioned with their names:-

1. Revd. Samuel Hemron,

G.E.L. Compound, -M Lomboi.

P.O. Simdega, Thana Simdega,

Dist. Ranchi.

2. Revd. Luther Kongari,

G.E.L. Compound, Burju.

P.O. Murhu, Thana ~~Khunt~~ Khunti,

Dist. Ranchi.

3. Revd. Sudarshan Anand Bhawn Lakra,

G.E.L. Compound, Mandar,

P.O. Mandar, Thana Mandar,

Dist. Ranchi.

(ii). I request that the said ministers may kindly be also appointed under Act VI of 1886 to function as Registrars of Births and Deaths within the Province.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. L. Turkey

Secretary, G.E.L.Church.

The 29th September 1937.

No. 4541_VIE-99-R.- In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (Act XV of 1872), the Governor of Bihar is pleased to authorize the Reverend Lucas Topono to solemnize marriages between persons, one or both of which is a Christian or are Christians and to grant certificates of marriage between persons who are native Christians, within the territories under the administration of the Government of Bihar.

By order of the Governor of Bihar,
A.G.K. Lal
Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 4755 R . Patna, the 22nd October, 1937.
VIE-99

Copy forwarded to the Commissioner of Chotanagpur Division, with reference to his letter No. 3241 J dated the 15th September, 1937.

Sd/-S.P.S inha.
Assistant Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 3652 J Dated Ranchi, the 28th October, 1937.

Copy, with 2 spare copies, forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi, for information with reference to the correspondence resting with his memo no. 4130 J Dated the 11th September, 1937.

Sd/-K.C. Chatterji.
28.10.37.
for Commissioner.

Memo No. 4828 J. Dated Ranchi, the 1st November, 1937.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary, G.E.L. Church, Ranchi, with reference to his letter No. 408/37/F-31 dated the 8th September, 1937 for information.

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Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi.

Memo No. 584/37/F-31.

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Dated, Ranchi, the 26th Nov. 1937.

Copy of the above notification is forwarded to Rev. Lucas Topono, Govindpur, P.O. Jariagharia, Dist. Ranchi, for information and guidance.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Secretary

G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

Goreindpur.

Dated the 25th Oct 37.

Dear Sir,

May I ask you whether or not, I have been granted marriage License I have waited for four months with two reminders but no news of it. The time is at hand when I can not do without.

I therefore earnestly request you to be particular about this matter. I shall be waiting for your kindly

yours obediently

Yr,

Lucas Topow
Skt. Chm
P.O. Srinagar
Dariaagar
Dist. Kumb

Govind Puri.
Dated the 25th Oct 37.

Manyawar. Rev. Fereshtis Sahib ko
mera yishwaschay.

Ham log achhe hai asha hai ap
log bhi achhe honge.

Age likhne ka hai ki mai do
reminders देने पर भी यह खबर
सुनने नहीं सका हूँ कि मेरा
Sadi License Council निकला
है कि नहीं. Eska mujh ko
bahut jarurat hai so mujh
ko यह जल्दी होना चाहिये
ap eske liye janch kijiye
aur mis Sahib द्वारा खबर
lijiyे. ap ka
Sincerely Yours

Council Secretary के पास भी लिखता हूँ.

Memo No _____
Dated, Ranchi, the 26th Nov. 1937.

Copy of the above notification
is forwarded to Rev. Lucas Thoro
~~for~~ on Govindpur P.O. Dist Ranchi;
for information and guidance.

Respectfully,
Secretary

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The 29th September 1937.

No. 4541—VIE-99-R.—In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (Act XV of 1872), the Governor of Bihar is pleased to authorize the Reverend Lucas Topno to solemnize marriages between persons, one or both of which is a Christian or are Christians and to grant certificates of marriages between persons who are native Christians, within the territories under the administration of the Government of Bihar.

By order of the Governor of Bihar,

A. G. K. LAL,

Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 4755 R . Patna, the 22nd October, 1937.
VIE - 99

Copy forwarded to the Commissioner of Chota Nagpur Division, with reference to his letter no. 3241 J dated the 15th September, 1937.

Sd/- S. P. Sinha.
Assistant Secretary to Government.

Memo No. 3652 J. Dated Ranchi, the 28th October, 1937.

Copy, with 2 spare copies, forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi, for information with reference to the correspondence resting with his memo no. 4130 J dated the 11th September, 1937.

Sd/- K. C. Chatterji.
28.10.37.
for Commissioner.

Memo No. 4828 J. Dated Ranchi, the 1st November, 1937.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary, G. E. L. Church, Ranchi, with reference to his letter no. 408/37/F-31 dated the 8th September, 1937, for information.

Ranchi
c. 11.37
Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi.

R. Bose.

To,

The Deputy Commissioner,
Ranchi.

Subject:- Names of persons licensed under Christian Marriage Act.

Sir,

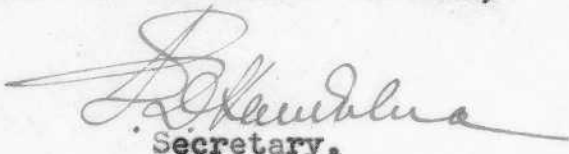
With reference to your letter no.2545 J. of the ^{8th}7th June 1937 and the subsequent reminder No.^A2545 J of 21st September 1937, on the above subject, I have the honour to submit herewith a list of the living Pastors of the G.E.L. Church, in Chotanagpur, who have been licensed under the Christian Marriage Act of 1872.

According to the letter, it was tried as far as possible to give the number and the date of the Government Circular, authorising the Pastors to hold licenses under the above Act. But as only a few Circulars have been sent to this Office the number and date of the Government letter to the Commissioner issuing such licenses have ^{also} been shown in cases in which it was possible. In cases in which both the above documents were not available, the dates of the licenses only have been shown in the list which may help in finding out the Circulars.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,


Secretary,
G.E.L. Church.

Church Council
 Received 22-9-37
 Reg. No. 139
 Date 21-9-37
 Schedule LIII—Form No. 134
 File 31
 [To be kept in office of receipt]
 Date

Date
 Reply
 Title
 Subject
 Remarks

URGENT.

REMINDER.

No. 25452
 A

FROM

Khan Sahib A. Husain,
 THE Senior Dy Magr, Ranchi, B.A.

TO

THE Secretary, G.E.L.
 Church in Chola Nagpur
 and Assam, Ranchi
 Dated Ranchi, the 21-9-1937.

SIR,

I AM directed to draw your very early
 HAVE the honour attention to this office no. 25452 of the 8.6.
 1937 and to request you to return the right-
 hand portion duly filled up before the
 furnish a list showing the

SUBJECT:—
 number and date of the
 Govt circulars as far as
 possible and the full addresses
 of living pastors at a very
 early date.

Object:—

I have the honour to be,

Names of persons
 licensed under
 x'tion marriage
 Act.

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

Senior Dy. Magr,
 Ranchi

N.B.—Here note the number and date, and purport of
 reply sent.

Church Council
 Received 22.9.37
 Register No. 139
 Date 21.9.37
 File 31
 Reply No.
 Date

[To be returned to issuing office.]

No. 486/37/F-31

FROM

*The Secretary
 THE G.E.L. Church in Chola
 nagerpur & Assam.*

TO

*THE Senior Dy Magistrate
 Ranbhi*

Dated the 25th Sept. 1937

Your no. 2545, dated 21.9. 1937
A

*SUBJECT:— Names of Pastors licensed
 under the Xlian Marriage Act.*

~~RECEIVED AND NOTED.~~

~~REPLY will be submitted by the~~

*19. I am Submitting
 the list herewith.*

N. B.—Here note explanation of delay, if necessary.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

*L. Chandrasekhar
 Secy. G.E.L. Church
 25/9/37.*

List of the living Pastors of the G.E.L.Church in Chotanagpur.

Name and address	No of Circular	Date of Circular	No of Govt. letter	Date of Govt. letter	Date of license	Sections
Nathaniel Khalkho, Lohardaga, P.O.Lohardaga, Dist.Ranchi.	<u>1205-R</u> VIE-15	6-2-31			6-2-31	6 & 9
Johan Kujur, <i>Chattwa</i> Kinkel, P.O.Kinkel, Dist. Ranchi.					22-9-27	6 & 9
Barnabas Hemrom, Govindpur, P.O. Jariagarh, Dist. Ranchi			<u>2101E</u>	15-12-15	15-12-15	6 & 9
Luther Bagrila, Jarakudar, P.O. Bankibazar, F.States of Bonai, Bamra & Gangpur	<u>11014</u> VIE-72/31-R	16-11.31			15-11-31	6 & 9
Daud Soreng, Govindpur, P.O. Jariagarh, Dist. Ranchi.			<u>637R.R</u> VIE-57/34	16-6-34	16-6-34	6 & 9
Nathaniel Mundu, Sarnatoly, P.O. Khunti, Dist. Ranchi.			Do	Do	Do	Do
Samuel Tirkey, Kinkel, P.O. Kinkel, Dist. Ranchi			Do	Do	Do	Do
Markas Sanga, Umbulbaha, P.O. Tamar, Dist. Ranchi	<u>1757</u> VIE-42/35 R	27-2-35	<u>1748 R</u> VIE-42	27.2.35	27-2-35	6 & 9
Mansidh Purti, <i>Chattwa</i> Burju, P.O. Murhu, Dist. Ranchi.			<u>1202 R.T.</u> VIE-64	7-9-25	7-7-25	6 & 9
Christ Kalyan Guria, Tokad, P.O. Murhu, Dist. Ranchi.	<u>1315 R.R.</u> VIE-71	3-10-29	<u>1313 R.R.</u> VIE-71	3-10-29	29-9-29	Do
Laurentius Lakra, Kondra, P.O. Raidih, Dist. Ranchi.	1595-1996-11	14-11-29	Do	Do	Do	Do
Johan Bhengra, Amlessa, P.O. Tamar, Dist. Ranchi.	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do
Christ Kalyan Guria, Dist. Singbhum, Tokad, P.O. Murhu	<u>12253 R.</u> VIE - 85	20.11.29	<u>12321 R</u> VIE - 85	22-11-29	21.11.29	

Daud Kerketta, Tapkara, P.O. Barda, Dist. Ranchi.			20-6-25	6 & 9
Christ. K. Bhengra, Chaibassa, Chaibassa, Dist. Singhbhum.	<u>13802 R.</u> VIE-91	9-12-33	8-12-33	6 & 9
Luther Ekka, Kotbo, P.O. Kamdara, Dist. Ranchi.			11-4-21	Do.
Manmasih Toppo, Lali, Ranchi, Dist. Ranchi.			10-1-1908	9
Dharmdas Kujur, Khutitoly, P.O. Simdega, Dist. Ranchi.			30.7.21	6 & 9
Jaymasih Minz, Amganw, P.O. Chainpur, Dist. Ranchi.			30-7-21	Do
Immanuel Lakra, Chati, P.O. Nagjua, Ranchi.	<u>2168 R</u> VIE-21	19-3-34	17-3-34	Do
P.C. Punoria, Purulia, Dist. Manbhum.	<u>1337 R.R.</u> VIE-81/32	4-10-29	3-10-29	Do
Andrias Topono, Singhani, P.O. Hazari- bagh, Hazaribagh.	<u>587 R.R.</u> VIE-81/32	22-8-32	22-8-32	Do
Obed Tiru, Kahupani, P.O. Simdega, Ranchi.	<u>3454 E</u>	18-11-21	13-7-21	Do
Daniel Horo, Latakeli, P.O. Lachragarh, Dist. Ranchi.			22-2-21	Do
Masihdas Lakra, Jarakudar, P.O. Bankibazar	<u>6082 G(W.C)</u>	1-10-32	20-9-32	Do.
Mansukh Tuti, Darigutu P.O. Khunti, Dist. Ranchi.			27-5-1907	9
Daud Kujur, Ranchi, Ranchi.			27-5-1907	Do
Dharmdas Tuyu, Tujur, P.O. Murhu, Ranchi			6-11-1903	Do
Isahak Ekka, Ranchi, Ranchi.			1-7-12	Do

Christ Maghan Lakra, Kuru, P.O. Kuru, Dist. Ranchi					22-2-21	6 & 9
<i>Chama</i> Suleman Kula, Takarma P.O. Lassiya, Ranchi.					22-9-27	Do
W. Radsick, Ranchi, Ranchi.	5905 VIE-48/36 R	5-6-36	112 R.R. VIE-48	27-4-36	27-4-36	Do.
Benjamin Minz, Karimatti, P.O. Bisra, Ranchi District)			991 R.R. VIE-70	10-8-36	8-8-36	Do
Mansukh Manki, Tujur, P.O. Murhu, Ranchi					1-7-12	9
Christanand Aind, Karimatti, P.O. Bisra					21-6-1903	Do
Martin Hurad, Chakra- dharpur, P.O. Chakra- dharpur, Singbhum					21-10-27	6 & 9
Masihdas Ekka, Ranchi, Ranchi.					29-7-20	Do
Samuel Bage, Kinkel, P.O. Kinkel, Ranchi.					20-9-27	Do
Urbanus Kujur, Gumla, Dist. Ranchi.					20-6-25	Do
F. Schulze, Rajgangpur P.O. Rajgangpur Gangpur.	523-1 3 M.S.D.	19-9-33 1-11-33				Do
M. Schiebe, Kinkel, P.O. Kinkel, Ranchi.	<i>Chama</i> 1133 R.R. VIE-52	11-8-33	1134-R.R.	11-8-33	11-8-33	Do
Johan Topono, Takarma, P.O. Lassiya, Ranchi.			912 R VIE-16	25-1-27	23-1-27	Do.
Johan Topono, Ranga, P.O. Rajgangpur, Gangpur.					22-1-16	9
Dharamprakas Minz, Chati, P.O. Nagjua, Ranchi.					22-2-21	6 & 9
Prabhusahay Horo, Shoghor, P.O. Raj- gangpur,					17-9-1906	9
Iathaniel Bage, Baribiringa, P.O. Lassiya, Ranchi.					10-1-1908	9

Lukas Topono, Khutitoly, P.O. Sim- Dega, Dist. Ranchi.			18.5.14	9
Christochit Guria, Marcha, P.O. Torpa, Dist. Ranchi.			24.6.22	6 & 9
M. Kerschis, Ranchi, Ranchi.			18.4.13	6
Suleman Bage, Koronjo P.O. Koronjo, Ranchi.	<u>2118 R</u> VIE - 21	19.3.34	17.3.34	6 & 9
J.J.P. Tiga, Ranchi, Ranchi.	<u>1133 - R.R.</u> VIE - 52	11.8.33	<u>1134 - R.R.</u> VIE - 52	11.8.33 6 & 9
Immanuel Kujur, Kondra, P.O. Raidih, Dist. Ranchi.	1595-1996-II	14.11.29		
Luther Jojowar, Jamshedpur, Tatanagar	<u>10949-VIE-87-R.</u> 7.12.28.			6 & 9
Laurentius Ekka, Chiur, P.O. Karra, Dist. Ranchi.	<u>645 A.</u>	30-1-1900		9
Joel Lakra, Guntur.	"Temporarily out of Province"	<u>11762 R</u> VIE - 108	21.12.27 20-12-27	6 & 9
Nathaniel Khalkho, Lohardaga.	<u>1204 - R</u> VIE - 15	6.2.31	6.2.31	7
Christkalyan Guria Laurentius Lakra Johan Bhengra	<u>1318 R.R.</u> VIE - 71	3.10.29		7

To,

The Deputy Commissioner
Ranchi

Subject:- Grant of marriage licenses to Rev. Lukas Topono.

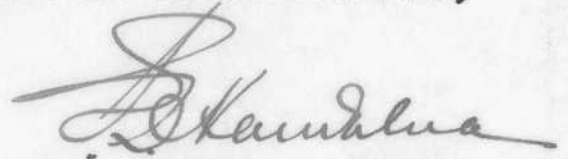
Sir,

With reference to your letter no. 3840 J dated the 27th August 1937 I have the honour to inform you that the Church district headquarters of the above Rev. Lukas Topono is Govindpur in the jurisdiction of Karra Police Station, district Ranchi.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,


Secretary,

G.E.L. Church.

31/8/37
file
Copy of letter no. 2944 J dated Ranchi, the 20th August, 1937 from the Personal Assistant to the Commissioner of Chota Nagpur to the Deputy Commissioner of Ranchi.

Subject :- Grant of marriage licences to Rev. Lucas
Topno.

" With reference to your letter no. 3667 J, dated the 14th August, 1937, on the above subject, I have the honour to invite a reference to para 3 of Government letter no. 12613-18-R, dated the 10th December 1931, (a copy of which was forwarded to you with this office memo. no. 4049 J dated the 15th December 1931) and to request that the district headquarters of the licensee may be reported at an early date "

Memo. No. 3840f

Dated Ranchi, the 27th August, 1937.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary, G.E.L. Church, Ranchi in Chota Nagpur and Assam, Ranchi with reference to the correspondence resting with his letter no. 369-37/F -31 dated 10.8.37 for favour of Compliance.

M. S. Singh
Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi.
20.8.

RB

S.N.B.

Church Council
Received 17.8.37
Register No. 120
Date 14.8.37
File 34
Reply No.
Date

No. 36671

Rai Bahadur Bishundev Narayan Singh,
Offg. Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi.

To

The Commissioner of the
Chota Nagpur Division, Ranchi.

Dated Ranchi, the 14th August, 1937.

Subject :- Grant of Marriage licenses to Rev. Lucas
Topno.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit a copy of letter no. 369/31 dated 10.8.37 from the Secretary, G.E.L. Mission Church, Ranchi and request you to move the Local Government to grant licenses under sections 6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act to Rev. Lucas Topno and also to appoint him under Act VI of 1886 to be Registrar of births and deaths.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Sd/- B. N. Singh.

Offg. Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi.
14.8.

Memo. No. 36689

Dated Ranchi, the 14th August, 1937.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary, G.E.L. Church, Ranchi, with reference to his letter no. 369/37/F 31 dated 10.8.37 for information.

It is presumed that his headquarters will be at Govindpur.

Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi.
14.8.

S.N.B.

S.N.B.

No. 2545-1

From

C. H. McNeill , Esquire,
Senior Deputy Magistrate, Ranchi.

To

The Secretary , G.E.L.Church
in Chota Nagpur & Assam , Ranchi.

Ranchi, the 7th June , 1937.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter no. 168/37/F-31 dated the 1st June 1937 , I am directed by the Deputy Commissioner to request you to furnish a list at an early date showing the number and date of the Government circulars as far as possible and the full addresses of the living pastors .

I have the honour to be ,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

C. H. McNeill

Senior Deputy Magistrate.

25/6

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE G.E.L. CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

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No: 369/37/F.-31.

From,

P. Kandulna, Esqr.,
Secretary, G.E.L. Church in
Chota Nagpur and Assam,
Ranchi.

To,

The Deputy Commissioner,
Ranchi.

Dated Ranchi, the 10th August, 1937.

Subject:- Grant of licenses under Sections 6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872) to the Reverend Lucas Topono for the territories under the administration of the Government of Bihar.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that you will kindly move the Government of Bihar to grant marriage licenses under Sections 6 and 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (XV of 1872) for the territories under the administration of the Government of Bihar to the Rev. Lucas Topono, Lutheran compound, Govindpur, P.O. Jariagarh, District Ranchi, as minister of Religion of "The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chota Nagpur and Assam".

The said minister may also be appointed under Act VI of 1886 to function as Registrar of Births and Deaths within the Province.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,


Secretary,

G.E.L. Church.

168/37/P.-31

1st June 37.

From,

The Secretary,
G. E. L. Church in
Chotanagpur & Assam,
Ranchi.

To,

The Assistant Magistrate,
Ranchi.


Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1264 J. dated the 16th March 1937 and the subsequent reminder of 26.5.1937, I have the honour to inform you that all the Government Notifications appointing our Pastors, Officers to solemnize Marriages and register Births and Deaths are not available in this Office also. I am only sending herewith an upto date list of our Pastors who have been licensed under different Sections of the Indian Christian Marriage Act (IV of 1872).

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,


Secretary,
G. E. L. Church.

List of persons licensed under Sections 7, 6 & 9.

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Under Section 7.

Rev: Masihdas Ekka
 " Luther Bagralla
 " Obed Tiru
 " Jaymasih Minz
 " Dharmdas Kujur
 " Manmasih Lugun ----- Dead
 " Laurentius Lakra
 " Khrist Kalyan Guriya
 " Johan Bhengra
 " Nathaniel Khalkho

Under Section 6.

Rev: Masihdas Ekka
 " Luther Bagralla
 " Johan Topone
 " Isahak Ekka
 " Laurentius Ekka
 " Christogirih Tirkey ----- Dead
 " Manmasih Toppe
 " Patras Kandulna ----- Dead
 " Daud Kujur
 " Khristanand Minz ----- Dead
 " Mathias Toppe
 " Mansidh Hemrom ----- Dead
 " Christ Maghan Lakra
 " Paulus Manki ----- Dead
 " Dharm Prakash Minz
 " Daniel Hero
 " Luther Ekka
 " Samuel Topone ----- not of the G.E.L. Church.
 " Puran Prasad Minz ----- Dead
 " Nathaniel Bage
 " Mansukh Tuti
 " Obed Tiru
 " Paulus Mundu ----- Dead
 " Jaymasih Minz
 " Suleman Sanga ----- Dead
 " Dharmdas Kujur
 " Khristochit Guriya
 " Manmasih Lugun ----- Dead
 " Nehemiya Surin ----- Dead
 " Daud Kerketta
 " Christ Kalyan Bhengra X
 " Urbanus Kujur
 " Benjamin Minz
 " P.M. Furti
 " Johan Kujur
 " Suleman Kula
 " Juel Lakra X
 " G.A. Prehn
 " Johan Topone
 " A. John
 " Laurentius Lakra
 " Khrist Kalyan Guriya
 " Johan Bhengra
 " Nathaniel Khalkho
 " Johan Toppe X
 " Eliazar Ekka X
 " F. Schulze X
 " W.J. Radsick
 " J.H. Schernat Assam
 " W. Kumbartzki " X
 " Markas Sanga
 " J.J.P. Tiga

Under Section 6.

Rev: M. Kerschis ×
 " M. Schiebe
 " Barnabas Hemrom ×
 " Samuel Tirkey
 " Nathaniel Mundu
 " Daud Soreng
 " Suleman Bage
 " Immanuel Lakra
 " Mansidh Hemrom ×
 " Samuel Bage
 " Masihdas Lakra ×
 " Andrias Topono ×
 " Amus Bara ×
 " Immanuel Kujur ×
 " Laurentius Lakra
 " Prabhu Charan Rineria ×
 " Luther Jojewar ×

Under Section 9.

Rev: Masihdas Ekka
 " Luther Bagralla
 " Johan Topone
 " Isahak Ekka
 " Laurentius Ekka
 " Christogirih Tirkey ----- Dead
 " Marmasih Toppe
 " Patras Kandulna ----- Dead
 " Daud Kujur
 " Khristanand Minz ----- Dead
 " Nottrott Tiru ----- Dead
 " Mathias Toppe
 " Mansidh Hemrom ----- Dead
 " Christmaghan Lakra
 " Paulus Manki ----- Dead
 " Dharam Prakash Minz
 " Daniel Hore
 " Luther Ekka
 " Samuel Topone ----- not of the G.E.L. Church.
 " Purn Prasad Minz ----- Dead
 " Nathaniel Bage
 " Mansukh Tuti
 " Obed Tiru
 " Paulus Mundu ----- Dead
 " Jaymasih Minz
 " Dharmdas Kujur
 " Khristochit Guria
 " Manmasih Lugun ----- Dead
 " Nehemiah Surin ----- Dead
 " Johan Topone
 " Martin Gostav Adolf Prehn
 " Suleman Sanga ----- Dead
 " Daud Kerketta
 " Christ Kalyan Bhengra ×
 " Urbanus Kujur
 " Benjamin Minz
 " P.M. Perti
 " Johan Kujur
 " Suleman Kula
 " Juel Lakra
 " A. John
 " Laurentius Lakra
 " Khrist Kalyan Guriya
 " Johan Bhengra
 " Nathaniel Khalkho
 " Johan Toppe ×
 " Eliazar Ekka ×
 " F. Schulze ×

Under Section 9.

Rev: W.J. Radsick
 " J.M. Schernat (Assam)
 " W. Kumbartzki (Assam) +
 " Markas Sanga
 " J.J.P. Tiga
 " M. Kerschis +
 " M. Schiebe
 " Barnabas Hemrom +
 " Samuel Tirkey
 " Nathaniel Mundu
 " Daud Soreng
 " Suleman Bage
 " Immanuel Lakra
 " Mansidh Hemrom (Assam) +
 " Samuel Bage
 " Masihdas Lakra +
 " Andrias Topono +
 " Annus Bara +
 " Immanuel Kujur +
 " Pralhu Charan Runoria +
 " Luther Jojewar. +

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REMINDER.

No. 1264 J/A

Dated March 26-5-1937

Subject—

Submitting of copies of notifications
under which the persons were
licensed.

The undersigned ^{has the honour} to draw the attention of Secretary
_{is directed}

G. E. L. Higgins March

1264 J of 16-3-37.
to this office no.

on the subject noted above and to request an early reply thereto.

GJP (COF) P. O. No. 98—89,600—28.2.35.

Deputy
(Designation.)

Senior Dy. Registrar
March

No. 1264 J

From

A. G. Bunn, Esqr., I.C.S.,
Assistant Magistrate, Ranchi.

To

The Secretary,
G. E. L. Mission, Ranchi.

Dated Ranchi, the 15th March, 1937.
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Sir,

I have the honour, as directed by the Deputy Commissioner to state that a register containing the names of persons licensed under different sections of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, to solemnize and register marriages respectively is under preparation for constant references in this office. But as copies of Government notifications appointing these persons (list enclosed) from time to time during and before 1925 are not available in this office nor in the office of the Register General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Bihar, I would request you kindly to favour Deputy Commissioner at your earliest convenience, with copies of the notifications under which persons belonging to your church were licensed under sections 6, 7, 9 and 6&7 respectively of the above mentioned act, in order to complete the authoritative register.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

A. G. Bunn

Assistant Magistrate, Ranchi.

8/6/37

S.N.B.

Under section 7.

× Rev. Meishdas Ekka.

Rev. Luther Bagraila

Rev. Obed Tiru

Rev. Jaymasih Minz.

Rev. Dharam Das Kujur.

/ Rev. Manmasih Lugun

Rev. Mashidas Ekka

+ Rev. Luther Bagraila

1 Rev. John Topno.

Rev. Ishak Ekka.

Rev. Laurantias Ekka.

Rev. Christogiri Tirkey.

Rev. Manmasih Toppo

× Rev. Patras Kandulua.

Rev. Daud Kujur.

Rev. Kristanand Mirz.

× Rev. Nottrott Tiru.

Rev. Matias Toppo.

× Rev. Mansidh Hemrorm

Rev. Christmaghari Laka

× Rev. Paulus Mauki.

Rev. Dharam Prakash Minz.

Rev. Danial Hero.

Rev. Luther Ekka.

× Rev. Samuel Topno.

Rev. Puran Prashad Minz.

Rev. Nathaniel Bage.

Rev. Masukh Tuti.

Rev. Obed Tiru

× Rev. Paulus Kaudu

Rev. Jaymasih Minz.

- + Rev. Suleman Sanga
- × Rev. Dharam Das Kujur.
- Rev. Kristochit Guria.
- × Rev. Manmasih Lugan
- × Rev. Nehemiah Suren
- Rev. John Topno
- + Rev. Martin Gostan

Under Section 9

- Rev. Masihdas Ekka.
- Rev. Luther Bagrila
- × Rev. John Topno
- Rev. Ishak Ekka.
- Rev. Lanrantius Ekka.
- Rev. Christogir Tirkey.
- Rev. Manmasih Toppo.
- × Rev. Patras Kandulna.
- Rev. Daud Kujur.
- Rev. Kristanand Minz.
- × Rev. Nottrott Tiru
- Rev. Matias Toppo
- × Rev. Mansid Homroom.
- Rev. Christmaghon Lakra.
- × Rev. Paulus Manki
- Rev. Dharam Prakash Minz.
- Rev. Daniel Horo.
- Rev. Luther Ekka.
- × Rev. Samuel Topno.
- + Rev. Puran Prashad Minz.
- Rev. Nauthaniel Bage.
- Rev. Mansukh Tuti
- Rev. Obed Tiru.
- + Rev. Paulus Mandu
- Rev. Jaymasih Minz.

Rev. Dharamadas Kujur.

Rev. Khristochit Guria.

Rev. Manmasih Lugun.

✕ Rev. Nehemich uren

✕ Rev. Joh Topno

✕ Rev. Martin Gastan,
Adolf Prehu