

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM**



**ASSAM RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND  
AGRICULTURAL SERVICES SOCIETY  
(ARIAS SOCIETY)**

**MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION  
(As Amended in March 2012)**

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# MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

## Background

- Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services Project (ARIASP) Society came into existence on October 23, 1998 and after being Notified by the Government of Assam vide No. AGA. 124 /98 / 44 dated 15-10-1998.
- ARIASP Society, was the 'Project Implementation Unit (PIU)' for the World Bank financed Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services Project (ARIASP) and was responsible for coordination and monitoring implementation of the Project as an apex State Level body ARIASP was closed on June 30, 2004 and a follow-on Project, with World Bank assistance called ' Assam Agricultural Competitiveness Project' (AACP) became effective on February 24, 2005 which is to be implemented till December 31, 2009. Assam Government notified vide No.AGA.400/2004/3 dated 04-10-2004, the ARIASP Society created vide notification No.AGA.124 /98 / 44 dated 15-10-1998 would act as the 'Project Coordination Unit' (PCU) of the AACP.

Since the World Bank financed Project 'ARIASP' was closed on June 30, 2004, the 'ARIASP Society' hereinafter is now called 'Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services (ARIAS) Society', briefly 'ARIAS Society'.

**Key Modification:** "ARIAS Society will function as an apex autonomous body of the Government of Assam for monitoring, coordination **and/or implementation** of World Bank or any other externally financed/aided Projects **or other Projects of any department** as may be authorized by the Government of Assam from time to time."  
(Instead of World Bank or any other externally financed Project as per the existing MOA)

## **The Memorandum of Association (MoA) of the ARIAS Society shall remain amended as provided hereunder-**

1. **Title:** The name of the society shall be 'Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services (ARIAS) Society' i.e. herein after referred as 'ARIAS Society'.
2. **Registered Office:** The registered office of the 'ARIAS Society shall be located in the Agriculture Campus, GS Road, Khanapara, Guwahati-781022, Assam.
3. **Purposes and Objectives:**
  - The ARIAS Society originally created vide Government notification No. AGA. 124/98/44 dated 15-10-1998, shall function as an apex autonomous body of the Government of Assam for monitoring, coordination and/or implementation of World Bank or any other externally financed/aided Projects or other Projects of any department as may be authorized by the Government of Assam from time to time.

- Primarily, ARIAS Society will focus on carrying out activities as laid down in the individual Project Report of the Projects taken up or to be taken up by the State Government with World Bank or other external finance/aid or financed/aided by any other source and as may be authorized by the State Government. Specifically, the basic objective of the ARIAS Society is to take up activities and make investments through various implementing agencies/ line departments of the State Government for achieving the development objectives of the individual World Bank or any other externally financed/aided Projects or other Projects of any department, as may be authorized by the Government of Assam from time to time.

4. **Functions: The functions of ARIAS Society shall be:**

- to take/undertake all actions/activities that may be necessary for implementation of “World Bank or Externally financed/aided Projects or other Projects of any department as may be authorized by the Government of Assam”, herein after also called as “Projects”, in particular for achievement of the development objectives of individual Projects;
- to create duly empowered management mechanism, through participation of/collaboration with various government departments and autonomous bodies/ educational institutions including NGO’s etc., as may be deemed necessary for achievement of development objectives of the Projects, as may be authorized by the Government of Assam
- to establish an appropriate coordination and monitoring mechanism at the district, sub-division, block, village and Panchayat levels and to delegate appropriate powers to such bodies as may be necessary for implementation of the Projects, as may be authorized by the Government of Assam from time to time;
- to undertake innovative initiatives in areas related to Projects, as stated in the relevant Project Reports or as recommended by the Review Missions of the Project Funding Agencies or as may be directed by the Government of Assam;
- to create technical, administrative and other posts considered necessary for implementation of the individual Project in the Project Coordination Unit (PCU) of the ARIAS Society, and to retain such posts in the PCU and to make payments for the same, pursuant to provisions in this regard in the Rules of Business of ARIAS Society. The creation of such posts, however, shall be as per stipulations of the Project Report of each individual Project, and such Project Reports duly approved by the Government of Assam.
- to make rules and regulations and Bye laws, not inconsistent with the Memorandum of Association in conduct of activities of the ARIAS Society and its affiliates;
- to accept grants of money, securities of property and to undertake and accept management of any endowment consistent with the object of the individual Projects;
- to prepare annual reports, monthly, quarterly and annual accounts of ARIAS Society;

- i. to purchase, hire, dispose through formal auction, take on lease, exchange or otherwise acquire property both movable and immovable, in pursuance of objectives of individual Projects and that of ARIAS Society;
  - j. to commit expenditure as received from Government or any other source in pursuance of individual Projects and that of ARIAS objectives; and
  - k. to take all such actions, including those not mentioned above, as may be necessary for or incidental to the achievements of development objectives of Projects and that of ARIAS Society.
5. **Assets:** The income and property of ARIAS Society, howsoever derived, shall be applied towards promotion of the objects thereof as set forth in the Memorandum of Association; subject nevertheless, in respect of the expenditure of the grants made by the Government of Assam, to such limitations as the Government of Assam may from time to time impose. No portion of the income and property of ARIAS Society shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise to the persons who at any time have been members of the ARIAS Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through them provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent payment made as remuneration to any member thereof or other persons in return for any services rendered to ARIAS Society.
  6. **Power of the Government:** The Government of Assam may appoint one or more persons to review the work and progress of ARIAS Society, and to hold enquiries into the affairs thereof and to report thereon in such manner as the Government may stipulate. Upon receipt of such report, the Government may take such action and issue such directions, as it may consider necessary in respect of any of the matters dealt with in the report. The ARIAS Society shall be bound to carry out such directions. In addition, the Government of Assam, at any time, may issue directives on matters of policy to the ARIAS Society and the latter shall be bound to comply with such directives.
  7. **Dissolution:** If on winding up or dissolution of ARIAS Society, there shall remain, after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any asset or property; they shall be dealt with in such manner as the Government of Assam may determine.
  8. **Management of the ARIAS Society** shall be conducted by a structure, which shall consist of a two tier administrative system comprising of the Project Guidance Council and the Governing Body. While the Project Guidance Council shall form the apex policy-making body of the ARIAS Society, the Governing Body shall be the executive authority of the Society, which shall function as per over-all direction, and guidance of the Project Guidance Council.
  9. A certified copy of the Amended Rules of Business of the ARIAS Society is filed along with the Memorandum of Association.

We, the undersigned persons, having associated ourselves for the purpose described in this Memorandum of Association (as Amended) do hereby subscribe our names to this Memorandum

and set our respective hands here unto and form ourselves into a Society under Registration of Societies Act, 1860 this day of March 22, 2012 at Guwahati.

**Signatures :**

Designation	Name	Signature
1. Agricultural Production Commissioner, Govt. of Assam	RAM TIRATH JINDAL	Ra
2. Principal Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary, Environment & Forest Dept., Govt. of Assam	SARINWATI PRASAD	S
3. Principal Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary, P & D Deptt., Govt. of Assam	KUMAR SANJAY KRISHNA	Krishna
4. Principal Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary, A.H. & Veterinary Dept., Govt. of Assam	Atul Chaturvedi	Atul
5. Commissioner & Secretary, Finance Deptt., Govt. of Assam	Kumar Pabon Kumar	Bor Moker
6. Commissioner & Secretary, Fisheries Deptt., Govt. of Assam	Hemanta Boruah	Hemanta
7. State Project Director, ARIAS Society	KAILASH CHAND SAMRIA	Kailash
8. Commissioner & Spl Secretary, P.W. Deptt. (Roads), Govt. of Assam	MOHAN CH. BORO	Mohan

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