THE NINE-POINT AGREEMENT (THE HYDARI AGREEMENT) ARRIVED AT BETWEEN THE NAGA NATIONAL COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNOR IN JUNE 1947

The right of the Nagas to freely develop themselves according to their freely expressed will is recognized:

Judicial

All cases whether civil or criminal arising between the Nagas in the Naga hills will be for disposed for by duly constituted Naga courts according to Naga customary law, or such law as may be introduced with consent of duly recognized Naga representative organizations, save that where a sentence of transportation or death has been passed there will be right to appeal to the Governor.

In cases arising between Nagas and non-Nagas in (a) Kohima and Mokokchung areas, and (b) in the neighboring plains districts, the judge if not a Naga, will be assisted by the Naga assessor.

Executive

The general principle is accepted that what the Naga Nationalist Council is prepared to pay for the Naga Nationalist Council should control. This principle will be applied to the work done as well as the staff employed.

While the district officer will be appointed at the discretion of the Governor, subdivision of the Naga Hills should be administered by a sub-divisional council with a full time executive president, paid by the Naga Nationalist Council, who would be responsible to the district officer, for all matters falling within the latter’s responsibility, Naga Nationalist Council for all the matters falling within their responsibility.

In regard to:
Agriculture – The Naga Nationalist Council will exercise all the powers now vested in the district officer. PWD – The Naga Nationalist Council will take over full control. Education and Forest Department – The Naga Nationalist Council is prepared to pay for all the services and staff.

Legislative
That no law passed by the Provincial or the Central Legislature, which would materially affect the terms of this agreement, or the religious practices of the Nagas shall have legal force in the Naga Hills without the consent of the Naga Nationalist Council.

Land
The land with all its resources in the Naga Hills should not be alienated to a non-Naga without the consent of the Naga Nationalist Council.

Taxation
That the Naga Nationalist Council will be responsible for the imposition, collection and expenditure of land revenue and house tax, and of such other taxes as may be imposed by the Naga Nationalist Council.

Boundaries
The present administrative division should modified so as to (1) bring back into the Naga Hills District all the forest transferred to the Sibsagar and Nowgong Districts in the past, and (2) bring under one unified administrative unit, so far as possible, all Nagas. All the areas so included would be within the scope of the present proposed agreement.

No area should be transferred out of the Naga Hills without the consent of the Naga Nationalist Council.

Arms Act
The district officer will act on the advise of the Naga Nationalist Council in accordance with provisions of the arms act.

Regulations
The Chin Hills Regulation and the Bengal eastern frontier Regulations will remain in force.