

# SIKKIM

## GOVERNMENT



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### NOTIFICATION

The 'Sebrang' forms an important part of the Buddhist religious tradition. It is taken out to honour very high ranking personages of the Buddhist order in a manner befitting their status. This singular honour is reserved for certain categories of very high ranking spiritual leaders and the Chogyals (Dharma Rajas) and it is not accorded to lay people irrespective of their post and position. The State Government is concerned that there has been some misuse of the tradition in the past.

With a view to preserve and protect the customs and tradition of Sikkim, the State Government deems it necessary hereby to declare that the 'Sebrang' should be accorded and used strictly in conformity with religious traditions and according to entitlement. A complete ban is ordered on its use otherwise.

The Ecclesiastical Department should immediately issue appropriate directions to monasteries and concerned religious institutions accordingly.

BY ORDER

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