

Instructions of the Government Administration Council on Handling Appellations, Place Names, Tablets, and Plaques that Discriminate against or Insult Minorities

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Instructions for place names, steles, and couplets

In order to strengthen national unity and prohibit discrimination and insults among nationalities, the appellations and place names of minorities left over from history, monuments, plaque couplets, etc., which have the meaning of discrimination and insulting minorities, should be Prohibit, modify, seal up or take control respectively. The method is as follows;

(1) The provincial and municipal people's governments designate relevant agencies to investigate the appellations of ethnic minorities. If any appellations that discriminate against or contempt are found, they should negotiate with representatives of ethnic minorities, use appropriate appellations, and report to the Central People's Government. Approved and promulgated by the Government Administration Council.

(2) Regarding place names: if the place names of counties (cities) and below (including districts, townships, streets, alleys, and alleys) have the meaning of discriminating against or insulting ethnic minorities, the people's government of the county (city) shall solicit representatives of ethnic minorities Opinions, use an appropriate name, and report to the Provincial People's Government for the record. For place names above the county (city) level, the people's government at or above the county (city) level shall solicit the opinions of representatives of ethnic minorities. Propose to change the name and report to the Central People's Government Administration Council for approval.

(3) Regarding steles and couplets: All steles and couplets that discriminate against or insult ethnic minorities in various places should be removed or replaced. For reference in the study of history and culture, such steles and couplets are generally not destroyed after removal, but are sealed up and managed by the cultural and educational departments of the provincial and municipal people's governments, and important ones must be reported to the Cultural Relics Bureau of the Central Ministry of Culture. If some of them are of real value in the study of history and cultural relics and are inconvenient to move, they may be retained and not withdrawn after obtaining the consent of the ethnic minorities, but appropriate explanations must be added. The measures shall be submitted to the People's Government of the Greater Administrative Region (Military and Political Commission) for approval before implementation. If it is important, it must be reported to the Central People's Government Administration Council for approval.

Before carrying out the above work, relevant people's governments at all levels should, in combination with ethnic policies, carry out publicity and education among local minority people and Han people, and negotiate with representatives of relevant ethnic groups (including Han people). After that, it will be implemented in order to further strengthen the unity of the people of all ethnic groups without increasing ethnic estrangement or even ethnic disputes.

In addition, how to revise inappropriate content in works of art (drama, etc.) and school textbooks about the history and current situation of various ethnic groups is relatively complicated. It is still waiting for relevant agencies to study, and local ethnic affairs agencies are expected to provide opinions.