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NOTIFICATION

No.C. 18011/4/2011-FST, the 16th January, 2018. As per the provision of the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules 2017, The Governor of Mizoram is pleased to constitute the State Wetlands Authority for the State of Mizoram consisting of the following members :-

1. Chairperson - Minister, Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department
2. Vice Chairperson - Chief Secretary, Government of Mizoram.
3. Ex-officio Member - Principal Secretary, Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department
4. Ex-officio Member - Secretary, Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department
5. Ex-officio Member - Secretary, Rural Development Department.
6. Ex-officio Member - Secretary, Fisheries Department.
7. Ex-officio Member - Secretary, Irrigation and Water Resources Department.
8. Ex-officio Member - Secretary, Tourism Department.
9. Ex-officio Member - Secretary, Land Revenue & Settlement Department.
10. Ex-officio Member - Chief Scientific Officer, Directorate of Science & Technology.
11. Ex-officio Member - Member Secretary, Mizoram Pollution Control Board.
12. Ex-officio Member - Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of the Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.
13. Ex-officio Member - One expert each in the fields of wetland ecology, hydrology fisheries, landscape planning and socio-economic to be nominated by the State Government.
14. Member Secretary - Chief Wildlife Warden, Mizoram.

1. The State Wetlands Authority shall exercise the following powers and functions :

- (a) Prepare a list of all wetlands of the State or Union Territory.
- (b) Prepare a list of wetlands to be notified taking into cognizance any existing list of wetlands prepared/notified under other relevant State Acts;
- (c) Recommend identified wetlands, based on their Brief Documents, for regulation under these rules;
- (d) Prepare a comprehensive digital inventory of all wetlands within a period of one year from the date of publication of these rules and upload the same on a dedicated web portal to be developed by the Central Government for the said purpose; the inventory to be updated every ten years;
- (e) Develop a comprehensive list of activities to be regulated and permitted within the notified wetlands and their zone of influence;
- (f) Recommend additions, if any, to the list of prohibited activities for specific wetlands;

- (g) Define strategies for conservation and wise use of wetlands within their jurisdiction; wise use being a principle for managing these ecosystems which incorporates sustainable uses (such as capture fisheries at subsistence level or harvest of aquatic plants) as being compatible with conservation, if ecosystem functions (such as water storage, groundwater recharge, flood buffering) and values (such as recreation and cultural) are maintained or enhanced;
 - (h) Review integrated management plan for each of the notified wetlands (including trans- boundary wetlands in coordination with Central Government), and within these plans consider continuation and support to traditional uses of wetlands which are harmonized with ecological character;
 - (i) In cases wherein lands within boundary of notified wetlands or wetlands complex have private tenancy rights, recommend mechanisms for maintenance of ecological character through promotional activities;
 - (j) Identify mechanisms for convergence of implementation of the management plan with the existing State level development plans and programmes;
 - (k) Ensure enforcement of these rules and other relevant Acts, rules and regulations and on half-yearly basis (June and December of each calendar year) inform the concerned State Government on the status of such notified wetlands through a reporting mechanism;
 - (l) Coordinate implementation of integrated management plans based on wise use principal through various line departments and other concerned agencies;
 - (m) Function as nodal authority for all wetland specific authorities within the State;
 - (n) Issue necessary directions for conservation and sustainable management of wetlands to the respective implementing agencies.
 - (o) Undertake measures for enhancing awareness within stakeholders and local communities on values and functions of wetlands; and
 - (p) Advise on any other matter *suo-motu*, or as referred by the State Government.
2. Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department shall provide all necessary support and act as nodal Department and Secretariat to the Authority.
 3. The Authority shall, constitute -
 - (a) A technical committee to review brief documents, management plans and advise on any technical matter referred by the Wetlands Authority; and
 - (b) A grievance committee consisting of four members to provide a mechanism for hearing and forwarding the grievances raised by public to the Authority;
 4. The Authority shall meet at least thrice in a year.
 5. The term of non-official members of the Authority nominated by State Government shall be for a period not exceeding three years.

Lalram Thanga,
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