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NOTAFICATION

No.LJD.47/87/3, the 27th Oct., 1987. The following Act of the Mizeram Legislative Assembly which received the assent of the Governor of Mizeram is hereby published for general information.

Mizoram Act No.4 of 1987.

The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker Act, 1987.

(Received the assent of the Governor of Mizoram on 21st October, 1987)

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ACT

to provide for the salaries and allowances of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Mizoram.

Be it enacted by the Mizoram Legislative Assembly in the Thirty-eighth Year of the Republic of India as follow:

Short title and commencement

- 1. (1) This Act may be called the Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker Act, 1987.
 - (2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 20th day of February 1987.

Definitions.

- 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, -
 - (a) "Assembly" means the Legislative Assembly of Mizoram;
 - (b) "Deputy Speaker" means the Deputy Speaker of the Assembly;
 - (c) "Family" in relation to the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker means his wife residing with him and legitimate children residing with or wholly dependent on him and where the husband has more than one wife, only one wife shall be included in his family for the purposes of this Act. If the Speaker or the Deputy speaker is a married woman, 'family' shall include her husband residing with her;
 - (d) "Government" means the Government of Mizoram;
 - (e) "Schedule" means the Schedule appended to this Act;
 - (f) "Speaker" means the Speaker of the Assembly;
 - (g) "Travelling allowances" means the allowance granted to the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker under this Act to cover the expenses which he incurs in travelling in the interest of the public service.

Salaries of the speaker and Deputy Speaker

3. There shall be paid to the Speaker a salary of two thousand seven hundred fifty rupees per mensem. and to the Deputy Speaker a salary of two thousand rupees per mensem.

Sumptuary and other allowances of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker.

4. There shall be paid to the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker a sumptuary allowance of one thousand five hundred rupees per mensem, a family allowance of three hundred rupees per mensem and entertainment allowance of seven hundred rupees per mensem.

Residence of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker.

5. The Speaker and the Deputy Speaker shall be entitled, without any payment to the use and maintenance of a furnished residence throughout his term of office and for a period of fifteen days immediately thereafter; and so long as such residence is not provided, he shall be entitled to a residence for which rental charge shall be not more than six thousand rupees per mensem.

EXPLANATION— For the purposes of this section

- (a) "residence" includes the staff quarters and other buildings appurtenant thereto and the garden thereof;
- (b) "maintenance" in relation to a residence includes,-
 - (i) provision of electricity and water to the extent of one thousand rupees per mensem; and
 - (ii) payment of local rates and taxes.

Conveyance allowance and use of motor vehicle.

6. The Speaker and the Deputy Speaker shall be entitled to the free use of motor vehicle, the entire cost of maintenance and propulsion along with the services of chauffeur of which shall be borne by the Government

Travelling and daily allowances.

- 7. Subject to the provisions of the Schedule, the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker shall be entitled to—
 - (a) travelling allowance for himself and members of his family and for the transport of personal effects of himself and family in respect of journey to Aizawl from his usual place of residence outside Aizawl for the purpose of assuming office and demitting office; and
 - (b) travelling and daily allowance in respect of tour undertaken by him in the discharge of his official duties whether by land, sea or air.

Medical treatment, etc. to the Speaker and the Deputy 8. The Speaker and the Deputy Speaker and the members of their family shall be entitled free of charge to accommodation in hospitals maintained or recognised by the Government and also to medical treatment in accordance with the Medical Attendence Rules, as amended from time to time, applicable to First Grade Officers of the Government of Mizoram.

Speaker 9. and Deputy Speaker not to draw any salary as members of the Assembly

The Speaker and the Deputy Speaker shall not be entitled to receive any sum out of the funds provided by the Assembly by way of salary or allowances in respect of their membership of the Assembly.

Notifica- 10 tion respecting appointment of Spea-

10. The date on which any person became, or ceased, to be a Speaker or Deputy Speaker, shall be published in the Official to Gazette of the Government and any such notification shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that he became, or ceased, to be

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the Speaker or Deputy Speaker, as the case may be, on tha date for the purpose of this Act.

Grant of loans.

- 11. (1) Subject to such conditions and limitations as may be prescribed by rules there may be paid to Speaker and Deputy Speaker by way of a repayable advance—
 - (i) a sum of money not exceeding one lakh rupees for a building or purchasing a house; and
 - (ii) a sum of money not exceeding one lakh rupees or the anticipated price, whichever be less, for purchase of a Motor Vehicle.
 - (2) On the application for a building advance Speaker and Deputy Speaker shall execute a deed in the form prescribed by rules, undertaking to use the advance for the purpose for which is sanctioned, rendering himself and such property as

may be specified in the deed as security including the house purchased or built with the aid of the advance liable for the repayment of the loan with interest due thereon.

Provided that no advance for building the house shall be sanctioned unless the plot of land on which the house is to be build is exclusively owned and possessed by the Speaker or Deputy Speaker applying thereof, and is free from all encumbrances.

- (3) On the application for advance for purchase of a Motor Vehicle, Speaker or Deputy Speaker shall execute a deed in a prescribed form undertaking to use the advance for the purpose for which it is sanctioned, rendering himself and the Motor-Vehicle to be purchased liable for the repayment of the loan with interest due thereon,
- (4) (i) No transfer, assignment or charge made or created after the execution of the deed under sub-section (2) or sub-section (3) under this section in relation to the property specified therein or the house purchased or built with the aid of the advance, shall be valid against the Government, unless it has been made or created with the previous consent of Government in writing.
- (ii) Where Speaker or Deputy Speaker having obtained an advance under clauses (i) and (ii) of sub-section (1) of this section dies while holding office as such, the amount of the advance or any part thereof which would have accrued on the date of his death in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant of the advance

- along with interest therein shall be written off with the sanction of the authority as may be prescribed by the Government from time to time.
- Power to 12. make rules.
- 12. The Government may by notification make rules for carrying out the purposes of section 11.
- Repeal and 13. (1) The saving, Speaker
 - 13. (1) The salaries and Allowances of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker Ordinance 1987 is hereby repealed.
 - (2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the Ordinance so repleated shall, in so far as it is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be deemed to have been done or taken under this Act.

THE SCHEDULE (See section 7)

Travelling on duty.

1. When travelling on duty by railway or by road or by steamer or by air the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker shall be entitled to draw travelling allowance and daily allowance at the maximum rates applicable to First Grade Officers of the Government of Mizoram.

Travelling allowance on journeys for assuming and demitting of office.

2. In respect of the journey to headquarters from his usual place of residence for assuming office or between headquarters and his usual place of residence on demitting office, the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker is entitled to travelling allowance on the maximum rate for the time being admissible to First Grade Officers of the Government of Mizoram, subject to the modification that for journeys by rail, the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker and the members of his family may travel by air conditioned class of accommodation.

Travel by air.

- 3. (i) The Speaker or the Deputy Speaker may, in the public interest, perform journeys on tour by air in public air transport services.
- (ii) On the cancellation of a journey due to official reason, the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker shall be entitled to be reimbursed by the Government any deduction made by the air transport services when refunding the fare on account of cancellation of the air passage.
- (iii) The Speaker or the Deputy Speaker who does not utillise the free transport provided by the air booking centre and the airport may also recover in respect of journey to and from the airport actual travelling expenses or road mileage as journey on duty by road, whichever is less.

Travel*by railway.

4. The Speaker and the Deputy Speaker shall have the right to reserve by requisition an ordinary first class compartment when travelling by railway on duty.

EXPLANATION: For the purposes of this paragraph, a first class compartment means a two-berthed compartment or and air-conditioned coupe, where it is available, or a four berthed compartment if a two-berthed compartment or an air-conditioned coupe is not available in the train by which the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker travels.

Advances.

- 5. The Speaker or the Deputy Speaker shall be entitled to-
 - (a) an advance of travelling allowance towards the cost of transporting himself and the members of his family and his familys effect-
 - (i) in respect of the journey to headquarters from his usual place of residence outside headquarters for assuming office:
 - (ii) in respect of the journey from headquarters to his usual place of residence outside the headquarters on relinquishing office; and
 - (b) an advance of travelling and daily allowance in respect of the tours undertaken by him in the discharge of his official daties whether by land, sea or air.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The salaries and allowances of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker under the provisions of the Mizoram Salaries and allowances of Speaker and Deputy Speaker Act, 1973 are considered inadequate to meet the present demand in view of the increase in price-index. Apart from that Mizoram attained statehood with effect from 20th February, 1987 and the salaries and allowances of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker under the said Act of 1973 were considered not only inadequate but also not befitting to the status of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of a State.

To meet the immediate need and as the State Assembly was not in session; the Governor of Mizoram promulgated an Ordinance known as the Mizoram salaries and allowances of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker Ordinance, 1987 under clause (1) of Article 213 of the Constitution fixing salaries and allowances of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker to have been effective from the 20th day of February, 1987 the day Mizoram attained statehood. However at the time of promulgation of the said Ordinance, all aspects with regard to facilities and privileges could not be taken into consideration. Therefore, subsequent to

the promulgation of the said Ordinance, the entire matter has been reconsidered and the same are incorporated by modifying the relevant provisions of the said ordinance.

This Bilt seeks to replace the said Ordinance of 1987 with modifications.

Hence this Bill.

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FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

For the proposed salaries and allowances of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker from Rs. 1,400.00 to Rs. 5,250.00 and Rs. 900.00 to Rs. 4,500.00 respectively per mensem there will be an approximate expenditure of Rs. 89,400.00 per annum. The actual requirement of fund for Travelling allowance and Daily allowance during a year cannot be worked out as the detail of the tour and haltage are not fixed.

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