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NOTIFICATION

No.LAD-24/88, the 23rd October, 1991. In exercise of the powers conferred under section 7 of the Mizo District (Administration of Town Committee) Act, 1955, the Governor of Mizoram is pleased to make the following rules, namely.

1. Short title and commencement.
 - 1) These Rules may be called the Mizoram (Slaughter House) Rules, 1991.
 - 2) They shall extend to such town or towns as the Government may, by notification in official Gazette, specify.
 - 3) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Mizoram Gazette.
2. Definitions. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,
 - a) "Animal" means the four-footed animal such as Ox, Cow, Buffalo, Cayal, Pig, Goat, Sheep or other domestic four-footed animals whose flesh or meat is intended for human consumption are killed;
 - b) "Authority" means Government of Mizoram or any Officer authorised in its behalf;
 - c) "Butcher" means the butchers holding valid licence issued by the licencing authority;
 - d) "Cattle Pound" means any place or room or shed or enclosure where animals are herded or kept with the permission of authority before proceeding to their slaughtering;

- e) "Doctor" means the qualified physicians appointed by the Government under Animal Husbandry and Veterinary or Health Services Departments as the case may be;
- f) "Director" means Director of Local Administration Department.
- g) "Fee" means any amount fixed for payment as fees;
- h) "Fine" means any amount of fine imposed by the Authority;
- i) "Form" means any form prescribed for the enforcement of these rules;
- j) "Gazette" means the Official Gazette issued by the Government of Mizoram from time to time;
- k) "Government" means State Government of Mizoram;
- l) "Inspecting Staff" means the Sanitation Field Staff under Local Administration Department or any staff authorised to function as such;
- m) "Licence" means the licences issued by the authority;
- n) "Licencing Authority" means the officer authorised to issue licence under these rules;
- o) "Light" means any type of lights such as day light, electricity, Lantern, candle etc.
- p) "Magistrate" means any officer who has been invested with such powers, either executive or judicial or both by the Government;
- q) "Market" means the approved market declared by the Government:
- r) "Meat" means meats as specified in the Mizoram Town (Sanitation) Rules, 1980;
- s) "Occupier" means the person who occupies the slaughter house constructed by the Government on licence given to him;
- t) "Owner" means the person who possesses place or room or enclosure approved as Slaughter House;
- u) "Private" means a person or persons other than Government officials:

- v) "Sanitation Officer" means the officer appointed by the Government in regular or ex-officio capacity as such respectively;
- w) "Slaughter House" means any building or shed or place where the animals are to be killed as permitted or licenced by the authority;
- x) "Village" means any village beyond the place specifically declared as Town under the Mizoram Town (Sanitation) Rules, 1980;
- y) "Warden" means the person or persons appointed to look after the Slaughter House;

3. SLAUGHTER HOUSE :

- 1) There shall be a slaughter house or slaughter houses in such towns to which these rules are applicable, constructed by the Government or private individuals as the authority found it convenient for construction of a slaughter house with specific demarcated area.
- 2) The slaughter house may be constructed either with reinforced cement concrete or any other materials acceptable for the building with wall or without wall, cement concrete floor with proper pluster as designed and approved by the Sanitation Officer. Design of the building with other facilities like the system of disposal of waste litters shall be as specified by the Sanitation Officer.
- 3) The Slaughter House shall have attached Cattle Pound for keeping the animal or animals to be slaughtered.

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF SLAUGHTER HOUSE :

- 1) No person shall, without the permission of Sanitation Officer shall kill animal or animals for sale in the markets or recognised stalls.
- 2) No person shall establish Slaughter House or Cattle Pound without the written permission of the authority.
- 3) The authority may issue either temporary licence or permanent licence for the establishment of Slaughter House or either with specific terms and conditions to the interested persons or parties other than the Government departments if in his opinion setting up of the house or pound is necessary in the interest of public services on payment of one hundred rupees as Licence fee.
- 4) Interested person or persons shall obtain the prescribed application forms from the Sanitation Officer on payment of ten rupees as application fee and submit the form to the Sanitation Officer.

- 5) The authority may grant or reject any application for establishment of house or pound if in its opinion setting up of such establishment is contrary to public interest.
- 6) The authority may grant combined or separate licence for slaughter house and pound as the case may be.
- 7) Licence will ordinarily be valid for a period of one year (i.e. April-March of next year) and shall be renewed annually before the due date on payment of rupees fifty only as annual fee. Failure to renew within the stipulated time will be imposed a fine of rupees one hundred as late fee which shall be cleared at the time of renewal of licence.
- 8) The authority may, by notification order cancellation of any licence issued under these rules if in his opinion the establishment creates public nuisance by any means or by violation of any order issued by the authority.

5. MEAT INSPECTION :

- 1) Animals intended for slaughter shall be medically examined by Veterinary Doctors. The inspecting Doctors shall issue certificate to the effect that the animal to be slaughtered is fit for human consumption and at the same time may reject unhealthy animals. And no person shall kill any animal before antemortem inspection is conducted by the qualified Doctor.
- 2) If the inspecting Doctor rejected the animal or animals for human consumption, he shall report the condition of the animal with clear comment as to whether the animals will be cureable by medical treatment or incurable. The Sanitation Officer may issue order for the killing of such incurable animal at the appointed date and time. Disposal of such animal shall be executed at the expense of matching contribution of the Government and owner of the animal.
- 3) The rejected meat shall be disposed beneath the earth by digging pit at least for one and half metres and shall be properly covered with soil. The disposal work shall be done under the supervision of Sanitation Officer or any other person authorised by the Sanitation Officer. Execution of the work shall be reported to the Sanitation Officer immediately after disposal if such work is undertaken under the supervision of any staff of the Department other than the Sanitation Officer.
- 4) The animal unfit for slaughter but cureable by medical treatment shall be taken back by the owner of the animal and such animal shall not be slaughtered until the inspecting Doctor concerned has issued a certificate to the effect that the animal(s) is fit for human consumption after proper medical treatment.
- 5) The animal intended for slaughter shall be kept in slaughter house at least for twenty four hours before they are killed. Sufficient time for rest for the animal shall be compulsorily insisted. Feeding of animal within twenty four hours immediately preceding its slaughter is not permissible.

- 6) The inspecting Doctor shall put clear mark in some part of the meats and butcher should display such mark and certificate at the place and time of selling the meat.
- 7) The Government may by notification declare or appoint any suitable Doctor or Doctors as meat Inspecting Doctor or Doctors.
- 8) The decision of Inspecting Doctor shall be final and no appeal shall lie to any one.

6. INSPECTION OF SLAUGHTER HOUSE :

- 1) The Sanitation Officer or his representative may, at any time, inspect any slaughter house or cattle pound and its premises and give necessary instructions to the power or warden of the house to maintain cleanliness of the house and its premises. Unless the owner or warden comply with the order issued by any competent authority, the Sanitation Officer may impose a fine upto rupees five hundred only (or cancel his licence).
- 2) Any qualified Doctor under Health Services Department may, with the permission of authority inspect any slaughter house and its premises to see if the owner or warden observe or maintain the normal standard of public health and sanitation and report his or her findings to the Sanitation Officer.
- 3) The owner or warden shall comply the advice, instruction, order etc., of the inspecting officials without hesitation.

7. DEPLOYMENT OF BUTCHER AND FLAYER ETC.

- 1) No person shall deploy any butcher and flayer etc. in the approved Slaughter House or houses without the permission of Sanitation Officer.
- 2) The owner or warden of the house may deploy any number of butcher or flayer at their own arrangement. The owner or warden shall submit application in plain paper to the Sanitation Officer giving full particulars of person or persons intended to be deployed as butcher or flayer.
- 3) Sanitation Officer will issue permit to the owner, occupier or warden for the deployment of such butcher or flayer on payment of twenty five rupees to the Sanitation Officer as annual fee. The permit once issued will have a validity of one year which may be extendable annually on payment of the prescribed fees.

8. CATTLE POUND :

- 1) No person shall, without the permission of Sanitation Officer keep any animal or animals to be slaughtered in the Slaughter Houses within the specified town or towns to which these rules shall apply.

- 2) Sanitation Officer may issue licence for establishment of cattle pound for keeping animal or animals to be slaughtered.
- 3) Sanitation Officer shall survey the suitability and feasibility of the site for establishment of cattle pound before issue of licence.
- 4) The size, type, design etc. of cattle pound including facilities for disposal of waste liters or substances may differ in accordance with capacity of the pound.

9. SERVICES FEES IN SLAUGHTER HOUSE AND POUNDS :

- 1) Subject to revision from time to time, fees for service payable to the owner or warden of slaughter house shall be as follows :
 - (a) Fees for killing of big animals such as Ox, Cow, Buffalo, Gayal or Mithun per head ... Twenty five rupees.
 - (b) Fees for killing of pigs ... fifteen rupees.
 - (c) Fees for killing of sheep, goat or dog...Ten rupees.

Note : Provision of lights and water supply for the users shall vest on the responsibility of owner or warden of the slaughter house.

- 2) Subject to revision from time to time, fee for keeping and feeding charge of animal or animals at the cattle pound will be as under :
 - (a) Keeping and feeding charge of animals such as Ox, Cow, Buffalo, Gayal or Mithun for every twenty four hours; Twenty rupees.
 - (b) Keeping and feeding charge of animals such as pig, goat, sheep or alike for every twenty-four hours; Ten rupees.

NOTE : Any period exceeding twenty four hours and fraction thereof will be counted as full period of twenty four hours for determination of feeding fees.

10. RIGHT TO MANAGEMENT OF GOVERNMENT SLAUGHTER HOUSE/CATTLE POUND

- 1) No Slaughter House or Cattle Pound shall be managed without prior permission of the authority.

Provided that in respect of the land buildings owned by the Department, Government may appoint suitable person or persons to manage or run the Slaughter House or Cattle Pound constructed by the Government on contract basis.

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- 2) Selection of person or persons to manage the Slaughter House shall ordinarily be made on public auction for a period of one year which will be extendable for another period of six months. If in the opinion of the Sanitation Officer extension of the normal term is required in the interest of public services, he may obtain the approval from the authority.
- 3) If the authority is pleased to extend the term of the warden or Manager on payment of prescribed fees, the same may be recorded in writing and inform the position to the Sanitation Officer.
- 4) Sanitation Officer may refer any case under these rules to the Magistrate under the Government for prosecution under any law for the time being in force in the State of Mizoram if in his opinion such legal proceeding is necessary for award of penalty.

11. Notwithstanding anything contained under these rules, the authority may issue orders, instructions, guidelines etc. for the effective execution of these rules.

12. PENALTY :

- 1) Sanitation Officer may impose a fine upto five hundred only upon a person or persons who is slaughtering animal or animals for sale in the market or recognised stall in any place or places other than the approved slaughter house or houses.
- 2) The Sanitation Officer, may authorise any Sanitation Field Officer or staff to seize the animal or meat belonging to organisation, partnership firms and any other person who violates the provisions under these rules or any order, instruction etc. issued by the competent authority. Such authorised field officer or staff may keep the seized animal or meat in the custody of an authorised person appointed by him on the spot. He shall also issue seizure list.
- 3) Feeding of animal or animals kept in the cattle pound shall be the responsibility of the owner or warden of the cattle pound as the case may be. The diet etc. should be prescribed by the Sanitation Officer on the advice of Qualified Veterinary Doctor in the Government Department;

- 4) Sanitation Officer may impose a fine of rupees one hundred fifty only to those person or persons who kept animal or animals to be slaughtered in any place or places other than cattle pound and any repeated disobedience to this provision will entail a fine upto five hundred rupees.
- 5) The Sanitation Officer may impose a fine upto rupees five hundred only upon a person or persons who sells or disposes unhealthy or diseased animals.
- 6) Sanitation Officer may cancel permission for cattle pound and issue order to discontinue the establishment if in his opinion the establishment of the pound is contrary to public interest at any time.

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