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NOTIFICATION

Whereas the Government is of the opinion to give out Loans or subsidy for the assistance to the Fish Farmers in the State for Mizoram.

And whereas it is necessary to make such terms and conditions or scheme for its implementation effectively;

Now, therefore, the Governor of Mizoram is pleased to make the following rules as follows, namely:-

1. SHORT TITLE, EXTENT AND COMMENCEMENT:-

- 1) These rules may be called the Mizoram Fish Farmers (Financial Assistance) Rules, 1992.
- 2) It shall extend to the whole of the State of Mizoram.
- 3) It shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from 1st January, 1989.

2. DEFINITIONS:-

In these rules, unless the context, otherwise requires,-

- a) 'CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER' means, such a Technical Officer of the Fisheries Department and head of the Executive wing of the Agency;
- b) 'DISTRICT FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT OFFICER' means such a Technical Officer of the Fisheries Department and head of the District Fisheries Office ;
- c) 'EXECUTIVE BODY/EXECUTIVE AGENCY' means executive body headed by the Chief Executive Officer supported by the field and extension staff ;

- d) 'FISH FARMERS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY' means an Agency for development of Fish Farmer, functioning as a society registered under the Societies Registration Act,
- e) 'FISHERY EXTENSION OFFICER' means such a technical Officer of the Fisheries Development Officer/ Chief Executive Officer ;
- f) 'FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE' means the grants which include subsidy and Bank Loan ;
- g) 'FISH POND' means and includes a small water body surrounded with embankment which can be utilised for Fish Culture.
- h) 'MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE' means a committee controlling and administering the functions of Fish Farmer's Development Agency.

3. MODE OF SANCTIONING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:-

- 1) Application in prescribed form for Financial Assistance for improvement/ reclamation/construction of new pond duly supported by the detailed scheme must be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer.
- 2) The District Fisheries Development Officer or the Fishery Extension Officer authorised by the Fish Farmers Development Agency will conduct spot verification and submit a report in the form prescribe by the Fish Farmers Development Agency. The District Fisheries Development Officers after scrutinisation will forward all application with recommendations to the Chief Executive Officer.
- 3) The Chief Executive Officer will furnish the list of suitable farmers/projects to the Financial Institution for arranging assistance. The Financial Institution will submit it again to the Chief Executive Officer with recommendations for consideration by the Managing Committee of Fish Farmer's Development Agency.
- 4) Financial Assistance or subsidy and Bank Loan may be granted to Fish Farmers and Fish Farmers' Society for improvement/new construction of the fish pond/tanks with a view to increasing fish production from such fish pond/tank as may be decided by the Governor in this behalf; provided no assistance will be released for payment for opening a new Farm unless party has completed half of the estimated work.

4. CONDITION FOR SANCTIONING GRANTS :-

- 1) The individual farmer will pledge his or her land Settlement Certificate or Periodic Patta to the Government in the form of Bond or Agreement that his or her Land Settlement Certificate or Periodic patta will not be disposed off or sold without the consent of the Government.
- 2) The Chief Executive Officer or any other Officer authorised by the Fish Farmers' Development Agency will issue sanction amount to each grantee/Fish Farmers' Co-operative Society.

5. CRITERIA FOR ASSISTANCE :-

- a) Financial Assistance may be granted to the Fish Farmers or Fish Farmer's Society with a water area of not less than 0.40 hectare (one acre) at the rate of Rs.8,000/- per 0.40 hectare of water area with maximum ceiling of at the rate of Rs.20,000/- per hac. of water area.
- b) The Financial Assistance will be granted to the Fish Farmer's and Fish Farmers' Cooperative Society both in cash 80% and in kind 20 % of the sanction amount.
- c) The pattern of assistance is subject to change from time to time.
- d) No assistance shall be granted without spot verification by the Officer authorised by the Fish Farmers' Development Agency.
- e) Financial Assistance may be granted in two instalments i.e. the first instalment amounting to half of the admissible amount may be paid after completion of the half of the estimated Volume of the work and the second instalment after completion of the remaining Volume of work.

6. UTILISATION OF GRANTS:-

- 1) The Financial Assistance should be utilised for the purpose for which it is granted and the Utilisation Certificate containing details of actual work done and the expenditures incurred should be submitted to the Officer authorised by the Fish Farmers' Development Agency for further submission to the Chief Executive Officer.
- 2) If, at anytime, the Managing Committee of Fish Farmers Development Agency is not satisfied with the performance of the grantee and utilisation of the Financial Assistance granted to him/her for the purpose, the entire amount of Financial Assistance with existing rate of interest as informed by the concerned authority would be realised.