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NOTIFICATION

No. B. 11023/15/99-FST, the 9th July, 2001. In compliance with Rule 4(5) and 5(6) of Rules on the Manufacture, Use, Import, Export and Storage of Hazardous Micro-organisms Genetically Engineered organism or Cells, 1989 (Enforce since 1993), the Governor of Mizoram is pleased to constitute Mizoram Biotechnology Coordination Committee and Mizoram District Level Biotechnology Committee respectively comprising the following members with immediate effect and until further order :—

MIZORAM BIOTECHNOLOGY COORDINATION COMMITTEE (MBCC)

(i)	Chief Secretary	—	Chairman
(ii)	Secretary, Environment & Forests	—	Member Secretary
(iii)	Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department	—	Member
(iv)	Secretary, Agriculture Department	—	Member
(v)	Secretary, Industries Department	—	Member
(vi)	Secretary, Commerce Department	—	Member
(vii)	Secretary, P.W.D.	—	Member
(viii)	Secretary, P.H.E. Department	—	Member
(ix)	State Microbiologists and Pathologists	—	Member
(x)	Chairman (Mizoram Pollution Control Board)	—	Member
(xi)	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Mizoram	—	Member
(xii)	Secretary, Local Administration Department	—	Member

Mizoram Biotechnology Coordination Committee (MBCC) shall have powers to inspect, investigate and take punitive action in case of violations of statutory provision through the Nodal Deptt. and the State Pollution Control Board/Directorate of Health/Medical Services. The committee shall review periodically the safety and control measures in the various industries/institutions handling genetically engineered organisms/Hazardous micro-organisms.

MIZORAM DISTRICT LEVEL BIOTECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (MDLBC)

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| (i) | District Collector | — | Chairman |
| (ii) | District Chief Medical & Health Officer | — | Convener |
| (iii) | A representative of Mizoram Pollution Control Board | — | Member |
| (iv) | Factory Inspector (Labour & Employment Deptt.) | — | Member |
| (v) | District Agriculture Officer | — | Member |
| (vi) | A representative of P.H.E. Department | — | Member |
| (vii) | District Microbiologists & Pathologists (Technical Experts) | — | Member |
| (viii) | A representative of Local Administration Deptt. | — | Member |
| (ix) | The concerned/nearest Divisional Forest Officer | — | Member |

The committee under the District Collector will monitor the safety regulations in installations engaged in the use of genetically modified organisms/hazardous micro-organisms and its application in the environment. It will coordinate activities with a view to meeting any emergency. They shall also prepare an off-site emergency plan. The District Level Committee shall regularly submit its report to the State Biotechnology Coordination Committee/Genetic Engineering Approval Committee.

Vanhela Pachuau,
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