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NOTIFICATION

No. A. 49011/29/2009-LJD, the 16th February, 2009. Whereas there has been a long felt need to review the laws of the state and applicability of Central laws, by means of revision/new enactment or by other appropriate means and to recommend to the State Govt. their findings, particularly the laws framed by the erstwhile Mizo District Council;

And whereas, to achieve the above purpose there is a necessity to constitute a Law Commission with specific objectives;

Now, therefore, the Governor of Mizoram is pleased to constitute the State Law Commission, as follows :-

1. *Short title and extent and commencement*
 - 1) The Commission shall be called the Mizoram State Law Commission
 - 2) It shall extend to the whole of the State.
 - 3) It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Mizoram Gazette.

2. *Composition :* The State Law Commission shall consist of the following :-
 - 1) Chairman
 - 2) Advocate General, Mizoram - Member
 - 3) Commissioner/Secretary, Law and Judicial Department - Member
 - 4) Chief Executive Member, Mara Autonomous District Council - Member
 - 5) Chief Executive Member, Lai Autonomous District Council - Member
 - 6) Chief Executive Member, Chakma Autonomous District Council - Member
 - 7) President, Mizoram Bar Association - Member
 - 8) President, Mizoram Judicial Service Association - Member
 - 9) Deputy Secretary, Law and Judicial Department - Member Secretary

The Chairman shall be appointed by the State Government of Mizoram and the Government may also nominate other non-official members not exceeding three for the Commission.

3. *Rank and Status of Chairman/ Vice Chairman* : The service conditions, rank and status of Chairman shall be as decided by the State Government from time to time.
4. *Place of sitting* : The State Law Commission shall ordinarily sit at Aizawl in a notified place.
5. *Functions* : The functions of the Commission shall be as follows :-
 - 1) To identify laws which are no longer needed or relevant and which are liable to be repealed.
 - 2) To identify laws which are not in harmony with changing times or modern times and which need change.
 - 3) To identify laws which require changes or amendments in the normal course.
 - 4) To consider any reference as may be made to it by the Law and Judicial Department.
 - 5) To consider and suggest codification of the tribal customary laws.
 - 6) To identify the need for making State amendments to Central Acts to conform to Mizoram and the people of Mizoram.
 - 7) Such other functions as may be assigned by the State Government.
6. *Term of office* : The term of the Law Commission shall be initially for a period of one year during which the Commission is to submit to the State Government its recommendations. This period of one year is extendable by the Govt. for a further period of six months at a time subject to the condition that the aggregate period of the Law Commission shall not be more than four years including the initial period of one year.
7. *Sitting allowance* : Sitting allowances to non-official members shall be paid as may be decided by the State Government from time to time.
8. *Vacancy* : Any vacancy in the office of the Commission shall be filled up as decided by the State Government from time to time.
9. *Power to hold discussions* : The Commission is empowered to hold discussions with individual departments and call for any details from any departments in connection with its works. All Secretaries to the State Government would extend maximum co-operation to the Commission with a view to facilitate the work of the Commission.
10. *Residuary power* : Power to make modification, amendment or otherwise as may be required in connection with the constitution of the Law Commission shall vest with the State Government.

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