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NOTIFICATION

No. H. 13020/2/96 - PAD, the 12th June, 2009. In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 162 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Mizoram is pleased to make the following rules, namely:-

Short title and commencement

- 1. (1) These rules may be called the Mizoram Ministers, Leader of the Opposition and Parliamentary Secretaries (Discretionary Grant) Rules, 2009.
 - (2) They shall come into force with effect from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette of Mizoram.

Application

2. Save as otherwise provided in these rules, these rules shall apply to all Ministers, Leader of the Opposition and Parliamentary Secretaries of Mizoram.

Definition

- 3. In these rules unless the context otherwise requires:-
 - (1) "Competent Authority" means the officer declared as such under Rule 14 of Delegation of Financial Powers Rules, 1978 as adapted by the State Government of Mizoram, or under the relevant provisions of the General Financial Rules, 2005, as the case may be.
 - (2) "Department" means the Secretariat Administration Department in the Government of Mizoram, or the Mizoram Legislative Assembly Secretariat, as the case may be for the purposes of these Rules.
 - (3) "Drawing and Disbursing Officer" means a Head of Office or any other Gazetted Officer designated or declared as such by Head of Department in the Secretariat Administration Department of Government of Mizoram or in the Mizoram Legislative Assembly Secretariat, as the case may be, under Rule 14 of Delegation of Financial Powers Rules, 1978 or Rule 23 of General Financial Rules, 2005, as the case may be.
 - (4) "Governor" means the Governor of Mizoram.
 - (5) "Leader of the Opposition" means Leader of the Opposition as define in section 2(a) of The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Leader of the Opposition Act, 1999.

- (6) "Minister" means Chief Minister, Cabinet Minister, Minister of State appointed under clause (1) of Article 164 of the Constitution of India and shall include Deputy Chief Minister and Deputy Minister.
- (7) "Parliamentary Secretary" means a Member of Mizoram Legislative Assembly, appointed as such.

Amount of Grant and Release

- 4. (1) The Discretionary Grant for a Minister, Leader of the Opposition and a Parliamentary Secretary shall be provided every Financial Year in the budget of the Department as follows:
 - (a) Chief Minister Rs. 10.00 lakh p.a
 - (b) Dy. Chief Minister Rs. 5.00 lakh p.a
 - (c) Cabinet Minister/Leader of Rs. 5.00 lakh p.a the Opposition
 - (d) Minister of State Rs. 3.00 lakh p.a
 - (e) Parliamentary Secretary Rs. 3.00 lakh p.a
 - (2) The fund for Discretionary Grant so provided shall be released on quarterly basis to a Minister, Leader of Opposition and a Parliamentary Secretary concerned.

Sanction and disbursement

- 5. (1) A proposal for sanction and disbursement of the Discretionary Grant provided for Chief Minister/Deputy Chief Minister shall be dealt with and drawn by the Chief Minister's or Deputy Chief Minister's Secretariat, as the case may be.
 - (2) A proposal for sanction and disbursement of the Discretionary Grant for Cabinet Ministers, Ministers of State and Parliamentary Secretaries shall be dealt with and drawn by the Secretariat Administration Department in the Mizoram Civil Secretariat as the case may be.
 - (3) A proposal for sanction and disbursement of the Discretionary Grant for Leader of the Opposition shall be dealt with and drawn by the Mizoram Legislative Assembly Secretariat.
 - (4) The Discretionary Grant shall be drawn on Abstract Contingency Bill quoting the sanctioning order number and date. The Abstract Contingency Bill shall be adjusted by submission of Detailed Countersigned Contingency Bills within a period of one month and in any case latest by 31st March every year.

Restrictions

- 6. The expenditure out of the Discretionary Grant will be subject to the following restrictions, namely -
 - (1) No recurring expenditure shall be incurred.
 - (2) All expenditure shall be subject to audit by the Accountant General, Mizoram etc. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer shall, as far as possible, produce vouchers for the expenditure bearing the payee's receipt for purpose of audit and in exceptional cases when a receipt cannot be obtained for a Grant to any Institution or private individual,

- a certificate from the concerned Minister or Leader of Opposition or the Parliamentary Secretary, as the case may be, that the amount has been disbursed to a named institution or person(s) with full particulars will be sufficient for the purpose of audit.
- (3) The expenditure shall be incurred on small amounts of grant/donation to registered local non-government institutions of public or quasipublic character and also to an individual in exceptionally genuine cases of hardship. Expenditures on rewards are not authorized from the Discretionary Grant. No part of the Grant shall be expended on an object designed to benefit an individual Government Servant.
- (4) Grants from the Discretionary Grant shall not ordinarily be made if grants for the same purpose have already been made by the Governor or any Department has already refused assistance for the same purpose.
- (5) A sanction indicating the lumpsum amount as provided for in the Annual Financial Statement shall be issued by the Finance Department to the Department, with a copy to the Accountant General, Mizoram etc. A copy of each sanction shall be endorsed to the Accountant-General, Mizoram etc. by the competent authority soon after such sanction is made.
- (6) No re-appropriation from and to, the provision for Discretionary Grant shall be made without prior concurrence of the Finance Department of the State Government of Mizoram.

P. Chakraborty,
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