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RULES FOR THE MIZORAM LT. GOVERNOR'S THINGTAM RELIEF FUND

1. These rules shall be known as the 'Mizoram Lt. Governor's Thingtam Relief Fund Rules, 1978'.
2. These rules shall come into force with effect from 1st April, 1978.
3. **CONSTITUTION OF THE FUND:** The Mizoram Lt. Governor's Thingtam Relief Fund shall be a private fund constituted outside public accounts. It shall be formed out of the donations received in case or kind from institutions and private individuals.
4. **PURPOSE OF THE FUND:** The fund shall be used for the relief of distress resulting from scarcity of foodgrains due to Thingtam.
5. The fund shall be held in the name of the Lt. Governor of Mizoram.
6. The relief from the fund shall not, at any time, exceed 75% of the balance at the credit of the Fund.
7. The Fund shall be under the control and management of a Committee consisting of the following members:—

Lt. Governor	....	Chairman
Chief Secretary	....	Member
Development Commissioner	....	Member
Secretary, GAD	....	Member
Secretary, Finance	....	Member
Deputy Secretary, GAD	....	Secretary.

The Lt. Governor shall be the chairman of the Committee and in the absence of the Lt. Governor at any meeting, the Chief Secretary shall act as chairman, and in the absence of both the Lt. Governor and Chief Secretary the Development Commissioner will act as Chairman.

8. The Chairman may convene meetings of the Committee at such time and such places as he may consider necessary and convenient for the transaction of business.

Provided that the Committee may decide any point by circulation to its members, by the Secretary under the authority of the Chairman.

9. NATURE OF RELIEF : The moneys and other assets available with the Fund shall be spent in one or more of the following ways :—

- i) in supplementing the rationed foodgrains to persons earning wages on relief works ;
- ii) in providing comforts whether of additional food or clothing or medical needs for the aged or the infirm for patients in hospitals and the like ; affected by Thingtam.
- iii) in providing of the maintenance of orphans or inmates in work-houses situated in the area affected by the Thingtam.
- iv) for any other purpose which the Committee may consider fit for relieving the distress of human beings in any areas of Union Territory of Mizoram.

10. Disbursements from the Fund shall be made for the above purposes through the Deputy Commissioner concerned.

11. Donations will be accepted either in cash or in kind, and if the donor wishes to attach any condition for the donation, the acceptance of such donation shall be at the discretion of the Lt. Governor, who may consult the Committee before the final acceptance of such donation.

12. The Deputy Commissioners and their authorised collecting agencies shall be competent to receive donations in cash or in kind on behalf of the Committee.

13. The Deputy Commissioners or their authorised collecting Agencies Shall acknowledge the receipt of the donations by issuing receipts from the printed Receipt Books supplied to them by the Secretary of the Committee duly sealed and signed. Separate Receipt Books shall be used and separate accounts shall be maintained for donations received in cash and in kind.

The Deputy Commissioners shall re-mit all the donations received every month in cash or in kind to the Secretary of the Committee by the 15th of the following month.

Secretary of the Fund will use separate receipt book, for donations received direct.

14. On receipt of the donations from the Deputy Commissioners or any other source, the Secretary of the Committee will make arrangement for crediting the amount to the Savings Bank Account opened with the State Bank of India, Aizawl. The Secretary shall also make arrangement for safe custody of the donations received in kind.

The donations in kind shall be utilised at the discretion of the Committee in areas affected by the distress unless specific conditions have been attached to the donations by the donors and such donations have been accepted by the Committee.

15. Withdrawals from the Fund shall be made with the approval of the committee or with the direction from the Lt. Governor and each cheque for withdrawal shall be accompanied by either specific order of the Lt. Governor or a copy of the resolution of the Committee in this regard.

16. Secretary to the Committee shall obtain and shall cause to be obtained utilisation certificates and vouchers in the prescribed forms in respect of disbursements made from the fund either in cash or in kind.

17. Consolidated accounts of this Fund shall be prepared in respect of the assets of the Fund consisting of cash or kind at the end of each calendar year. At the end of each calendar year, Secretary of the Committee shall prepare a detailed account of all the moneys received, spent or invested from the Fund together with the balance sheet for the year. The Accounts and the balance sheet of each year shall be submitted to the Committee at a meeting to be held in the first week of the next calendar year or on such date as the Chairman shall direct.

18. The Committee shall decide the way in which the amount deposited in the Fund should be invested for the benefit of the Fund. The surplus balance of the Fund may be converted in suitable Government securities at the discretion of the Lt. Governor.

19. The Secretary of the Committee may keep in hand a sum not exceeding Rs. 100/- for meeting contingent expenditure. He shall be authorised to incur such contingent expenditure upto Rs. 100/- per year for this Fund.

20. The accounts of the Fund shall be got audited by an internal auditor of Directorate of Accounts, Government of Mizoram, and the report thereof shall be published for the information of the general public every year.

21. Secretary of the Committee shall be assisted in the maintenance of the accounts of the Fund by a part time Accountant.

22. The record of the Fund shall be separately maintained by such Accountant under the control and supervision of the Secretary of the Fund.

23. The Secretary of the Lt. Governor's Thingam Relief Fund is authorised to open a Savings Bank Account with the State Bank of India, Aizawl Branch, under the name and style 'Lt. Governor's Thingam Relief Fund'. Any two of the following members of the Committee namely—Chief Secretary, Secretary, General Administration Department and Deputy Secretary, General Administration Department are authorised to operate on the Account jointly.

24. Secretary of the Fund wherever it appears in the rules shall mean the Secretary of the Committee.

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