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NOTIFICATION

No.A. 37011/1/2018-EDN, the 12th June, 2018. WHEREAS it is considered necessary to institute Award for Teachers under School Education Department with the object of raising the prestige of teachers and giving public recognition to the meritorious services of outstanding teachers and for promoting teaching proficiency, professionalism, dedication and excellence among the teaching community.

Now, THEREFORE, in supercession of the Notification No.B. 13016/9/95-EDN dated 30th September, 1997, the Government of Mizoram is hereby pleased to notify the Mizoram Award to Meritorious and Outstanding Teachers Scheme, 2018 as follows:-

1. Short title, extent and commencement:-
 - 1) This Scheme shall be called the Mizoram Award to Meritorious and Outstanding Teachers Scheme, 2018.
 - 2) It shall extent to the whole of Mizoram.
 - 3) It shall come into force with effect from the date of issue of this notification.
2. There shall be two levels of awards under this scheme, namely, District Level Award and State Level Award.
3. Under this Scheme, unless the context otherwise requires,
 - (1) "Appropriate authority" means an authority so designated by the Government for the purpose of this scheme;
 - (2) "District" means an Administrative District in the State;
 - (3) "District Level Award" means an Award given by the State Government to the teacher selected by the District Selection Committee.
 - (4) "District Selection Committee" means a Committee constituted under para 7 to recommend deserving teacher or teachers for the District Level Award;
 - (5) "Sub-Division/ Autonomous District Council Area" means Educational Sub- Division/ Autonomous District Council area i.e the area falling within the jurisdiction of a Sub-Divisional Education Officer/ an Autonomous District Council, as the case may be;
 - (6) "Sub-Divisional/Autonomous District Council Area Selection Committee" means a committee constituted under para 6 to recommend deserving teacher or teachers for consideration of the District Selection Committee.
 - (7) "Elementary School" includes both Primary Schools and Middle Schools in Mizoram.

- (8) "Nomination Committee" means a committee set up at the village/local level as provided under para 5.
- (9) "Secondary School" includes both High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools in Mizoram.
- (10) "State Level Selection Committee" means a committee constituted under para 8 to select deserving teachers for the State Level Award.
- (11) "State Level Award" means an Award given by the State Government to teacher selected by the State Level Selection committee.
- (12) "State Government" means the State Government of Mizoram;
- (13) "Teacher" means all categories of teachers including Headmasters/ Principals whose whole time profession is teaching in permitted institutions or schools;
- (14) "Year" means a calendar year.
4. The State Government shall institute State Level Award and District Level Award annually to select meritorious and outstanding teachers in Higher Secondary Schools, High Schools, Middle Schools and Primary Schools in the State of Mizoram as follows:-
- (1) For State Level Award under this scheme, there shall be one Award each for Higher Secondary Schools, High Schools, Middle Schools and Primary Schools separately, which means that there can be a maximum of four recipients for State Level Award every year.
- (2) For District Level Award under this scheme, Higher Secondary Schools and High Schools shall be clubbed together to form a single category, namely, Secondary Schools whereas Middle Schools and Primary Schools shall be treated as separate categories. This means that there can be a total of three recipients for District Level Award in a year.
- However, the District Selection Committees may ensure that their respective Districts are fully represented in all the four categories for consideration at the State Level by nominating or recommending one teacher each from Higher Secondary Schools, High Schools, Middle Schools and Primary Schools. For this purpose, if, in a given year, a teacher of a High School is recommended for the District Level Award in the Secondary Schools category, who will be the nominee of that district for State Level Award for High Schools, then the District Selection Committee may also recommend one teacher of Higher Secondary School as its nominee for State Level Award for Higher Secondary Schools, and vice versa.
- (3) The State Level Award shall carry with it a certificate of merit, a cash award money of Rs. 10000/- and a Gold Medal.
- (4) The District Level Award shall carry with it a certificate of merit, a cash award money of Rs. 5000/- and a Silver Medal.
5. Proposal/Nomination from Village/Local Council:-
- (1) There shall be a proposal from the grassroots level, i.e., village/local level to nominate teachers to be recommended for the District Level Award.
- (2) Nomination Committee shall be formed at each Village/Locality with the following composition:-
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| (a) | President/Chairman, Village/Local Council | - Chairman |
| (b) | One representative each from prominent NGOs in concerned Village/Locality (indicative list as given below) | |
| (i) | YMA/YLA/MTP | - Member |
| (ii) | MHIP/LWA/MCHP | - Member |
| (iii) | MUP | - Member |
| (iv) | Students' Association | - Member |
| (v) | Teachers' Association | - Member |
| (c) | One Principal/Headmaster of permitted school (to be nominated by SDEO/EO) | - Member Secretary |

- (d) One prominent person in the area (to be nominated by the Chairman) - Member
 - (e) Cluster Resource Centre Coordinator - Coordinator
 - (3) The nomination committee so formed at the village/local council level shall be approved by the Director of School Education or his authorised representative before it starts functioning.
 - (4) The tenure of the nominated members, including representatives of NGOs, shall be for a period of one year.
 - (5) The nomination committee shall submit its nominated list of teachers to the Sub-Divisional / Autonomous District Council Area Selection Committee for further screening.
6. (1) There shall be a Sub-Divisional/Autonomous District Council Area Selection Committee for screening the teachers nominated by the concerned Village/Local Councils of the concerned area to select teachers to be recommended to the District Selection Committee. The Selection Committee shall consist of the following members:-
- (a) Sub Divisional Education Officer(SDEO)/ Education Officer(EO) - Chairman
 - (b) Asst.Education Officer(AEO)/Circle Education Officer (CEO)/ Asst.Hindi Education Officer(AHEO) - Member
 - (c) Block resources Centre Coordinator - Member
 - (d) One retired State/National Awardee within the concerned area (if available) to be nominated by the Director - Member
 - (e) One retired Officer of School Education Department within the concerned area (if available) to be nominated by the Director - Member
 - (f) One retired Principal/Headmaster within the concerned area to be nominated by the Chairman - Member
 - (g) Senior-most CEO/AEO/AHEO - Member Secretary
- (2) The nominated members of the Sub-Divisional /Autonomous District Council Area Selection Committee shall hold office for a period of two years.
- (3) The Committee shall recommend only one teacher each or none for Secondary Schools (Higher Secondary Schools and High Schools), Middle Schools and Primary Schools in the respective Sub-Division/Autonomous District Council areas.
7. (1) There shall be a District Selection Committee for each district with the following composition:
- (a) District Education Officer - Chairman
 - (b) Sub-Divisional Education Officers within the district - Members
 - (c) Education Officer of Autonomous District Council (for Siaha District & Lawngtlai District) - Member
 - (d) Assistant Education Officer of Autonomous District Council (for Siaha District & Lawngtlai District) - Member
 - (e) Principal, DIET - Member
 - (f) One Retired State or National Awardee within the concerned district (if available) to be nominated by Director - Member
 - (g) District Project Coordinator, SSA - Member
 - (h) One retired Headmaster/Principal each of Middle School/ Primary School/High School/Higher Secondary School to be nominated by the Chairman - Member
 - (i) Senior-most SDEO/AEO within the district - Member Secretary
- (2) The nominated members of the District Selection Committee shall hold office for the period of two years.

- (3) The District Selection Committee shall recommend only one teacher each or none for Secondary School (Higher Secondary School and High School clubbed together), Middle School and Primary School in the area to which it is functioning for consideration. It may also recommend one teacher either from Higher Secondary School or High School, as indicated in para 4 (3), to the State Selection Committee for consideration for State Level Award.
8. There shall be a State Level Selection Committee to select meritorious and outstanding teachers for State Level Award. The Selection Committee shall have the following composition:-
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| (a) Secretary, School Education Department | - | Chairman |
| (b) Director, School Education | - | Member Secretary |
| (c) Chairman, Mizoram Board of School Education | - | Member |
| (d) Director, SCERT | - | Member |
| (e) Addl. Director, School Education | - | Member |
| (f) Joint Director of School Education (S) | - | Member |
| (g) Joint Director of School Education (E) | - | Member |
| (h) Principal, IASE | - | Member |
| (i) State Project Director, RMSA, Mizoram | - | Member |
| (j) State Project Director, SSA, Mizoram | - | Member |
9. The following conditions shall broadly form the conditions of eligibility of teachers for consideration for the awards:-
- (1) Classroom teachers with at least 15 years regular teaching experience or Headmasters with 20 years of regular teaching experience and who are actually working as teachers/headmasters in permitted primary/middle/high/higher secondary schools only shall be considered. Teachers who are teaching up to class IV should be considered in the category of Primary School Teachers and those teaching classes V-VIII, in the category of Middle School Teachers and those teaching Classes IX-X, in the category of High School Teachers and those teaching classes XI-XII, in the category of Higher Secondary School Teachers.
 - (2) Normally retired teachers are not eligible for the award but those teachers who have served a part of the calendar year (at least for four months i.e. upto 30th April in the year to which the Award relates) may be considered if they fulfil all other conditions. The service rendered on re-employment after attaining the age of superannuation will not count as eligible service.
 - (3) Teachers whose names were recommended in the last year or before can be considered again if they are still otherwise eligible and are recommended by the selection committee concerned.
 - (4) Only those teachers, having requisite years of teaching experience, as mentioned at Sl. No. (1) above, on 31st December of the preceding year of the award, will be eligible to be considered for the award.
10. The main consideration that should guide the selection committee at various levels while making recommendation for selection of teachers for the Award should be:-
- (1) General reputation in teaching ability and proficiency;
 - (2) Academic skills and efficiency and efforts taken for improvement;
 - (3) Interest in showing affection and charity towards the children;
 - (4) Reputation in conduct amongst general public in the village or town to which he is working;
 - (5) Devotion to duty, integrity and respect to superiors;
 - (6) Achievements in promoting education and social reforms;
 - (7) Contribution in campaigns against social evils like Tobacco, Drugs and Alcohol, with special reference to school children;
 - (8) General reputation in conservation of forest and wildlife;

- (9) Contributions in sanitation and cleanliness campaigns in schools and community;
 - (10) Preparation or publication of books/booklets/articles/essays for educational developments of children;
 - (11) Compliance of Government policies, instructions and implementation of various schemes, programmes or initiatives of the Government.
 - (12) Enrolment of the students for the last 5 (five) years.
11. Nominations and selection of teachers for the Awards shall be done in the following manner:
- (1) The Nomination Committee of each Village / Local Council may select one teacher each or none from each category of schools, i.e., Higher Secondary Schools, High Schools, Middle Schools and Primary Schools, as may be applicable for each locality/village, in their respective area and shall submit the same to the Sub-Divisional / Autonomous District Council Area Selection Committee not later than 31st March every year.
 - (2) Each Sub-Divisional/Autonomous District Council Area Selection Committee may select one teacher each or none from each category of Schools, i.e., Higher Secondary Schools, High Schools, Middle Schools and Primary Schools, from amongst the list of teachers received from the Nomination Committees of the Village/Local Councils within its jurisdictions, and submit the same to the District Selection in the prescribed form not later than 31st May every year for consideration to receive District Level Award.
 - (3) Each District Selection Committee may select one teacher each or none from each category of schools, i.e, Secondary, Middle and Primary Schools to be awarded District Level Award.
 - (4) The District Selection Committee shall submit its recommended/selected teachers from all the categories of Higher Secondary School High School, Middle School and Primary School to the State Level Selection Committee not later than 30th June every year.
 - (5) The District Level Awards shall be given in a function in the District on a date fixed by the appropriate authority.
 - (6) The State Level Awardees will be selected within the month of July every year.
 - (7) Arrangement may be made to distribute the State Level Awards at the official State Level Independence Day Celebration Programme at Aizawl every year.
 - (8) In case of outstation recipient, the recipient along with one companion shall be entitled to reimburse travelling expenses at the rate of Deluxe Bus /Maxi Cab Service and daily allowances for actual days spent on to-and- fro journey and one day's halt at the rate admissible to his grade or its equivalent in the Travelling Allowance Rules being in force in the State of Mizoram.

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