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NOTIFICATION

No. F. 23015/1/2022/EDN-C, the 22nd May, 2023. In exercise of the powers conferred under clause (b), (c) and (e) of sub-section (2) of section 24 of the Mizo Language Development Board Act, 2022, the Government of Mizoram is pleased to make the following rules regulating the terms and conditions of appointment of the Chairman, the Secretary and Members of the Mizo Language Development Board, namely:-

1. *Short title, extent and commencement.* -
 1. These rules may be called the Mizo Language Development Board (Terms and Conditions for appointment of Chairman, Secretary and Members) Rules, 2023.
 2. It shall have the like extent as the Principal Act.
 3. They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. *Definitions .-*
 1. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:-
 - (a) "Act" means the Mizo Language Development Board Act, 2022.
 2. Words and expressions used herein and not defined but defined in the Act shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.
3. *Mode of appointment of Chairman, Secretary and Members.* -
 1.
 - (a) An advertisement for the post of Chairman shall be published, inviting persons of high standing, intellectual ability and reputation possessing qualifications as specified in section 13 of the Act.
 - (b) The post of Secretary shall be filled up by deputation from a State Government officer holding the post in Level 12 or above of the Pay Matrix failing which from an officer in Level 11 with five years regular service in the grade. Expression of interest for the post of Secretary shall be called from amongst eligible personnel.
 2. A Search-cum-Selection Committee as constituted by the Government from time to time shall screen candidates for both the Chairman and the Secretary and recommend one (1) candidate for appointment to the post of Chairman and one (1) candidate to the post Secretary of the Board respectively.

3. Members of the Board including ex- officio members as listed at section 4 of the Act shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Board after obtaining prior approval of the State Government.
4. *Term of Office .-*
1. The term of office of the Chairman and Members shall be as specified in the Act.
 2. The period of deputation of the Secretary shall not ordinarily exceed 3 years from the date of appointment which may be extended up to 5 years in special cases.
5. *Disqualification .-*
- No person —
 who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living; or who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any other person shall be eligible for appointment to the said post(s):
- Provided that the State Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and to the other party to the marriage and that there are other valid grounds for doing so, exempt any such person from the operation of these rule.
6. *Removal of Chairman & Secretary .-*
1. The Chairman or Secretary of the Board shall only be removed from his office by an order of the State Government on the ground of proved misbehaviour or incapacity after providing an opportunity of being heard to the said Chairman or Secretary in this behalf.
 2. Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1) above, the Government may by order remove from office the Chairman or Secretary of the Board if he;
 - (a) is adjudged an insolvent; or
 - (b) engages during his term of office in any paid employment outside the duties of his office; or
 - (c) is, in the opinion of the Government, unfit to continue in the office by reason of infirmity of mind or body; or
 - (d) functions in violation of the provisions of the Act or rules made there under.
 3. If the Chairman or Secretary of the Board is or becomes in anyway concerned or interested in any contract or agreement made by or on behalf of the Government of India or the Government of a State or participates in any way in the profit thereof or in any benefit or emolument arising therefrom otherwise than as a member and in common with the other members of an incorporated company, he shall, for the purposes of sub-rule (1), be deemed to be guilty of misbehavior.
7. *Remuneration of the Chairman .-*
- Remuneration of the Chairman shall be as decided by the Govt. from time to time.

- 8 *Pay, allowances etc. of Secretary and other members of the Board, Committees and Sub- Committee .-*
1. The Secretary shall draw the pay of an officer in Level 12 of the Pay Matrix plus all other admissible allowances.
 2. Allowances etc. of members of the Boards, Committees and sub committees for attending the Board meeting and undertaking assigned works shall as prescribed by the Board from time to time.
- 9 *Leave admissibility of Chairman .-*
- 30 days Earned Leave shall be admissible to the Chairman in a calendar year which shall not be carried forward in the next year. Leave encashment shall not be permissible.
- 10 *Pension & retirement benefits .-*
- There shall be no pension and other retirement benefits admissible to the Chairman or members of the Board.
- 11 *Travelling Allowances .-*
1. The Chairman, while travelling on duty or on official tour, shall be entitled to travelling and daily allowances at the rate admissible to officer of the Government of Mizoram equivalent to the rank of officers under Government of Mizoram drawing pay at Level 13A.
 2. The Secretary, while travelling on duty or on official tour, shall be entitled to travelling and daily allowances at the rate admissible to officers of the Government of Mizoram equivalent to the rank of officers under Government of Mizoram drawing pay at Level 12.
 3. Travelling allowances and daily allowances of non-official members of the Board, Committees and sub-committees shall be as notified by the Government from time to time.
- 12 *Conditions of service in residuary matters .-*
- In respect of any matter for which provision is not made by this rule, the conditions of service of a person serving as a Chairman or Secretary of the Board shall be as decided by the Government from time to time.
- 13 *Interpretation .-*
- If any doubt arises about the interpretation of any of these rules, the interpretations of the Government shall be final.
- 14 *Power to relax .-*
- Where the Government, is satisfied that the operation of these rules causes undue hardship in any particular case, he may, by order, for reasons to be recorded in writing, dispense with or relax the requirements of the rules to such extent and subject to such exceptions and conditions as he may consider necessary for dealing with the case in a just and equitable manner.

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