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THE MIZORAM (AWARD OF PRIZES FOR ANNUAL JHUM PRODUCE) RULES, 1981

INTRODUCTION :

Mizoram occupies an areas of 21,019 sq. kms. Only 3% of the total areas is flat land and 10 (ten) percent is suitable for terracing and horticultural 13,740 hectares of land has been kept under Wet Rice Cultivation and 7000 hectares under Terracing. Of the total population of about five lakhs, about 80% are cultivators. Of the cultivators about 60 percent are still practicing jhum cultivations and the main bulk of paddy produced in Mizoram comes from jhum at present.

The Government is trying to wean away jhumming and settle jhumia families on permanent from of cultivation in the shape of Wet Rice Cultivation and terracing cultivation yet since Government has got limited fund to settle only limited number of families. A large percentage of population has to carry on jhum practices side by side till Therefore, all the cultivators could not be covered under settlement schemes in a year or so.

To give more incentives to jhum cultivators, till jhumming is completely or sufficiently eliminated to produce maximum harvest of crops in their jhum land; it is envisaged to give away prizes to the progressive jhumia cultivators, and it is expected that the cultivators will have a fair competition amongst themselves to produce more harvest to win the award. Ultimately, the total produce of paddy and other crops will be boosted up along with the produce of crops from the permanent mode of cultivation. Hence these rules are issued.

1. Short title :— (1) These rules may be called the Mizoram (Award of Prizes for Annual Jhum produce) Rules, 1981.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Interpretation :— In these rules ,unless the context otherwise requires.

(a) "Circle" means Agricul

(b) "District" means an Agricultural District.

(c) "Government" means the Government of the Union Territory of Mizoram.

(d) "Members of a house hold" do not include children who had not attained the age of 12 years.

(e) "Village" means regular villages

3. Eligibility :— All the cultivators who are having jhums are eligible to this competition. Government servants and cultivators of terrace and valley lands are not eligible. The scheme will be applicable only in respect of actual jhum cultivators. A household producing at least 24 Kerosine oil tins of paddy per head per annum is eligible for this competition.

4. **Criteria for selection :—** (1) The basic data on paddy produced by Household and per head will be collected by the concerned Village Council and Agriculture Staff which will be scrutinised by the Selection Committee at Village level. For deciding highest prize in a village the average yield of the house hold in that village will be taken into consideration. For this purpose, the total produce of the village will be determined and same will be divided by household number engaged in Jhum Cultivation.

(2) The data as approved by the Selection Committee at Village Level will be forwarded to the Agriculture Extension Officer of the area latest by 15th January. The Agriculture Extension Officer will then convene a meeting of Selection Committee at Circle Level to scrutinise the data approved by the Selection Committee at Village Level. The Selection Committee at Circle Level will collect the best 10 villages having highest produce and also the best ten households on the basis of gross produce and per head produce. The list of the villages and individuals selected by the Selection Committee at Circle Level will be sent by the Agricultural Extension Officer to the concerned District Agricultural Officer with a copy to the Director of Agriculture by 15th February at the latest.

(3) The Selection Committee at State Level will select the prize winners for the State Level, District Level and Circle Level. The list of prize winners will be notified to the District Agricultural Officers and Agriculture Extension Officers i/c Circles concerned by the Director of Agriculture.

(4) Consolation prizes may also be awarded to deserving individuals/households/villages as found fit by the selection committee. The selection committee may even consider giving of other prizes for other cultivated crops provided fund is available. This is required to give away consolation prizes to those who are disqualified for award of State Level, District Level and Circle Level prizes but produced harvest about the level of 24 Kerosine oil tins per head.

5. **Composition of Selection Committee :—**

(1) **Selection Committee at State Level —**

(a) Development Commissioner	Chairman
(b) Secretary Agriculture	Member
(c) Director of C. D.	Member
(d) Director Agriculture	Member Secretary
(e) Jt. Director, ICAR, Kolasib	Member
(f) Director, L. A. D.	Member

(2) **Selection Committee at District Level —**

(a) Deputy Commissioner	Chairman
(b) President Peoples Party	Member
(b) President Congress I	Member
(d) President Steering Committee	Member
(e) Circle Officer of LAD (in case of Aizawl District and Lunglei District and Development Officers of the three District Councils in the case of Chhimituipui District).	Member
(f) District Agril. Officer (in the case of Aizawl 'E' Dist. D.A.O., Aizawl East, in the case of Aizawl 'W' District, D. A. O. Aizawl 'W'.	Member Secretary
(g) Senior Executive Secretary, Presbyterian Church, Aizawl	Member
(h) General Secretary, Baptist Church Lunglei	Member

(3) **Selection Committee at Circle Level —**

(a) Administrative Officer/B. D. O. at the Headquarters	Chairman
(b) President of Village Councils in the Circle	Member
(c) Gramsevak/Agriculture Demonstrator of the Circles	Member
(d) Agriculture Circle Officer	Member Secretary

(4) Selection Committee at Village Level :—

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| (a) Administrative Officer concerned | Chairman |
| (b) Gramsevak/Agriculture Demonstrator concerned | Member Secretary |
| (c) All Village Council Members including President. | Members |

6. Crop for Competition — PADDY

7. Prize structures :—

Prizes will be distributed in four (4) stages, i.e. State Level, District Level, Circle Level and Village Level. In each stage apart from Village Level stage, there will be three categories of prizes, namely :—

- (a) Village with highest produce of harvest.
- (b) Household with highest gross produce of harvest and,
- (c) Household with highest produce on per head basis.

The award in cash will be given as follows :—

State Level :—

	A	B	C
Village with highest produce	Household with highest gross produce	Household with highest produce on per head basis	
1. 1st prize Rs. 10,000.00	Rs. 5,000.00	Rs. 5,000.00	
2. 2nd prize Rs. 6,000.00	Rs. 3,000.00	Rs. 3,000.00	
3. 3rd prize Rs. 4,000.00	Rs. 2,000.00	Rs. 2,000.00	
TOTAL Rs. 20,000.00	Rs. 10,000.00	Rs. 10,000.00	

District Level :—

1. 1st Prize Rs. 5,000.00	Rs. 3,000.00	Rs. 3,000.00
2. 2nd Prize Rs. 3,000.00	Rs. 2,000.00	Rs. 2,000.00
3. 3rd Prize Rs. 2,000.00	Rs. 1,000.00	Rs. 1,000.00
TOTAL Rs. 10,000.00	Rs. 6,000.00	Rs. 6,000.00

Circle Level :—

1. 1st Prize Rs. 3,000.00	Rs. 1,000.00	Rs. 1,000.00
2. 2nd Prize Rs. Nil	Rs. 600.00	Rs. 600.00
3. 3rd Prize Rs. Nil	Rs. 400.00	Rs. 400.00
TOTAL Rs. 3,000.00	Rs. 2,000.00	Rs. 2,000.00

Village Level :—

1. Prize for Village upto 50 houses	Rs. 200.00
2. Prize for Village above 50 houses upto 200 houses	Rs. 250.00
3. Prize for Village above 200 houses	Rs. 300.00

TOTAL :— Rs. 750.00

Respective V.C.Ps are authorised to receive prizes on behalf of the Village to be utilised for welfare activities of the Village.

Provided the household with highest gross produce in more than one category will be awarded cash in the higher or highest level and the next household with highest gross produce in the lower category or categories will be given the first prize in that category and so on.

S. L. Sailova,
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