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NOTIFICATION

No.H.12017/55/99-LJD/2000, the 19th January, 2000. The following ordinance of the Central Government is hereby published for general information.

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Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram.**

MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS

(Legislative Department)

New Delhi, the 18th November, 1999/Kartika 27, 1920 (Saka)

THE SPECIAL PROTECTION GROUP (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 1999

No. 10 OF 1999

Promulgated by the President in the Fiftieth Year of the Republic of India.

An Ordinance further to amend the Special Protection Group Act, 1988.

WHEREAS Parliament is not in session and the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action ;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the power conferred by clause (1) of article 123 of the Constitution, the President is pleased to promulgate the following Ordinance, :—

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the Special Protection Group (Amendment) Ordinance, 1999. Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

Amendment of section 4 of Act 34 of 1988. 2. In section 4 of the Special Protection Group Act, 1988, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely :—

“(1) There shall be an armed force of the Union called the Special Protection Group for providing proximate security to—

(i) the Prime Minister and the members of his immediate family ; and

(ii) any former Prime Minister or to the members of his immediate family—

(a) for a period of ten years from the date on which the former Prime Minister ceased to hold the office of the Prime Minister ; and

(b) for any period beyond the period of ten years referred to in sub-clause (a) in a case where the level of threat faced by the former Prime Minister or by any member of his immediate family is of such a nature that such level of threat justifies the provision of proximate security to such former Prime Minister or such member of his immediate family, as the case may be :

Provided that, while assessing the level of threat; the Central Government shall take into account the following factors, namely :—

(A) that the threat emanates from any militant or terrorist organisation ; and

(B) that the threat of a grave and continuing nature :

Provided further that the Central Government shall assess the level of threat periodically in such a manner that not more than twelve months shall elapse between two consecutive assessments.

(IA) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (I)—

(a) any former Prime Minister or any member of his immediate family may decline proximate security;

(b) where the proximate security is withdrawn from a former Prime Minister, whether before or after the commencement of the Special Protection Group (Amendment) Ordinance, 1999, such proximate security shall also stand withdrawn from the immediate family-members of such former Prime Minister;

Provided that where the level of threat faced by any member of the immediate family of a former Prime Minister warrants proximate security or any other security, such security shall be provided to that member”.

K.R. NARAYANAN,
President.

RAGHBIR SINGH,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.