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N O T I F I C A T I O N

No. B. 12011/4/01-SWD, the 23th July, 2004. The Governor of Mizoram is pleased to constitute the State Bal Bhavan Committee as per norms of the Bal Shree Scheme consisting of the following members with immediate effect and until further orders.

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| 1. Secretary,
Social Welfare Department | Chairman |
| 2. Member Secretary | Director, Social Welfare Department or his Representative (Dy. Director i/c Children Welfare) |
| 3. Members | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Director, School Education or his representative.2. Director, Art & Culture Department or his representative.3. Director, Health & Family Welfare Department or his representative.4. President, Mizoram State Council for Child Welfare or his representative.5. Chairperson, Spastic Society of Mizoram or his representative. |

Aims and Objectives of BAL SHREE SCHEME is appended.

TERMS OF REFERENCE :

- 1) To promote creativity among children of the age group of 5-16 years.
- 2) To advocate creativity as a personality development trait among teachers, parents and the community.

- 3) To identify creative children within the age group of 9-16 years for representation to Zonal Level Selection Camp.
- 4) To establish Bal Bhavan in the State and maintain close linkages between State and Central Bal Bhavan.

Lalramthanga Tochhawng,
Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram,
Social Welfare Department.

BAL SHREE SCHEME

Bal Bhavan is a creativity resource centre for children within the age group of 5-16 years. It has been catering to their creative needs for over forty years. Founded by Pandit Jowahar Lal Nehru in 1956 it is a realisation of his dream of an out of school activity centre for children. The Bal Bhavan aims at enhancing the creative abilities of children by providing them with numerous activities and opportunities for expression. The children who take part in these activities experience a sense of achievement which is of crucial importance for their overall development. Apart from the main Bal Bhavan there are 70 Bal Bhavans all over India affiliated to us. Throughout the year Bal Bhavan organises numerous creative and innovative programmes at local, national and sometimes even at international level.

As Bal Bhavan is a creativity resource centre for children, National Bal Bhavan has also launched a scheme to identify, honour and nurture the creative children of India irrespective of socio-economic status. The rationale behind this scheme - 'THE BAL SHREE SCHEME', is that creativity is a human potential that directly relates to self expression and self-development. The self discovery and growth of the individual leads to a generalization of creative attitude towards a wide range of ordinary life activities. Creativity is particularly important and relevant for developing countries like India which wishes to transform living conditions of its people and for which its people are the most important resource. The development of countries depends upon the creative vision and creative striving of its people. Creativity is thus a crucial human ability which needs to be encouraged and thus enhanced.

The objectives of the scheme are : Identifying, nurturing and honouring creative children, Create awareness about advocating creativity as a personality development trait amongst teachers, parents and the community, Providing opportunities for research work from creativity, Establishing close linkages between State and central Bal Bhavan and strengthening the Bal Bhavan Movement.

This scheme seeks to identify creative children within the age group of 9-16 years in four identified areas of creativity i.e. creative art, creative performance, creative scientific innovations, creative writing. This scheme was put into effect in 1995 and since then 99 children have been identified and honoured for their

concerned fields. They have received this honour from either the Hon'ble President of India or the First Lady at a glittering function organised at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

We sincerely seek your assistance for this scheme to give it a truly national base, as there are certain states which have no Bal Bhavan at all. The result being that we have no representation what so ever from these states. In order to ensure that the Bal Shree Scheme is truly National and also in order to ensure that no child, no matter from which part of the country he belongs is deprived of a chance to prove his/her creativity we desire to get the nomination from these states too.

For getting these nominations we would request you to kindly assist us. We would be grateful if you could kindly nominate a maximum of 8 children from your state (two each from four areas of creativity i.e. creative art, creative performance, creative scientific innovation, creative writing) and depute them for a zonal level selection camp to be organised at our Zonal Centre. Bal Shree Selection involves a three tier system of selection local, zonal and national. Your 8 nominees may include creative handicapped and tribal children too. We request you to kindly send in the nominations to National Bal Bhavan so that we may intimate as to where the children are to report for the zonal level camp and the camp dates. Please find enclosed a copy of the nomination form, kindly make requisite copies of the same to send in your nomination. National Bal Bhavan will bear all the travelling expenses of these 8 nominees accompanied by one escort and would also arrange their boarding and lodging during the zonal camp. If your nominee clears the zonal level selection he/she will participate in the National level selection camp at National Bal Bhavan, Delhi. We request you to kindly ensure that we receive your nomination by 1st week of August, 2002.