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NOTIFICATION

No. J. 24011/2/2022-EXC, the 28th March, 2023. In compliance of the instructions issued from Ministry of Home Affairs, IS-II Division, Government of India regarding constitution of 4- tier NCORD mechanism and subsequent reorganization vide Circular No, 1- 12033/2/2017/NCB-I dated 29.07.2019, order No. I-12023/02/2017-NCB-(Vol-I) Dated 25.03.2022 and Order No.-12023/02/2017-NCB-II(Vol-I) dated 23.09.2022 and letter F. No. 15/NCB/GZU/Misc-NCORD/01/2022/258, dt. 23.1.2023 to improve coordination among various stakeholders in policy matters as well as to strengthen mechanism to tackle drug-trafficking in the state for prevention of illegal drug trade, the Government of Mizoram hereby constitutes an "Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF)".

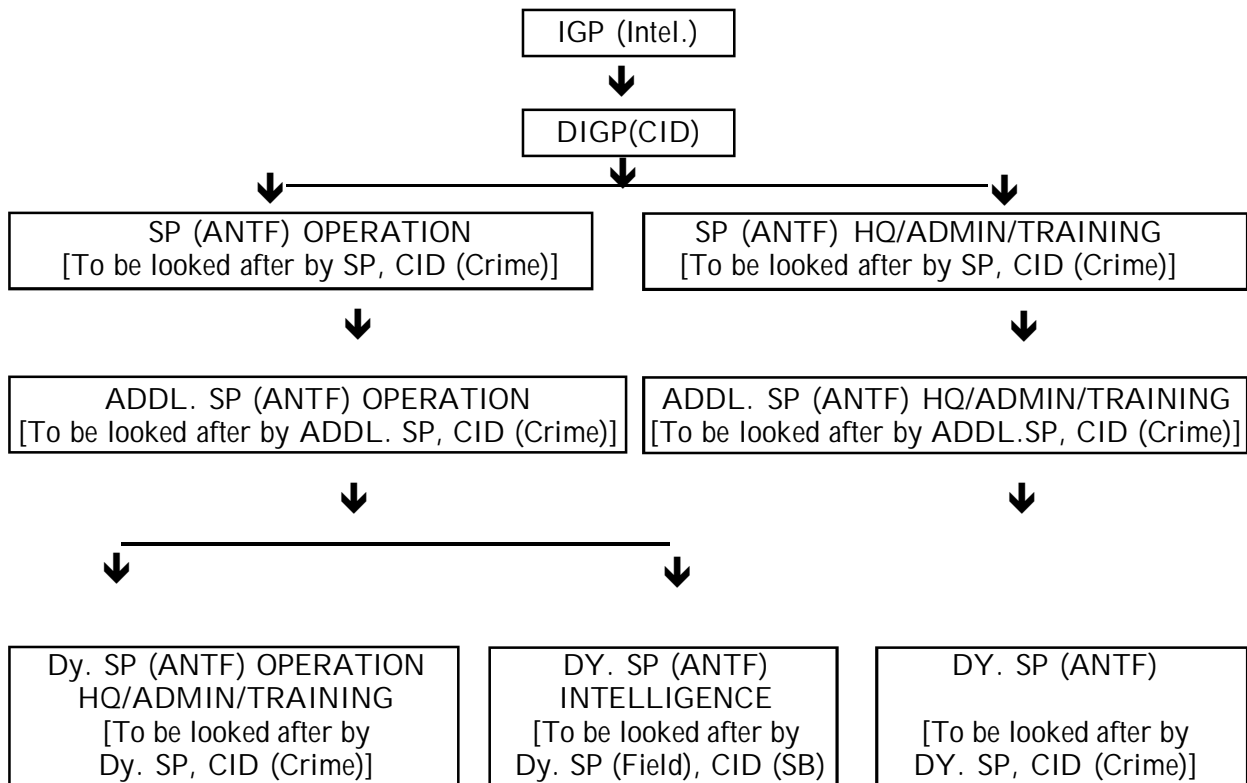
2. The Anti-Narcotics Task Force would dedicate itself to three-fold objective as noted below:-
 - a) Take preventive measures against drug trafficking and undertake issues for action and Criminal prosecution of all those involved in drug peddling, supply and distribution.
 - b) Conduct Mass awareness campaign and people's participation in the drive against drug menace.
 - c) Co-ordinate closely with other stakeholders/agencies/departments etc. at both State and Central levels to achieve the above objectives in a manner that contributes to the vision of a drug free India.

3. The broad functions of the Anti Narcotics Task Force would be as follows:
 - a) ANTF will function as the NCORD Secretariat for the State and will monitor follow-up action on compliance with the decisions taken at different levels of NCORD.
 - b) The Head of the ANTF will serve as the State nodal point for the NCB and other Drug Law Enforcement Agencies on all drug related matters, such as Assistance to States & UTS for Narcotics Control Scheme, National Fund for Control of Drug Abuse, co-ordination of illicit cultivation destruction operations, etc.
 - c) To develop strategies, measures and methods to enforce the law against drug trafficking, prevent drug abuse and co-ordinate with other Governmental agencies and police units to achieve this objective.
 - d) To collect technical/human intelligence and maintain surveillance in accordance with the existing provisions of law, plan and execute special operations against drug traffickers through ANTF teams and also in association with other units of State Police as well as other departments of the Government.
 - e) The Anti Narcotics Task Force would register and investigate cases independently or in association with the local police under the provisions of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic

- Substances Act, 1985, the Prevention of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 and other related laws. All Police units/ districts/ GRP shall assist the Anti Narcotics Task Force in all aspects related to investigation. ANTF may move proposals to the DGP, Mizoram for approval to hand over, transfer and take over the investigation of any case related to offences under the above laws from the local police.
- f) To apprehend Kingpins/big dealers and distributors in illicit drugs to obliterate drug abuse from the State.
 - g) To take effective action against those involved in illegal trade of narcotics through dark web, social media, crypto currency etc. by misusing information technology.
 - h) To keep an eye on the illicit cultivation of narcotic drugs in the state.
 - i) To commission or conduct drug related data analysis and make recommendations to the Government for necessary policy changes.
 - j) To take time-bound action to establish coordination with forensic science laboratories to provide test results at the earliest in cases of NDPS Act.
 - k) Holding consultations from time to time in all matters related to NDPS with the neighbouring states.
 - l) Organization of special training program related to NDPS for police officers as well as to train the staff of Police, Health and other Departments for their effective participation in awareness and guidance camps to wean youth away from drug menace.
 - m) To convene meetings of State level NCORD committee in consultation with the Chief Secretary as Convener for State NCORD in timely manner.
 - n) To take action on instructions given from time to time by the state level NCORD committee constituted under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary.
 - o) Monitoring the regular conduct of District level NCORD committee meetings.
 - p) Attend NCORD meetings organized by the Narcotics Control Bureau.
 - q) To co-ordinate the work of government departments on objectives as per instructions of the Government issued from time to time.
 - r) To perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Government and DGP, Mizoram from time to time.
4. In its endeavour to achieve the stated objectives, the Anti Narcotics Task Force would pursue the following approach with regard to enforcement of relevant laws:-
- a) Develop actionable intelligence and act on such intelligence to enforce the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and all related criminal and civil laws to sever drug supply lines by taking stringent action against the drug suppliers, dealers and peddlers.
 - b) Guide, supervise, coordinate and monitor the action of the District Police/other police units/ State Law Enforcement Agencies in enforcement of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 and all related criminal and civil laws.
 - c) Coordinate with various agencies of the Central Government including MHA, NCB, ED, IB, Cabinet Secretariat, DRI, CBN etc. for effective enforcement of the Prevention of illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 and all related criminal and civil laws, and
 - d) Take measures to create a mass sentiment against the menace of drug abuse in the state and enlist the support of the public for efficient and effective law enforcement.
5. The composition and powers of the Anti Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) will be as follows:-
- a) The Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) will function under the supervision of Inspector General of Police (CID) with the powers of the Head of the Office, under the overall supervision of DGP, Mizoram.

- b) Special Narcotics police station under CID (Crime) has already been established at the state level and will be further opened as per the requirement at the regional/zonal level, whose jurisdiction will be decided accordingly.
- c) If possible, Officers of drug control agencies in Anti Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) may be appointed on deputation basis from other specialized units of the Center like NCB, CBN, DRI, CAPF etc. as per rules.
- d) Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) will have the same powers of Search, Seizure, Arrest, Custody, and investigation in its work area for action against criminals, mafias and gangs involved in drug trafficking, as are available to police officers under the NDPS Act, IPC Criminal Procedure Code and other laws. The Anti- Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) will be competent to register charges against such criminals in any police station located in its area of jurisdiction, take up its investigation on its own and complete it according to the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code/NDPS Act.
- e) The jurisdiction of State Level Anti Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) will be the entire State. Information pertaining to criminals and other details can be obtained from any branch or unit of State Police Force/Excise & Narcotics Department.

Organizational Structure of Anti Narcotics Task Force (ANTF)



Ops (Operations) Unit



1. Dy. SP, CID (Crime) will be in-charge of ANTF Ops Unit in Aizawl District. He shall be assisted by staff of Special Narcotics Police Station.
 2. For all Districts except Aizawl, ANTF Ops Unit shall comprise of the following staff.
 - (i) Addl. SP/Dy.SP (Hqrs.)
 - (ii) One Inspector, one Sub-Inspector, one Assistant Sub-Inspector
 - (iii) A senior most Sector Officer under SP, CID (SB) in the district.
 - (iv) Two Constables
 - (v) One IV grade.
- f) Adequate budget will be allocated for functioning of ANTF.
- g) The Anti Narcotics Task Force would be provided arms and ammunition, technical gadgets and other special equipment, if any, by the Home Department/Police.
- h) The Anti Narcotics Task Force would be allowed to use Kot/Malkhana/Stores for the maintenance and storage of weapons/equipment, seized drugs & other items etc.
- i) The logistics support including men, material and machines required by the Anti Narcotics Task Force would be provided by the State Home Department/Police.
- j) The Anti Narcotics Task Force may, if so required, hire professional/special expert consultant services with the prior approval of the Director General of Police, Mizoram.
- k) The Anti Narcotics Task Force would submit monthly progress report to the DGP of the State.
- l) The Chief Secretary, State would review the progress/action/ interventions of the Anti Narcotics Task Force at regular periodic intervals.

K.T. Beicho,
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