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NOTIFICATION

No. C.18011/5/2016-FST/Pt, the 16th June, 2023.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 5 of the Mizoram Wood Based Industries (Establishment & Regulation) Rules, 2017, and in supersession of this Department's Notification of even number dated 02.05.2022, the Governor of Mizoram is pleased to re-constitute the State Level Committee for Establishment and Regulation of Wood Based Industries as follows with immediate effect and until further order:-

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| 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Mizoram (HoD) | - Chairperson |
| 2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) | - Member |
| 3. Representative of Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Shillong | - Member |
| 4. The Director, Commerce & Industries Department or his representative | - Member |
| 5. The Director, Land Revenue & Settlement Department or his representative | |
| 6. Representatives from CADC/LADC/MADC (in respect of their Autonomous District Council) | - Member |
| 7. The Conservator of Forests (FC) | - Member Secretary |

Duties, Powers and functions of the State Level Committee:

1. The State Level Committee may nominate any other officer not below the rank of Conservator of Forests working in the territorial wing of the Forest Department.
2. The quorum of the State Level Committee meeting shall be at least fifty (50) percent of the permanent members.
3. The State Level Committee may invite one representative of the industry nominated by the Mizoram Wood Based Industries Owners Association.
4. The State Level Committee (SLC) shall :-
 - (i) Assess the availability of timber in the State by way of appropriate study on supply and demand as and when it decides. The SLC shall devise suitable mechanism for sustainable use of timber in a way that does not affect the forests of the area adversely.
 - (ii) Approve appropriate locations for setting up of wood based industrial units.

- (iii) Recommend the names of wood based industries which may be considered by the State Government for grant of fresh license or enhancement of existing licensed capacity after taking into account all the technical aspects, prevailing Government policy and other relevant criteria for establishment of wood based industries.
- (iv) Take steps to ensure that the amount collected or recovered from wood based industries is ploughed back and utilized for the purpose of afforestation.
- (v) Examine and make appropriate recommendation or any other matter referred by the State Government.
- (vi) Examine and make appropriate recommendations or any other matter referred by the State Government and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India.

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram,
Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department.