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NOTIFICATION

No. B.13017/4/2016-AGR/Pt, the 15th May, 2024: In view of the existing Government policies and in the interest of the public, the Governor of Mizoram is pleased to constitute 'The Mizoram State Government Paddy and Rice Procurement Committee' for implementation of paddy and rice procurement policy/scheme comprising of the following members with immediate effect and until further orders.

- Chairman - Chief Minister, Mizoram.
- Vice-Chairman - 1) Minister, Agriculture Department.
2) Minister, FCS&CA Department.
- Member Secretary - Secretary, Agriculture Department. Members
- 1) Adviser to Chief Minister, Implementation of Hand Holding Policy.
 - 2) Secretary, Finance Department.
 - 3) Secretary, FCS&CA Department.
 - 4) Secretary, Planning & Programme Implementation Department.
 - 5) Director, Agriculture Department.
 - 6) Dr. James L.T. Thanga, Department of Economics, Mizoram University.
 - 7) Deputy Director (Accounts), Directorate of Agriculture.
 - 8) Representative of Farmers' Consultative Committee on Wet Rice Cultivation.
 - 9) Representative of Stakeholder(s) as Special Invitee.

The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Committee shall be as follows:

1. The Committee shall deal with matters concerning the procurement and management of paddy and rice for rural and urban beneficiaries in the State.
2. The Committee shall prepare Paddy and Rice Procurement Policy/Scheme for the State Government.
3. The Committee shall make necessary plan of action/road map for increasing paddy production so as to attain self-sufficiency in food production.
4. The Committee shall implement schemes covering entitlements under Sections 4, 5 and 6 of National Food Security Act, 2013 in accordance with the guidelines, including cost sharing between the Central Government and the State Governments in such manner as may be prescribed by the Central Government.
5. The Committee shall initiate convergence programme as and if required with the concerned Departments viz. Food, Civil Supplies & Consumers Affairs Department, Agriculture Department, Finance Department and Planning & Programme Implementation Department for the smooth

- flow of the supply of rice to the public in urban and rural areas.
6. The Committee shall lay out necessary procedures to oversee and monitor the distribution and regulation of rice to the beneficiaries to ensure that the beneficiaries received proper meals as mandated by the National Food Security Act, 2013, especially procurement for the supply of rice for Non-NFSA beneficiaries.
 7. The Committee shall endeavor to progressively undertake necessary reforms in the Targeted Public Distribution System in consonance with the role envisaged in the NFSA, 2013 and the reforms shall, inter alia, include:-
 - 1) Doorstep delivery of food-grains to the Targeted Public Distribution System outlets.
 - 2) Application of information and communication technology tools including end-to-end computerization in order to ensure transparent recording and maintenance of transactions at all levels, and to prevent diversion.
 - 3) Leveraging Aadhaar for unique identification, with biometric information of entitled beneficiaries for proper targeting of benefits under NFSA, 2013.
 - 4) Monitoring the system such as cash transfer, food coupons, or other schemes, to the targeted beneficiaries in order to ensure their food-grains entitlements specified in the said Act or in such area and manner as may be prescribed by the Central Government from time to time.
 8. The Committee shall look into and suggest settlement for any problems that may arise in the process of procurement of paddy and delivery of rice to the beneficiaries in urban and rural areas.
 9. The Committee shall encourage and take necessary steps for the promotion of existing rice mill in the State and encourage establishment of more rice mills in rural and urban areas in the State.

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