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NOTIFICATION

No.C.11011/1/2015-EDN(HTE), the 20th April, 2016. Whereas, the State of Mizoram has no facilities for Higher Technical Studies within the State.

And whereas, the seats allotted to the State of Mizoram for Higher & Technical Studies by the Central Government is insufficient to meet the requirement of technical manpower of the State.

And whereas the State Government deems it expedient to have fair selection of promising candidates only for those limited seats offered to the State of Mizoram on merit by means of certain aptitude test.

Now, therefore, the Governor of Mizoram is pleased to make the following consolidated Rules for conducting Selection Test Examination to ensure fair selection of candidates for such Higher Technical Studies in respect of Degree Courses in various disciplines in Agricultural Sciences, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Sciences, Medical Sciences, Forestry, Fishery and all branches of Engineering and Technology namely :-

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| <i>Short title and Commencement</i> | 1. | (1) | These rules may be called the Mizoram (Selection of Candidates for Higher Technical Courses) Rules, 2016. |
| | | (2) | They shall come into force at once. |
| <i>Selection to be done through written examination</i> | 2. | (1) | Selection of candidates for the higher technical courses under these rules shall be done through written examination in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology. |
| | | (2) | The standard of questions to be answered by the candidates in the written examination shall be equivalent to the courses of Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificates in Science subjects of the Mizoram Board of School Education. |
| <i>Constitution of Selection Board</i> | 3. | (1) | The Government shall constitute a Selection Board with the following members, namely :- |
| | | a) | Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram, Higher & Technical Education Department - Chairman |
| | | b) | Principal, Director, Hospital & Medical Education Department - Member |
| | | c) | Engineer-in-Chief, PWD - Member |

- d) Director, Higher & Technical Education Department - Member
 - e) Joint Director(Technical), Technical Wing, Higher & Technical Education Department - Member Secy.
- (2) The Selection Board shall take all steps for the purpose of selection of the candidate and conduct of the written examination and preparation of results including allotment of seats in those various technical colleges, and any decision taken by the Selection Board shall be final.

Provided that the Government of Mizoram may place the conduct of written examination with preparation and declaration of results to other Government Examination Agencies like Mizoram Board of School Education, etc.

- (3) Director, Higher & Technical Education or any other body authorized by the Government from time to time, shall make necessary arrangements for a smooth conduct of the Written Examination as per the modalities for the conduct of Examination as prescribed in schedule 'A' to these rules.
- (4) If any candidate is found to have furnished false information or certificate(s) or to have withheld or concealed any material information to gain undue personal advantage, his application shall be rejected. If selection or even admission has already been done or effected, it shall be cancelled at any stage of his study and such other action as deemed necessary may be taken against him under any law for the time being in force in the State of Mizoram.

Eligibility of Candidates

4. An applicant must :
- a) be a citizen of India;
 - b) have completed the age of 17 years at the time of admission or will complete the age of 17 years on or before 31st December of the year of admission and be below 23 years of age on the same date. Relaxation of upper age upto 5 years shall be permissible for Scheduled Tribe, Scheduled Caste and Other Backward Class candidates only.
 - c) have passed the Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate Examination in Science conducted by the Mizoram Board of School Education or equivalent examinations recognized by the Government of Mizoram with Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Biology and English or have appeared in the Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate Examination in the above subjects but the results of such Examination having not been declared. Provided that such applicant who have not got their result sheets at the time of submission of their applications, should submit their final results with mark sheet within fifteen days from the date of publication of their results by the concerned Examination Board.
 - d) have obtained not less than fifty percent of the maximum marks in aggregate in the aforementioned subjects. The minimum percentage of marks for Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Class shall be forty percent of the maximum marks in aggregate, provided that this requirement may be raised if any particular institution insist a higher percentage.

- Method of Selection*
5. (1) All applicants shall be classified into three categories for the purpose of allotment of seats, viz :-
- a) Children of permanent residents of the State of Mizoram as Category-I.
 - b) Children of other permanent residents of the State of Mizoram as Category-II.
 - c) Children of Central/Other State Government employees not permanently serving in Mizoram, as Category-III.

Explanation : For the purpose of this sub-rule :

- a) the term "permanent residents" means those who are Zo-ethnic people of the State of Mizoram and have been residing permanently in the State.
 - b) the term "other permanent residents" means those who are (i) Children of non- Zo-ethnic people of the State of Mizoram and have been residing permanently in the State.
(ii) Children of parents who are serving under the Government of Mizoram or Government corporation or Autonomous Bodies under the State Government who are regular employees of such organization and in whose case, it can safely be inferred that they would reside permanently in Mizoram including children of deceased employees of the State Government whose families are living in Mizoram.
 - c) to be eligible to be considered under Category-III, either of the parents of the candidate(s) should have been residing and posted in Mizoram for at least three years.
- (2) Percentage of seats for Category I, II and III. 95% of the total seats shall be reserved for Category-I, 4% of the total seats shall be reserved for Category-II and 1% of the total seats shall be reserved for Category-III. Determination of percentage for each Category has been made on the basis of average result of STEE (State Technical Entrance Examination) for the last 5(five) years.

The disciplines in which seats are to be allotted to Category-I, II and III will be decided by the Selection Board by preparing seat matrix.

Vacant seats, if any, due to unavailability of suitable candidates from amongst the Category-II and III shall be reverted back to Category-I.

- Application for*
6. (1) All applications, in prescribed form obtainable from the Office of the Joint Director(Technical), Technical Wing of Higher & Technical Education or any other office as appointed by the Government from time to time, on payment of such fees as may be prescribed, and duly filled in, should be submitted to the Joint Director(Technical), Technical Wing of Higher & Technical Education or any other person as appointed by the Government from time to time, for which a specified date shall to be fixed. Application received after the specified date for receipt of the application shall not be accepted.
- (2) Subject to the provision to clause (c) of rule 4 herein before, and sub-rule (3) of this rule, every application form duly filled in shall be accompanied with attested copies of the following documents :-

- a) Certificate and Mark sheet in the High School Leaving Certificate or equivalent examination.
 - b) Certificate and Mark sheet in the Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate or equivalent examination.
 - c) Certificate showing the candidate's caste, tribe or class in case he is member of Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe or other Backward Class issued by the Deputy Commissioner of the Administrative District or any other competent authority in the Administrative District in which the applicant resides;
 - d) Proof of date birth
 - e) Residential Certificate
 - f) Voters I.D. of either parents or legal guardian
 - g) Family Ration Card in the absence of (f) above.
 - h) Proof of being a Government servant for (ii) of sub-clause (b) of clause 5.
 - i) Proof of being a Government servant and length of residing in Mizoram for sub-clause (c) of clause 5.
 - j) Three copies of recent passport-size photographs, printed from the same photonegative, attested on the front side by a Gazette Officer one copy of which is to be firmly affixed to the application form while the other two loose copies shall be meant for Admit Card and for Office Record.
- (3) A candidate not in possession of the afore-mentioned Certificates and Mark sheets at the time of submission of his application form may submit authenticated Provisional documents issued by the concerned Secondary or equivalent Board or by the Principal of the Educational Institute from where the candidate has studied or appeared at the Higher Secondary School Leaving or equivalent Examination, showing the subjects taken and the date of birth recorded therein. The decision of the Selection Board on the authenticity of the documents shall be final and no representation on that matter shall be entertained. In complete application shall be liable to be rejected without assigning any reason.
 - (4) Admit Cards will be issued to the candidates two weeks before commencement of the Selection Examination and no candidate should mutilate the Admit Card or change any entry made therein after it has been issued to him.
 - (5) Every candidate shall have to pay fees for application form with information brochure, examination and counseling in the manner as may be prescribed, at the time of obtaining the application form.
The amount of fees to be paid shall be fixed by the Selection Board from time to time.
 - (6) Confirmation of seat shall be done by every candidate by depositing security deposit which will be refunded on production of joining report by the candidate. The amount of security deposit to be given by the candidates shall be fixed by the Selection Board.
7. (1) All eligible candidates shall have to appear for a Written Test/Examination in the following papers of Class-XI and XII Courses and standard of MBSE; provided marks weightage is 40% from Class XI and 60%

from Class XII courses to be decided by the Selection Board from time to time and standard of Mizoram Board of School Education.

FOR PHYSICS / CHEMISTRY AND
MATHEMATICS (PCM) GROUP

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Maximum Marks</u>
1) Physics	- 400 Marks
2) Chemistry	- 400 Marks
3) Mathematics	- 400 Marks

FOR PHYSICS/CHEMISTRY AND
BIOLOGY(PCB) GROUP

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Maximum Marks</u>
1) Physics	- 400 Marks
2) Chemistry	- 400 Marks
3) Biology	- 400 Marks

- (2) The question papers in Physics and Chemistry for all disciplines shall be common and the examination shall be conducted on the same date and at the same sitting. Examination in Mathematics and Biology subjects shall be conducted separately to facilitate the candidates who want to appear in both the Groups. The marks secured by the candidates in written examination shall be taken into consideration for allotment of seats.
- (3) All candidates shall bring their Admit Card and shall produce the same before the Controller of Examination or any other Officer as may be authorized, on the day the examination is held on any subject and before such examination is commenced.

Repeal and saving

8. On and from the commencement of these rules, the Mizoram (Selection of Candidates for Higher Technical Courses) Rules, 1999 with its subsequent Amendments shall stand repealed.

Provided that any order made or anything done or any action taken under the rules so repealed or under any general orders ancillary thereto, shall be deemed to have been made, done or taken under the corresponding provisions of these rules.

By Order of the Governor Mizoram

K. Lal Nghinglova,
Commr. & Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram,
Higher & Technical Education Department.

SCHEDULE-A**MODALITIES FOR CONDUCT OF THE SELECTION EXAMINATION**

(See clause (3) of rule 3)

1. **DATE OF EXAMINATION** : The Selection Examination will be conducted every year on such date as may be notified by the Director of Higher & Technical Education or any other body as may be appointed by the Government from time to time.
2. **SCHEME OF EXAMINATION**: In the Selection Examination the candidates must appear in the following papers:-
 - (a) PCB Group:
 - (i) Physics, Chemistry and Biology (Zoology and Botany) (for Medical, Agriculture etc disciplines etc.)
 - AND**
 - (b) PCM Group : Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics (for Engineering disciplines etc.)
 - (ii) Duration : 3 hours each
 - (iii) Each paper shall carry 400 marks ;
 - (iv) All questions shall be of objective type.
3. **EXAMINATION CENTRE** : The Selection Examination will be held every year at the place/ places as notified by the Director of Higher & Technical Education or any other body as may be appointed by the Government from time to time.
4. **CONDUCT OF EXAMINATION**:
 - (a) The Examination Hall will be opened 30 minutes before the commencement of the Examination. Candidates are expected to take their seats 15 minutes before commencement of the Examination.
 - (b) A candidate who does not possess the Admission Card shall not be admitted into the Examination Hall.
 - (c) A seat with a number will be allotted to each candidate. Candidates must find out and occupy their allotted seat.
 - (d) A candidate who comes after 30 minutes of the commencement of Examination shall not be permitted to sit in the Examination without a Special permission of the Controller of Examination. In no way a student who comes after one hour shall be admitted.
 - (e) A candidate shall not be allowed to carry any textual material, printed or written, bits of papers or any other objectionable materials inside the Examination Hall.
 - (f) No candidate without special permission of the Controller of Examination or the Invigilator concerned is to leave his seat or the Examination Hall until he has finished his Exam. Candidates should not leave the Hall without handing over their answer sheets to the Invigilator on duty.
 - (g) Use of Electronic/Manual Calculator/Mobile phone or any other electronic gadgets shall not be allowed.
 - (h) Candidates shall maintain complete silence and attend to their papers only. Any conversation or gesticulation or disturbance in the Examination Hall shall be deemed as misbehavior and if a candidate is found using unfair means or impersonating, his candidature will be cancelled and he will be liable to be debarred for taking Examination either permanently or for a specified period according to the nature of offence.
 - (i) During the Examination time, the invigilator will check the Admit Card of each candidate and put his signature in the place provided in the answer sheet.

- (j) The candidates shall bring their own pens, pencils, sharpeners and erasers etc. with them for use during Examination. These shall not be supplied in the Examination Hall.
 - (k) After completing the examination and before handing over the Answer Sheets, the candidate should check again that all the particulars required in the Answer Sheets have been correctly written.
 - (l) Signal will be given at the beginning of the Examination, and ten minutes before the end of Examination as warning and at the end of the time when the candidate must stop answering the questions.
 - (m) For those who are unable to appear on the scheduled date of Examination for any reason, special examination shall not be held under any circumstances.
5. **RE-CHECKING OF ANSWER PAPERS** : No re-rechecking/re-evaluation of Answer Sheets shall be allowed if OMR is used for checking of the answer sheets. However, re-rechecking/re-evaluation of Answer Sheets may be allowed if OMR is not used for checking of the answer sheets within two weeks of the declaration of results and on payment of the required fee of Rs 500/- per paper.
6. **SYSTEM OF MARKING**
- (a) Each objective question shall carry four answers. Questions without any response shall be awarded ZERO. More than one answer indicated against a question will be deemed as an incorrect response.
 - (b) A negative mark shall be awarded against wrong answer. For each incorrect response, one fourth ($\frac{1}{4}^{\text{th}}$) of the total marks allotted to the question will be deducted. ***The candidates are advised not to attempt an item in the answer sheet if they are not sure of the correct response.***
7. **ISSUE OF PHOTOCOPY OF ANSWER SHEET** : In order to ensure transparency and accountability in the SMATEE, provisions for obtaining a photocopy of evaluated answer sheet has been made as follows :
- (a) A photocopy of the answer sheet shall be given on request accompanied by a fee of Rs. 100/- (Rupees one hundred) only.
 - (b) Photocopy of answer sheet can be applied for and claimed by only the candidate himself/herself upon production of his/her original admit card issued by the Examining Board for the examination under consideration. The Board ***will not entertain*** any application/claims made on behalf of the candidate(s).
 - (c) A period of 10 (ten) days after the declaration of results shall be given to the candidates to apply for a photocopy of answer sheet. Upon the expiry of this period, no application shall be entertained.
 - (d) A candidate who desires to get a photocopy of the answer sheet shall have to sign an undertaking with a pledge to maintain utmost confidentiality. Any violation of the undertaking will render the result of the candidate null and void and the Examination of the candidate shall be liable to be cancelled.
 - (e) While giving the photocopy of the answer sheet, names of the Examiner and Scrutinizer which appear on the sheet shall be concealed.
8. **ISSUE OF MARK STATEMENT** : Mark statement will be issued to all the candidates on production of their original SMATEE admit cards.
9. **MERIT LIST** :
- (a) The Examination Board shall prepare a list of the candidates in order of merit on the basis of the marks obtained in the Written Examination.

- (b) In case of two or more candidates obtaining equal marks in the merit list, the inter-se-merit of such candidates shall be determined in order of preferences as under:
- (i) Candidates obtaining higher marks in Biology (Botany and Zoology) for Medical, Agriculture etc. disciplines and in Mathematics for Engineering disciplines in the Selection Examination.
 - (ii) Candidates obtaining higher marks in Chemistry for Medical, Agriculture etc. disciplines and in Physics for Engineering disciplines in the Selection Examination.
- (c) Candidate older in age shall be preferred in case of marks obtained being equal.
- (d) No weightage will be given for higher qualifications.
- 10. ALLOTMENT OF SEAT:** All the selected candidates or authorized representative will be required to appear in person before the Director, Higher & Technical Education for counseling and checking of all the documents listed under rule in original on the date, time and venue to be intimated to them. The candidates who fail to produce the Original documents at the time of personal appearance, allocation of seats shall be liable to be rejected.
- If any candidate is found to have furnished false information or certificate (s) or to have withheld or concealed any material/ information to gain personal advantage, he shall be disqualified.* If selection or even admission has already been done or effected, it shall be cancelled at any stage of his study and such other action as deemed necessary may be taken against him, under any law for the time being in force in the state of Mizoram.
- Note :** The decision of the Selection Board on the authenticity of the documents shall be final and no representation on that score shall be entertained.
- 11. Method of Selection :** On the basis of marks obtained in the Selection Examination, selection shall be made in order of merit from amongst eligible candidates from Category – I, Category - II and Category - III to fill up their respective quota portion.
- 12. CONFIRMATION OF SEATS :** All the candidates should confirm their allotted seats within the stipulated time by depositing the required security deposits as mentioned in clause (6) of rule 6 herein failing which the seat will be disposed off in the next round of Counseling.
- 13. JOINING REPORT :** All the allotted students should submit their joining report to the Director, Higher & Technical Education through the Principal of the respective Colleges/institutions within one month from the date of joining. Their applications should be supported by attested copies of admission receipts, etc.
- 14. MEDICAL FITNESS CERTIFICATE :** Selected Candidates are requested to produce Medical Fitness Certificate at the time of Counseling, failing which they will not be allotted the seat.
- 15. REMUNERATION :** Remuneration for question setters, invigilator, evaluators etc. Shall be paid as per rates approved by the Selection Board from time to time.