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NOTIFICATION

No.C.18011/5/2016-FST, the 5th September, 2017. In exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 5 of the Mizoram Wood Based Industries (Establishment & Regulation) Rules, 2017, the Governor of Mizoram is pleased to 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. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Mizoram | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Representative of Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Shillong | - | Member |
| 3. Director, Commerce & Industries Department, Government of Mizoram or his representative | - | Member |
| 4. Conservator of Forests (R&D Circle), Mizoram | - | Member |
| 5. Chief Conservator of Forests (P&D), Mizoram | - | 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 State Level Committee will invite one representative as a special invitee to each and every meeting of the State Level Committee.
3. The State Level Committee shall meet at least once in three months.
4. The quorum of the State Level Committee meeting shall be at least fifty percent permanent members.
5. The State Level Committee shall :-
 - (i) Assess the availability of timber for wood based industrial units in the State every five years in accordance with rule 7 of these rules.
 - (ii) Assess quantity of different raw material requirement for wood based industrial units which may be sustainably harvested from trees outside forest areas in the State in accordance with rule 7 & 8 of these rules.

- (iii) Assess annual requirement of timber and other forest produce in the domestic markets in the State.
- (iv) Maintain a database of timber and other raw materials utilized by each wood based industrial unit permitted to establish and operate in the State during each financial year.
- (v) Approve appropriate locations for setting up of wood based industrial units.
- (vi) Approve the name of wood based industrial units which may be considered for grant of fresh license or enhancement of the existing licensed capacity in case the committee is satisfied that timber is available legally for the said new wood based industries (such as trees outside forest, forests, etc.)
- (vii) Ensure that the amount lying with the State Forest Department (recovered from Wood Based Industries) will be utilized for the purpose of afforestation only.
- (viii) Examine and make appropriate recommendations on any other matter referred by the State Government or the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India.

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