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NOTIFICATION

No.B. 13016/16/12-LAD/VC, the 25th July, 2017. In exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (f) of Sub - Section 2 of Section 23 of the Lushai Hills District (Village Councils) Act, 1953 (Lushai Hills Act V of 1953) as amended from time to time, the Governor of Mizoram is pleased to make the following rules, namely :-

1. Short title, extent and commencement:
 - (1) These rules may be called 'The Mizoram Village (Sanitation) Rules, 2017.
 - (2) It shall extend to the whole of the State of Mizoram except the areas under the three Autonomous District Council of Lai, Mara, Chakma and Municipal areas.
 - (3) They shall come into force from the date of publication in the Mizoram Gazette.
2. **Definitions:** In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:-
 - (a) **"Act"** means The Lushai Hills District (Village Councils) Act 1953 (Lushai Hills Act V of 1953)
 - (b) **"Assembly"** means a meeting together of a group of people for a specific purpose;
 - (c) **"Drain"** includes a house drain, a drain of any other description, a culvert, a channel for carrying off sullage, rain water and sub-soil water liquid waste;
 - (d) **"Exhibition"** means a collection of things shown publicly or works of arts, goods for sale.
 - (e) **"Entertainment"** includes any exhibition, performance, amusement games or sport to which persons are usually admitted on payment of fee.
 - (f) **"Fair"** means a collection of outdoor entertainments, stalls on a large open ground.
 - (g) **"Government"** means the Government of Mizoram.
 - (h) **"Garbage and offensive matter"** includes household and kitchen waste, solid or semi-solid cutting of shrubs, weeds, small branches of trees, drain spoils, animal dung, cutting and dressing of all organic and inorganic wastes, waste of market and other public places;
 - (i) **"Officer" or "Officers"** means a Government Officer of the State Government;
 - (j) **"Public Street"** means any street, road, lane, pathway, public bridge;
 - (k) **"Premises"** means any land or building or part of a building or land;
 - (l) **"Prescribed"** means prescribed under the provision of these rules;
 - (m) **"Village Council"** means Village Council constituted under the provision of The Lushai Hills District (Village Councils) Act, 1953 as amended from time to time.
 - (n) **"Water point"** means a place where water is collected or distributed and includes natural source of water or water spring.
 - (o) **"Year"** means a year commencing on the 1st day of April and ending on 31st day of March.

3. Duties and responsibilities of Village Councils :

- (1) It shall be the general duty of each Village Council to enforce these rules within its jurisdiction in the most effective manner suitable to local conditions.
- (2) Where there is no Village Council, the Govt, or any officer or officers authorized in this behalf shall ensure due enforcement of these rules in such villages.

4. Cleanliness of Street:

- (1) It shall be the general duty of every person to keep the street and drains in a clean and sanitary conditions.
- (2) No person shall throw or deposit any offensive matter on the road, path, drain or any vacant land.
- (3) The Village Council if considered necessary shall provide dustbin or receptacle in any suitable places. Disposal of waste or garbages shall be done by the Village Councils.
- (4) If collections of garbage are done in a village, the Village Council shall specify by public notice about the time of putting refuses or garbage in a depot or place for collection.
- (5) The Village Council shall organize a mass community work for cleaning of street, drains, water points and public places at least twice in a year during the month of February and October. A report of which shall be submitted to District Local Administration Officer concerned.

5. Maintenance of cleanliness in Water Points :

- (1) The Village Council shall be responsible to strictly maintain all water points in the village. The Village Council shall make local rules relating to preservation of water source, prevention against encroachment and pollution. The Village Council shall also specify the area for water points and they shall take all necessary action for protection of such area.
- (2) There shall be formed a Village Water Committee to assist the Village Council in the preservation of water source, distribution of piped water and maintenance of cleanliness in the water points.

6. Goods, articles, meats intended for human consumption to be protected from flies etc. :

No person shall sell or expose in any market or by the side of any road, goods, meats, vegetables or article or any prepared or manufactured articles intended for human food or drink unless such article is protected from flies, dust and other source of contamination by means of sufficient covering or such other ways as may be prescribed from time to time. For breach of these rules, the Sanitary Inspector or Officer or person authorized for the purpose shall be competent to seize and dispose of such article in the manner as he deems fit and proper.

7. Assembly, Entertainment, Exhibition and Fair :

- (1) No person or persons shall hold within a Village area any assembly or meetings, outdoors or in a makeshift pavilion for the sake of entertainment, exhibition and fair without the previous knowledge of the Village Council concerned.
- (2) Any person or persons who is desirous of holding such meeting shall apply to the Village Council for permission to hold such meeting with such details of the arrangement made for collection and disposal of waste. Non-compliance of such arrangement may entail breach of these rules and shall be liable to punishment as per Rule 13 of these Rules.
- (3) A nominal fee shall be charged by the Village Council for such assembly or meeting, the rate of which shall be fixed not exceeding rupees five hundred by the Village Council per day.

8. Public Toilet and Urinals : The Village Council shall provide public toilet or urinals as per requirement of the Village. However, the Village Council shall have prior planning and arrangement for maintenance of cleanliness before such convenience are being constructed. And, no person shall erect toilet or urinals on a street or road side without the previous approval of the Village Council.

9. **Private Toilet:** No owner or occupier of any building or land shall construct a toilet or urinal to be in such a state as to be offensive or annoyance to others.
10. **Trees and bamboos in the street or in private premises:**No person shall fell any tree in any public street or park without the written permission of State Government. Trees or bamboos or plants planted or grown by way of natural born shall not be allowed to cause inconvenience or annoyance to others such as allowing its leaves and branches to fall outside the owner of such land or premises.
11. **Sanitation Committee:**The Village Council shall form Sanitation Committee in each village to assist and to give advice to the Village Council in the enforcement of these rules. Such Sanitation Committee shall have office bearers and members as may be prescribed by the State Government by a notification from time to time. The Sanitation Committee shall continue till the term of Village Council expires.
12. **Power to make local guidelines:**Subject to the provision of these Rules and with the approval of State Government, a Village Council may make guidelines relating to the general cleanliness of the Village concerned.
13. **Punishment for Breach of these Rules :**Whosoever commits a breach of these rules shall be punishable with a fine which may extend to five hundred rupees.

Rodney L. Ralte,
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