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NOTIFICATION

No.F.16015/3/2019-PRO(GAD), the 16th Aug, 2019: In supersession of the Mizoram State Guest Rules 1988 issued vide No.F.16015/3/88-Protocol(GAD) dated 12th April 1990, the Government of Mizoram is pleased to make the following rules to regulate all matters relating to 'State Guests' visiting the State of Mizoram

1. These Rules may be called the Mizoram State Guest Rules, 2019. It shall come in to effect from the date of publication of notification in the Official Gazette

CATEGORY I

2. The following dignitaries when they visit the State of Mizoram, whether on duty or otherwise, shall be treated as State Guests:

1. President of India
2. Vice President of India
3. Prime Minister of India
4. Deputy Prime Minister of India
5. Chief Justice and Judges of Supreme Court of India
6. Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha
7. Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha
8. Ministers, Minister of States and Deputy Ministers of Union Government
9. Former Presidents and Former Vice Presidents of India
10. Former Prime Ministers and Former Deputy Prime Minister of India
11. Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha
12. Former Speaker of Lok Sabha
13. Chairman and Members of Parliamentary Public Accounts Committees.
14. Chairman and Members of Parliamentary Estimates Committees.
15. Chairman and Members of Parliamentary Public Undertakings Committees
16. Former Chief Justice of India
17. Governors of the States and Lt Governor of Union Territories
18. Chief Ministers of States and Union Territories
19. Speakers, Chairman, Deputy Speakers and Deputy Chairman of States
20. Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Legislative Councils of States.

21. Deputy Chief Ministers, Ministers and Deputy Ministers of States
22. Parliamentary Secretaries of States
23. Vice Chairman and Members of NITI Ayog
24. Chairman and Members of Finance Commission
25. Cabinet Secretary of the Union Government
26. Chiefs of Armed Forces
27. Governor of Reserve Bank of India
28. National Security Advisor
29. Chairman, Authority for Advanced Rulings

In the case of **President, Vice-President, Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister**, the dignitaries and all the accompanying family members and party shall be treated as State Guests for the entire duration of their stay in the State.

CATEGORY-II

3. The following persons shall be treated as State Guests, if on duty:—
 1. Attorney General of India.
 2. Comptroller and Auditor General of India
 3. Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners of India.
 4. Chief Information Commissioner of India and Members of CIC
 5. Chief Justices and Judges of High Courts.
 6. Chief Labour Commissioner of India
 7. Chairman and Members of the Central Vigilance Commission
 8. Chairman and Members of Lok Pal
 9. Chairman and Members of Union Public Service Commission.
 10. Chairman and Members of National Commission for Scheduled Castes
 11. Chairman and Members of National Commission for Scheduled Tribes.
 12. Chairman and Members of Minorities Commission.
 13. Chairperson and Members of the National Commission for Women
 14. Chairman and Members of National Commission for Backward Classes
 15. Chairman and Members of National Knowledge Commission
 16. Chairman and Members of University Grants Commission
 17. Chairman and Members of National Human Rights Commission
 18. Chairman and Members of Law Commission
 19. Chairman and Members of Competition Commission of India
 20. Chairman and Members of Atomic Energy Commission of India
 21. Chairman and Members of Central Administrative Tribunal of all Benches
 22. Chairman and Members of National Commission for Safai Kamachari
 23. Chairman and Members of Finance commission
 24. Chairman and Members of National Judicial Pay Commission
 25. Chairman and Members of Central Pay Commission
 26. Chairman and Members of Lokayukta
 27. Chairman and Members of Staff Selection Commission.
 28. Chairman and Members of Railway Board.
 29. Chairman of Central Board of Indirect and Direct Taxes.
 30. Vice Chairman and Members of National Disaster Management Authority
 31. Vice Chairman and Members of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights

32. Members of the National Judicial Appointment Commission
33. Solicitor General of India
34. Secretaries of the Government of India.
35. State Election Commissioners
36. Chief Secretaries of other State Governments

The persons covered in the **Category I & II** shall be given State Guest facilities for a maximum period of 3 (three) days and accompanying spouses, parents and dependent children with one personal staff, if any shall be covered under these rules. The limit of 3 (three) days will not be applicable to the National Security Guard or Special Protection Group Personnel deployed with President, Vice President, Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of India.

CATEGORY-III

4. Any other VIP/eminant person(s) including foreign dignitaries and National Security Guard or Special Protection Group Personnel visiting the State in connection with the visit of VIP, may be declared as State Guest with the approval of the State Government. So far as Government (including Public Sector) functionaries are concerned only those on duty will be treated as State Guests. Provision of State Guest facilities to such persons would be limited to a maximum period of three days and accompanying family members of spouses, parents and dependent children with one personal staff, if any shall be governed as per the provisions of these rules.

CATEGORY-IV

5. For other dignitaries/delegations that happen to visit Mizoram and their visits are concerned in connection with any Department/Board/Corporation of the State Government, if the concerned Administrative Department of the State Government considers it necessary or useful, it may treat such dignitaries/delegations as Departmental Guests and the concerned Department shall also receive and see off the Department Guest. All the arrangements for such Departmental Guests shall be made and the expenditure incurred will be borne by the concerned Department of the State Government.

6. FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED TO STATE GUESTS

i) Accommodation & Boarding: State Guests will be provided free accommodation and free boarding at the State Guest Houses/Circuit Houses. Where such accommodation is not available, State Guests may be accommodated in private hotels. The status of the dignitary shall be taken into account while arranging such accommodation in hotels with regard to the room tariff etc in private hotels. Further, guests other than State Guests shall not be entertained by the Government and no expenditure shall be borne by the State Government on entertainment given to their own guests by the State Guests.

ii) Transport: Free transportation will be provided to the State Guests and party within the State of Mizoram. The journey outside of the State will be restricted upto Silchar, Assam. Government may also hire private vehicles in time of shortages of vehicles for the State Guests and may also request the concerned Departments for vehicles to be used by the State Guests.

iii) Medical Facilities: Medical services on sudden illness or indisposition shall be rendered to the State Guests by Health & Family Welfare Department in coordination with the Protocol & Hospitality Wing.

iv) Telephones: State Guests will be provided with Telephones during their stay in the State.

7. FAMILY MEMBERS

Members of the family of the State Guest will include spouse, parents and dependent children. However, in special cases this limit of family members may be relaxable with the approval of the State Government.

8. ACCOMPANYING PERSONAL/SECURITY STAFF

Except in the case of the President/Vice-President/Prime Minister/Deputy Prime Minister, Governors and Chief Ministers of the States, appropriate board and lodging facilities, free of cost, will be provided to a maximum of 2 personal staff, if any accompanying the State Guest.

9. SECURITY

VVIPs/VIPs/State Guests will be provided with required security by the Director General of Police as per the instructions issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and the State Government on the subject, from time to time.

10. COURTESIES

i) State Guests who are VVIPs/VIPs shall be received by the State dignitaries and other officials depending upon the status of the concerned person(s) and protocol involved in the visit. In other cases, the state guest will be received by an officer of the concerned Department.

ii) Garlands and bouquets will be offered to the visiting dignitaries depending on the status and importance of the visit. Arrangements for the same will be made by the concerned Department. Utmost economy, however, is to be observed and unnecessary profusion of garland and bouquets shall be avoided.

iii) In case when His Excellency the Governor, Hon'ble Chief Minister and Chief Secretary may present traditional Mizo gifts, fruits and any other items to the dignitaries depending upon the status and importance of the dignitary, arrangements for the same will be made by the concerned Department in consultation with the Protocol & Hospitality Wing. Utmost economy however is to be observed.

iv) **In Districts:** The Collector of the district concerned shall make appropriate arrangements to receive and see off the State Guests.

11. CULTURAL PROGRAMMES

Lunch/Dinner or Tea Party or Cultural Programmes hosted by the Governor, Chief Minister, Ministers or Chief Secretary in honour of visiting State Guests shall be borne by concerned Departments.

12. PHOTOGRAPHY & PRESS CONFERENCE & MEETINGS

Photographic coverage, Press Conference and Meeting, if any during the visit of the State Guests shall be arranged by the Information & Public Relations Department in coordination with the Protocol & Hospitality Wing. Expenditure incurred in this connection shall be borne by the concerned Departments.

13. APPOINTMENT OF LIAISON OFFICERS FOR THE STATE GUESTS

Visiting State Guests shall be provided with Liaison Officers who are considered presentable with excellent communication skill by the concerned Department during their stay in the State. Vehicles for Liaison Officer shall be arranged by concerned Departments.

14. OTHER FACILITIES/RESTRICTIONS

No alcoholic drinks, cigarettes, laundry etc. will be provided to the State Guest at the State Government's expenses. However, laundry facilities will be provided to the President, Vice President, Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister during their visit to the State on State Government expenses.

15. VISITS OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

As regards the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committees visiting the State of Mizoram in connection with the official work concerning the State Government, expenditure on arrangements for boarding, lodging and transport will be borne by the Protocol & Hospitality Wing, General Administration Department. Expenditure on arrangements for boarding, lodging and transport in respect of Members and accompanying officials shall be borne by the concerned Departments. Expenditure if any, incurred on arranging meetings, conferences, visit to places, reception, lunch, dinner, cultural programme or floral bouquet etc. will also be borne by the concerned Departments. It will be the prime responsibility of the concerned Departments to ensure that the visit of a particular committee/ commission is an official one and connected with the affairs of State Government and the guidelines issued in this regard are scrupulously followed.

16. RELAXATION

The State Government by its own motion or otherwise may, by order, relax any of the provisions of these Rules in respect of any class or category of State Guests in the interest of administrative exigencies or public service.

Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, all necessary arrangements for reception, accommodation etc of State Guests shall be attended to by the Protocol & Hospitality Wing, General Administration Department.

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