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#### NOTIFICATION

**No.D.33011/21/2019-HFW(nCOV), the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020** : In exercise of the powers conferred under section 2, 3 & 4 of The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 (Central Act 3 of 1897), the Government of Mizoram, for the interest of public health and safety is pleased to issue the following regulations to amend the Mizoram Epidemic Diseases (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 as follows:

1. These regulations may be called “The Mizoram Epidemic Diseases (COVID-19) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2020”.
2. They shall be deemed to come into force on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.
3. In “The Mizoram Epidemic Diseases (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020” (hereinafter referred as the principal regulations) :-
  - (1) for sub-regulation (6) of regulation 2 of the principal regulations, the following shall be substituted, namely –
    - (6) “**designated quarantine facility**” means any facility declared by the State Government or the State Executive Committee of Mizoram State Disaster Management Authority for the purpose of quarantine of asymptomatic cases.
  - (2) in regulation 2, after sub-regulation (10) of the principal regulations, the following sub-regulation shall be inserted, namely –
    - (11) “**District Disaster Management Authority**” means the District Disaster Management Authority constituted under section 25 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005
  - (3) in sub-regulation (1) of regulation 3 of the principal regulations, after clause (p), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely-
    - (q) Director General of Police, Mizoram
    - (r) Secretary, GAD
    - (s) Secretary, Disaster Management and Rehabilitation Department
    - (t) Secretary, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department

- (u) Secretary, Tourism Department.
- (v) Secretary, Higher & Technical Education Department.
- (w) Secretary, School Education Department.
- (x) Secretary, Commerce & Industries Department.
- (y) Secretary, AH & Vety Department.

(4) in sub-regulation (2) of regulation 3 of the principal regulations, after clause (l), the following clause shall be inserted, namely :

(m) Chairman, Village/Local Level Task Force on COVID-19 constituted in pursuance of the instructions given by the State Government for the prevention and containment of the outbreak and spread of COVID-19 (within their respective jurisdictions).

(5) in regulation 10, after sub-regulation (4) of the principal regulations, the following sub-regulation shall be inserted, namely :

(5) To undertake any such other preventive and containment measures as instructed by the State Government from time to time for the prevention and containment of the outbreak and spread of COVID-19.

(6) for regulation 11 of the principal regulations, the following shall be substituted, namely:

**“11. Powers of Chief Secretary and District Collector/ Deputy Commissioner to implement and execute preventive and containment measures to prevent and contain the outbreak and spread of COVID-19 in the State of Mizoram or any part thereof-**

(1) In cases of compelling reasons and on sufficient grounds where it is necessary and required to use certain preventive and containment measures to prevent and contain the outbreak and spread of COVID-19 in the State of Mizoram or any part thereof, the District Collector/ Deputy Commissioner of the concerned district shall have the right to implement and execute the following preventive and containment measures under his/her jurisdiction, but not limited to these, in order to prevent and contain the outbreak and spread of COVID-19 namely:

- (a) Sealing of geographical area.
- (b) Barring entry and exit.
- (c) Closure of schools, offices, institutions or any establishments.
- (d) Closure of shops, malls, market places and other public places.
- (e) Banning public gatherings.
- (f) Banning vehicular movement.
- (g) Initiating active and passive surveillance of COVID-19 cases.
- (h) Hospital isolation of suspected cases.
- (i) Designating any building as a quarantine facility or containment unit for isolation of the cases
- (j) Any other measures as directed by the State Government from time to time to prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19.

(2) Staff of all Government Departments under the Government of Mizoram of the concerned area shall be at the disposal of the District Collector/ Deputy Commissioner for discharging the duty of preventive and containment measures. If required, the District Collector/

Deputy Commissioner may requisite the services of any other person or persons. In addition, services may be outsourced and persons may be engaged under short term contracts”.

Provided that the Chief Secretary of Mizoram shall have the power to implement and execute all the preventive and containment measures hereinbefore mentioned in cases where such measures are necessary or expedient in the public interest to be implemented and executed in the entire state of Mizoram to prevent and contain the outbreak and spread of COVID-19.”

(7) for regulation 12 of the principal regulations, the following shall be substituted, namely:

***“12. Authorization of District Disaster Management Authority for planning strategy etc. regarding preventive and containment measures.-***

The District Disaster Management Authority shall undertake all necessary measures for prevention and containment of COVID-19 in the district, such as planning, organizing, coordinating and implementing measures in accordance with extant acts, rules, regulations and guidelines, or as deemed appropriate, in the interest of the public. The District Disaster Management Authority may co-opt other officers from different Departments or local bodies, community based organizations or any NGO’s, as deemed necessary for this purpose.”

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