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**GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
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**NOTIFICATION
Imphal, the 3rd June 2008**

No. 74/5/2003 – For (LDA): In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 37 of the Manipur Loktak Lake (Protection) Act, 2006 (Manipur Act No. 3 of 2006), the Governor of Manipur is pleased to make the following rules, namely:-

THE MANIPUR LOKTAK LAKE (PROTECTION) RULES, 2008

CHAPTER – I

1. Short title and commencement:-

- (1) These rules may be called the Manipur Loktak Lake (Protection) Rules 2008.
- (2) These rules shall apply to the whole of 236.21 sq.km comprising the Core-Zone of 70.30 sq.km and the Buffer Zone of 165.91 sq.km of the Loktak lake.
- (3) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions:-

In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:-

- (1) "Act" means the Loktak Lake (Protection) Act, 2006 (Manipur Act No. 3 of 2006);
- (2) "section" means the section of the Act;
- (3) "Fund" means the Loktak Development Fund (LDF), established under section 25 of the Act;
- (4) Authority means "Loktak Development Authority".
- (5) "Project Director" means the Project Director of the Loktak Development Authority (LDA) appointed by the State Government under sub-section (1) of section 14 of the Act;
- (6) All other words and expressions used in these rules and not defined but defined in the Act, shall have the meaning as respectively assigned to them in the Act.

CHAPTER - II

3. Access to lake resources:

Any person or Institution or Society or Trust or Organisation, who wishes to obtain any lake resources for commercial purposes and/or seeks to utilize the facilities of the Authority for any research or any other purpose shall apply to the Project Director for giving such lake resource or utilising such facilities as may be provided by the Authorities on payment of such fees as may be determined by the Authority.

CHAPTER - III

4. Terms of appointment of non-official members:-

- (1) The three non-officials to be nominated to the Loktak Development Authority by the State Government shall be from amongst persons who are Social Workers or Legal Experts or Environment Experts.
- (2) The Non-official members shall hold office for a period of three years.

5. Travelling and sitting allowance of non-official members:-

The non-official members of the Loktak Development Authority shall be paid travelling and sitting allowance as fixed by the Authority from time to time.

CHAPTER - IV

6. Meeting of the authority:-

- (1) The Loktak Development Authority shall meet at least once in every 6(six) months.
- (2) The meetings of the Authority shall normally be held at Imphal. However, in case where the Chairman desires that inspection of site of Loktak lake would be necessary in connection with the consideration of the agenda, he may direct that the meeting of the Authority shall be held at a place other than Imphal from where such inspection of site can be undertaken conveniently.
- (3) The date, time and venue of the meeting shall be decided by the Chairman of the Authority.
- (4) The meeting notice of the Authority indicating the date, time and venue including agenda of its business to be transacted in the meeting shall be signed by the Member Secretary of the Authority.
- (5) The notice shall be issued and delivered to all the members at least one week before the date of the meeting. In case of emergency the Chairman can call a meeting by issuing notice at least two days prior to the meeting.
- (6) The quorum of the meeting shall be one half of the total membership and decision will be taken by simple majority of the members present.
- (7) The Member-Secretary shall record all deliberations and decisions taken in the meeting.

CHAPTER - V

7. The Project Director shall take all such steps as may be necessary for effective implementation of the provisions of sections 19 and 20 of the Act.

CHAPTER - VI

8. Steering Committee:-

- (1) Under section 22 of the Act, the Steering Committee shall nominate three Officials or Consultants to the Steering Committee of Loktak Development Authority from among officials or persons having special knowledge or practical experience in respect of Wetland Management / Forestry & Wildlife / Life Science/ Economics.

Provided that the traveling allowance and daily allowance shall be paid to the non-official members to be nominated by the Steering Committee at the rate payable to a Class I officer of the State Government.

- (2) The Steering Committee shall meet at least once in three (3) months.
- (3) The meeting of the Steering Committee shall be notified by the Convenor with the permission of the Chairman of the Committee.
- (4) Every notice for convening a meeting of the Steering Committee shall be delivered to all the members at least five days before the date of the meeting.
- (5) The quorum of the meeting shall be five members.

CHAPTER - VII

9. Annual reports and maintenance of accounts and audits:-

- (1) The accounts of the Authority shall be maintained in the double entry system of accounts under the supervision of the Project Director. All cash transactions both receipts and payments shall, without any reservation be brought to accounts in the cash book.
- (2) The statutory audit/inspection on the accounts of the Authority shall be conducted by Chartered Accountant as soon as after the end of each financial year.
- (3) The accounts audited/inspected by the Chartered Accountant, shall be reviewed by the Accountant General, Manipur.
- (4) The audited statement/report shall be submitted to the State Government during the month of June every year.

- (5) The Authority shall open and operate bank accounts in the nationalized banks functioning at Imphal according to the convenience of the Authority.
- (6) The accounts shall be operated jointly by the Project Director and Accounts Officer of the Authority.
- (7) Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Commissioner / Secretary of the Secretariat Administrative Department of the Government of Manipur, shall countersign the cheque for an amount more than rupees ten lakhs.

CHAPTER - VIII

10. Appointment of Project Director:-

- (1) Under the provision of sub-section(1) of the section-14 of the Act, the State Government shall appoint a Project Director of the Loktak Development Authority from amongst the following :-
 - (a) Members of All India Service or Manipur Civil Service.
 - (b) Persons holding the rank not below Addl. Chief Engineer of the State Engineering Departments.
 - (c) Persons holding Bachelor's Degree in Engineering and having 15 years experience in wetland management.
- (2) A person who is appointed as Project Director shall hold that post of Project Director for a period of 3 (three) years and he may be eligible for re-appointment :

Provided that the Project Director may be terminated before expiry of the term of 3 (three) years for reasons to be recorded.

11. Delegation of financial power:-

- (1) Project Director shall act as the drawing and disbursing officer and also act as the custodian of all the properties and stores of the Authority.
- (2) The Authority, with the approval of the State Government, shall lay down the procedure for the award of contract, implementation of works and delegation of financial powers.

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