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NOTIFICATION

No. H.12018/113/2002-LJD, the 29th March, 2022: The following Act is hereby published for general information.

**“The Mizoram Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 2022”
(Act No. 2 of 2022)**

(Received the assent of the Governor of Mizoram on 8.3.2022)

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ACT

Further to amend the Mizoram Fisheries Act, 2002 (Act No. 12 of 2005)

It is enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Mizoram in the Seventy-Second Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

CHAPTER-I

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title extent and commencement.-

- 1) This Act may be called *the Mizoram Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 2022*.
- 2) It shall have the like extent as the Principal Act.
- 3) It shall come into force on the date of publication in the Official Gazette

In section 2 of the Mizoram Fisheries Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as the “Principal Act”).

2. Amendment of section 2.-

- 1) Clause (c) shall be substituted by the words and symbols, “fish” includes finfish, shellfish, turtle and any other aquatic organisms of economic and ecological importance in all stages of its life”.

- 2) In clause (d), after the words, '*includes any officers*', the words, '*serving under the Department of Fisheries*', shall be inserted.
- 3) In clause (g), the word, '*soil*' shall be substituted by the word and symbol '*water/ river bed*'.

CHAPTER-II
PROTECTION, CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF
FISHERIES

3. Amendment of section 4.-

In section 4 of the Principal Act,

- 1) In sub-section (1), after the words, 'Fishery Warden', the words, '*in each District to be headed by a Chief Fisheries Warden at the state level*', shall be inserted.
- 2) In sub-section (4), the words and symbol '*police*' and '*Sub-inspector of police or the*' shall be omitted.

4. Amendment of section 6.-

In section 6 of the Principal Act.

- 1) In clause (c) of sub-section (1), the word '*or*' shall be inserted between the words '*electrical*' and '*mechanical*'.
- 2) In sub-clause (vii) of clause (e) of sub-section (1), the word and symbol, '*vending*' shall be inserted after the words '*Catching*'. "*The Government may by notification specify a permissible size or weight for a species or group of species.*" shall be inserted after the word and symbol '*weight*'.
- 3) In sub-section (2), the words, "*one month*" shall be substituted by the words, "*two months*" and the words "*three months*" shall be substituted by the word "*four months*" and also the words "*five thousand*" shall be substituted by the words "*eight thousand*".
- 4) In sub-section (4), the words, "*fifteen days*" shall be substituted by the words, "*one month*" and the words, "*thirty days*" shall be substituted by the words "*two months*" and also the words "*two thousand five hundred*" shall be substituted by the words, "*four thousand*" and the words "*Any undersize species of fish shall be liable to be confiscated by the authority*" shall be inserted after the word '*both*'

5. Amendment of section 8.-

In sub-section (1) of section 8 of the Principal Act, the words and symbol, '*Sub-Inspector of police*' shall be substituted by the words and symbol, '*Head-Constable or any Forest Officer not below the rank of Forester*'

6. Amendment of section 9.-

In sub-section (2) of section 9 of the Principal Act, the words, '*Sub-Inspector of Police*' shall be substituted by the words and symbol, '*Head-Constable or any forest officer not below the rank of Forester*'.

7. **Amendment of section 10.-**

In sub-section (1) of section 10 of the Principal Act, the words, '**one thousand**' shall be substituted by the words, '**two thousand**'.

SCHEDULE
DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES COMPOUNDABLE UNDER
SECTION 10

8. **Amendment of schedule**

Serial number 3 in the schedule of the Principal Act, the words, '**Fishing or attempting to fish with any method other than the prescribed method**' shall be substituted by the words and symbols, '**catching, vending or sale of fishes below notified permissible size.**'

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