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NOTIFICATION

Imphal, 14th February, 2025

No. FOREST-101/7/2020-FE-Dept (For & Env): In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 41 and 42 read with Section 76 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 (XVI of 1927), and in pursuance of the Cabinet decision taken in its sitting held on 10-10-2024, the State Government of Manipur hereby makes following Rules to amend the Manipur Forest Rules, 2021 (here-in-after referred to as the Principal Rules), namely:

The Manipur Forest (1st Amendment) Rules, 2024

1. Short title and commencement:-

- (i) These Rules may be called the Manipur Forest (1st Amendment) Rules, 2024.
- (ii) It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Amendment of Rule 2:-

In sub-rule (u) of Rule 2 of the principal rules, after the words "Forest Department" the words "or the National Transit Pass System developed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India" shall be inserted.

3. Amendment of Rule 37:- In rule 37 of the principal rules,-

- (i) in sub-rule (2) the words "Forest Department" shall be omitted.
- (ii) for sub-rule (3), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(3) (i) No forest produce shall be transported into or outside the State or within the State of Manipur without a Transit Pass in prescribed form or e Transit Pass/No Objection Certificate issued through online National Transit Pass System. The e-Transit Pass/No Objection Certificate shall be issued by a Forest Officer duly authorized under these rules or by online National Transit Pass System electronically.

(ii) e-Transit Pass/No Objection Certificate issued through online National Transit Pass System shall also be valid in the whole of the State of Manipur and in-lieu transit pass shall not be required for forest produce being transported by it".

(iii) After sub-rule (3), the following shall be added, namely:-

"In addition to sub-rule (1), (2) and (3) above, for transportation for timber and timber products including finished products outside the State, within the North-East and outside the North-East, the standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) issued by the Central Government from time to time shall be followed".

4. This is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department, Government of Manipur, vide their U.O. No.7/2023-24/FD(19-P/7), dated 29/02/2024, and also after obtaining the observation of Law Department, Government of Manipur.

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Government of Manipur.