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NOTIFICATION

No. A.12018/1/2002-P&AR(GSW), the 18th December, 2024: In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution, the Governor of Mizoram hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Mizoram Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Service Rules, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as the principal rules) as follows, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement.-
 - (1) These rules may be called the Mizoram Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Service (Amendment) Rules, 2024.
 - (2) They shall come into force from 1st Januray, 2025.

2. Insertion of rule 20A.-

In the principal rules, after rule 20, the following rule 20A shall be inserted as follows, namely:-

“20A. Prohibition of private practice and payment of Non Practising Allowance to Members of the Service

 - 1) Members of the service shall be prohibited from engaging in any form of private practice, including any consultation and laboratory practice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Government may, in its discretion, grant prior permission to members of the service to engage in private practice, including consultation and laboratory practice, subject to such conditions and guidelines as may be prescribed by the Government from time to time, provided that such practice does not adversely affect the discharge of their official duties.
 - 2) Members of the service who are registered as veterinary practitioners with the Veterinary Council of India or State Veterinary Council and are not engaged in any form of private practice, including any consultation or laboratory practice, shall be eligible for a non-practicing allowance at rates determined by the Government from time to time. Such allowance shall be restricted to veterinary posts requiring qualifications prescribed under the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984 and where the following conditions are met:-
 - (a) The post is a clinical one.
 - (b) The post is a whole time post

- (c) There is ample scope for private practice, and
- (d) It is necessary to prohibit private practice in public interest.

Note 1: Notwithstanding any Government Notifications, Circulars, or Orders pertaining to Non-Practising Allowances and Private Practice that may be inconsistent with these rules, the provisions herein shall prevail.

Note 2: Private practice under these rules refers to any veterinary activity undertaken by a government veterinary doctor outside their officially designated duties and responsibilities within the public animal healthcare system, for which they receive direct or indirect financial compensation other than salary and allowances received from the government and which has the potential to compromise their commitment to public service and negatively affect the accessibility, affordability, and quality of animal healthcare services provided by the government. This includes, but is not limited to:

- 1) Providing consultations or treatment at private veterinary clinics or hospitals.
- 2) Conducting surgeries or other procedures outside of their government role.
- 3) Offering veterinary services through telemedicine platforms for private entities.
- 4) Owning or having a financial stake in a veterinary clinic, private run hospitals, pharmacy, diagnostic lab, or similar businesses that benefit from their professional expertise.
- 5) Receiving gifts, favors, or other benefits in kind from clients in connection with their veterinary practice.

Note 3: Clinical post under these rules refers to any government veterinary position primarily dedicated to direct animal care, diagnosis, treatment, and veterinary procedures within a government-operated animal healthcare setting. These posts involve duties directly associated with the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of animal patients, typically in veterinary hospitals, health centres, or clinics under government administration. It excludes posts where the primary functions are administrative roles with no direct animal patient contact, research positions with no direct animal patient contact, and teaching positions without clinical responsibilities.”

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Note: The principal rules were notified vide No. A.12018/1/2002-P&AR(GSW) dated the 28th October, 2016 and published in the Mizoram gazette extra ordinary issue number 446 dated 28.10.2016.