No.21/43/2017-R
GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
SECRETARIAT: REVENUE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE MEMORANDUM
Imphal, the 19th September, 2017

No.21/43/2017-R: Whereas the Manipur Conservation of Paddy Land and Wetland Act, 2014 was enacted with the primary objective to conserve the paddy land and wetland and to restrict the conversion or reclamation in order to promote growth of agricultural sector in the state of Manipur and came into force from the 10th of September, 2014;

2. Whereas the Act extends to the whole of the state of Manipur where the Manipur Land Revenue and Land Reforms Act, 1960 is extended and section 3 of the Act prohibits conversion or reclamation of paddy land except in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid conservation Act;

3. Whereas the Act provides for conversion or reclamation of paddy land of an area measuring 0.10 acre in urban area and 0.20 acre in rural area for construction of residential building for the owner of the paddy land for his own purpose if the owner of the paddy land or his family does not own a suitable land for this purpose in the state;

4. Whereas there are reports of conversion or reclamation of paddy land in violation of the Act and it is felt necessary to take immediate steps to check such conversion or reclamation of paddy land in violation of the provisions of the Act;

5. Whereas section 4(3)(a) of the Act provides that a data bank with the details of paddy land along with the survey numbers shall be prepared with the help of the maps prepared on the basis of the satellite images;

6. Whereas, it is now considered necessary and expedient, in public interest, to cause proper identification of the status of the paddy land through digitised cadastral maps on the basis of satellite images of paddy lands existing at the time of the commencement of the Act i.e. 10th September, 2014 and preparation of such data bank to be completed in a month's time with the help of MARSAC. Further, the data and the maps so prepared are to be put in the public domain on the websites of the Departments of Revenue and Agriculture in order to facilitate examination of applications for conversion of paddy land and wetland with reference to such published data/maps;

7. Whereas the State Government is of the view that any process for conversion/reclamation of paddy land without reference to the data bank prepared under the Act will not achieve the primary object of the Act.

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8. Now, therefore, it is hereby notified for information of all that no process for conversion or reclamation of paddy land shall take place without reference to the data –bank referred to in section 4(3)(a) of the Act and conversion or reclamation of paddy land in violation of the provisions of the Act shall attract penalty as provided in the said Act. Further, in case of conversion or reclamation of paddy land in violation of the existing land law prior to the commencement of this Act, restoration of the land shall be made under MLR&LR, Act, 1960. All Deputy Commissioners of the Districts where the Act is applicable are hereby directed to comply strictly with the above provisions and ensure that no such conversion or reclamation of paddy land and wetland takes place and/or allowed/ permitted until further instructions. However, these restrictions shall not apply to cases of public purpose with the approval of the State Government.

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Commissioner (Revenue)
Government of Manipur

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