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GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR  
SECRETARIAT—LAW DEPARTMENT  
NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 26th June, 1968

No. 4/3/67-Judl/L.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 19 of the Indian Treasure Trove Act, 1878 (6 of 1878) read with the Government of India, late States Ministry, Notifications No. 104-J dated 24-8-50 and 29-J dated 7-2-1952, and in supersession of all previous rules and orders on the subject, the Administrator, Manipur, hereby makes the following rules, namely :—

**The Manipur Treasure Trove Rules, 1968**

1. Short title :—These rules may be called the Manipur Treasure Trove Rules, 1968.
2. Definitions :—In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires :—
  - (a) “the Act” means the Indian Treasure Trove Act, 1878 (6 of 1878);
  - (b) “Collector” means the Deputy Commissioner, Manipur, and includes the Additional Deputy Commissioner
  - (c) “Government” means the Government of Manipur ;
  - (d) “Section” means a section of the Act ;
  - (e) “Treasure Trove Officer” means the Curator of the Museum of the Government of Manipur, Imphal.
3. Collector’s Report.—On receipt of any notice under section 4, or on receipt of information from any person other than the finder, that a treasure has been found, the collector shall report the fact to the Government and the Treasure Trove officer stating—
  - (a) the name of the finder ;
  - (b) the nature and details of the treasure ;
  - (c) the appropriate value of the treasure ;
  - (d) the date of the finding of the treasure ; and
  - (e) the origin and surroundings of the treasure.

4. Proceedings when finder does not give notice.—If the information of the finding of treasure is given by a person other than the finder and the Collector is satisfied that the information so given is substantially correct, he shall, in addition to the notice required under section 5, serve a notice on the finder to show cause why he should not be prosecuted under section 20. The Collector may also serve a notice on the owner to show cause why he should not be prosecuted under section 21 if he has reason to believe that an offence under that section has been committed by the owner. After the service of such notice or notices, as the case may be, the Collector shall take such further proceedings in the matter as may be deemed expedient by him.

5. Publication of notification.—Every notification under clause (a) of section 5 shall be published in the Manipur Gazette and copies of such notification shall be hung up in the local police station, office of the Collector within whose jurisdiction the treasure was found and also in some conspicuous place in the town or village in which it was found. Copy of such notification shall be sent to the Treasure Trove Officer also.

6. Report of the Treasure Trove Officer.—Within sixty days of the receipt of such information from the Collector, the Treasure Trove Officer shall arrange for inspection of the treasure and shall submit his report to the collector whether the treasure or any part thereof should be acquired by the Government.

7. Acquisition of Treasure.—(1) The Collector shall, before acquiring or making a declaration under section 16 of his intention to acquire on behalf of the Government any treasure or any part thereof, obtain the order of the Government in the Education Department.

(2) If the Government in the Education Department decide to acquire such treasure, or any part thereof, whether on the report of the Treasure Trove Officer or otherwise, the Government shall accordingly inform the Collector, who, after making the declaration under section 9 and complying with the provisions of section 16, shall, as soon as possible forward the treasure or any part thereof so acquired either to the Treasure Trove Officer or any other centre as the Government may specify in this behalf.

Provided that the Government shall make and communicate the decision to acquire the finds under this rule within two months of the receipt of information from the Collector failing which it shall be deemed that the Government do not propose to acquire them.

8. Distribution of treasure.—The Treasure Trove Officer, in the event of the Government deciding to acquire the treasure or any part thereof, shall recommend to the Government its distribution among museums and institutions in the following order of priorities :

(a) principal museum of Manipur and the National Museums ;

- (b) other museums in Manipur managed by the Government or other public authorities ;
- (c) principal State Museums and Universities in places outside Manipur ;
- (d) other museums or institutions.

9. Acquisition of old coins not treasure trove. — The Collector may purchase any coins, whether gold, silver or copper, which appear to be old when they are less than Rs. 10/- in value. Coins so purchased shall be submitted to the Government in the Education Department for distribution in the manner described in rule 8.

10. Sale.—The Government, after assessing the needs of the museums and institutions mentioned in rule 8, may, in consultation with the Treasure Trove Officer, place a part of the treasure or coins acquired under rules 7(2) or rule 9 or otherwise for sale to the public after notifying the proposed sale in such manner as the Government may deem fit.

11. Price.—The price of the finds notified for sale shall be fixed by the Government after consulting the Treasure Trove Officer and shall be specified against each item in the notification of the proposed sale. The amount realised from such sale shall be credited to the Government under the appropriate Head of the Revenue Department.

12. Return.—The Treasure Trove Officer shall send a consolidated report of the treasure found during the financial year to the Government of India in the Ministry of Education through the Education Department of the Government.

13. Cost of services of notice.—All notices issued under clause (b) of sections 5 or in pursuance of any rules framed under the Act shall be served at the cost of the Government.

14. Proceeds of fines to be credited to Government.—All fines levied under the Act shall be credited to the appropriate Head of the Revenue Department.

15. Subject to be included in the land Revenue Annual Report.—The Collector shall include the result of the working of the Act and the details of the finds in the Annual Reports.

By order of the Administrator,

O. P. MEHROTRA,

Secretary to the Government of Manipur.