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## GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR SECRETARIAT—LSG : DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 17th March, 1973

No. 8/1/73-LSG(GT).— In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of the Section 34 of the Shri Govindaji Temple Act, 1972 (Manipur Act 12 of 1972) the Governor of Manipur is pleased to make the following Rules, namely:—

### THE SHRI GOVINDAJI TEMPLE RULES, 1973.

1. (1) These rules may be called the Shri Govindaji Temple Rules, 1973. Short title and commencement.  
(2) They shall come into force at once.
2. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires. Definitions.
  - (i) "Act" means the Shri Govindaji Temple Act, 1972 (Manipur Act No. 12 of 1972) ;
  - (ii) "Bye-Laws" means the bye-laws made by the Board under sub-section (1) of the section 30 and confirmed by the State Government under sub-section (2) of that section ;
  - (iii) "Section" means a section of the Act ;
  - (iv) words and expression used but not defined in these rules shall have the meaning assigned respectively to them in the Act.
3. Unless the context otherwise requires, the Manipur General Clauses Act, 1966 (Manipur Act No. 3 of 1966) shall apply to the interpretation of these rules as it applies to the interpretation of a Manipur Act. Mode of interpretation.
4. The Deputy Commissioner shall, after the constitution of the Board has been notified in the Official Gazette under sub-section (2) of section 5, call the first meeting of the Board, and the President or the person officiating as such shall call the subsequent meetings thereof. Call of meetings of the Board.
5. (1) Subject to bye-laws made by the Board under the Act and to resolutions passed by it in that behalf from time to time, the seva and puja and other ceremonies usually performed in the Temple prior to the commencement of the Act shall continue to be so performed after the commencement of the Act as they were prior to such commencement. Puja and Festivals.

(2) Subject to such bye-laws and resolutions made or passed by the Board, the following religious festivals shall be celebrated in the same manner as they were prior to the commencement of the Act, namely :—

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| (a) Cheiraoba                    | (m) Durga Puja            |
| (b) Ekshya Tritiya               | (n) Wakhinba Ras          |
| (c) Snan Jatra                   | (o) Mera Shoyan           |
| (d) Basant Ras                   | (p) Govardhan Puja        |
| (e) Jalakeli                     | (q) Gost-Astami           |
| (f) Rath-Jatra                   | (r) Shri Govinda Abhishek |
| (g) Punar Jatra                  | (s) Hariuthan             |
| (h) Harishayan                   | (t) Waphukpa Ras          |
| (i) Jhulon Jatra                 | (u) Shri Panchami Puja    |
| (j) Krishnajanma (Janmasthanami) | (v) Shivaratri            |
| (k) Radhajanma                   | (w) Tila Sankranti and    |
| (l) Bamajanma                    | (x) Phaguwa.              |

Submission  
of Adminis-  
tration Re-  
port.

6. The Board shall submit an annual report on the administration of the affairs of the Temple for the year ending on the 31st December to the State Government on or before the 31st day of January of the following year :

Provided that the Board may, with the previous permission of the State Government, submit before the end of February of every year the annual report along with the copy of annual budget to be submitted to the State Government under sub-section (2) of section 26.

Qualifica-  
tions for  
appointment  
of Executive  
Officer.

7. (1) No person shall be appointed Executive Officer unless:—

- (a) he professes the Hindu religion and accepts the form of worship practised at the Temple ;
- (b) he possesses an educational qualification not below matriculation or its equivalent and has a good knowledge of Manipuri ;
- (c) he is a citizen of India and a permanent resident of Manipur ; and
- (d) he is more than 30 years of age on the date of his appointment.

(2) A person shall be disqualified for appointment as the Executive Officer if—

- (a) he or any of his relatives has any interest directly or indirectly in any contract with the Board, other than his appointment as the Executive Officer ;
- (b) he was dismissed from the service of the Central Government or any State Government or any local authority ;

- (c) he has been convicted of an offence which, in the opinion of the State Government, involved moral turpitude ;
- d) he is of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court ;
- (e) he is an undischarged insolvent ; or
- (f) he has, in the opinion of the State Government, acted in a manner prejudicial to the interest of the endowment

8. (1) The Board shall not appoint a person as an officer or servant, other than the Executive Officer, thereof unless —

- (a) he professes the Hindu religion and accepts the form of worship practised at the Temple ;
- (b) he possesses such qualifications, academic or otherwise, as may be specified by the Board with the approval of the State Government ;
- (c) he is a citizen of India ; and
- (d) he has attained majority under the Indian Majority Act, 1875 (IX of 1875).

Qualifications for appointment of other officers and servants.

(2) The provisions of sub-rule (2) of rule 7 shall also apply to the appointment of an officer or servant, other than the Executive Officer, of the Board.

9. The accounts of the Board in any Bank or Post Office shall, unless otherwise directed by the Board, be operated by the President and the Executive Officer jointly.

Operation of accounts.

10. (1) There shall be a Provident Fund for, the benefit of the Executive Officer and other officers and servants of the Board.

Provident Fund.

(2) The Executive Officer and every other officer and servant of the Board receiving a salary of Rs. 100/- per mensem or more shall be entitled and required to subscribe to the Provident Fund. Part time, temporary or officiating employees and employees appointed for less than three years shall not be so entitled.

(3) The rate of subscription shall be 9 (nine) percent of the monthly basic salary, and the amount calculated on this basis shall be deducted from the monthly salary of the employees. The Board shall in the case of each subscriber make a monthly contribution equal to the subscription of the employee :

Provided that no subscription or contribution shall be made to the Provident Fund of an employee who is on leave without pay.

(4) The amounts accruing to the Provident Fund shall be placed in a recognised Bank or invested in securities authorised by the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 (II of 1882) or in National Savings Certificates at the discretion of the Board.

(5) A subscriber, at the termination of his service, shall be entitled to receive the amount which accumulates to his credit, and on his death the amount at his credit shall be paid to the person or persons nominated by him or when no such nomination was made in his life time, to his legal heir or heirs.

(6) (a) No final withdrawal shall be permitted until the termination of the subscriber's service in the Board or his death, whichever is earlier. But the Board may, in exceptional cases of necessity, allow a subscriber an advance of a sum no exceeding the total amount subscribed by him at the same rate of interest at which interest is credited to the subscribers.

(b) When a subscriber has already taken an advance, he shall not be eligible for a fresh advance until the amount of the previous advance has been fully paid up.

**Conditions  
of Service.**

11. (1) The Executive Officer and any other officer or servant of the Board shall have the same conditions of service about retirement as the servants of the State Government.

(2) Such officers and servants shall also be entitled to leaves admissible under rules applied to the servants of the State Government.

(3) Every appointment of any person to the services of the Board shall be on a temporary basis until it is confirmed by the Board by a resolution in that behalf, or by the State Government in the case of the Executive Officer.

**Travelling  
allowance.**

12. The Executive Officer shall get such travelling allowances as is granted to a Grade II officer of the State Government, and other officers and servants of the Board shall get such travelling allowances as are fixed by the Board with the approval of the State Government.

**Termination.**

13. Any temporary appointment under the Board may be terminated if one month's notice in writing to that effect is given either by the Board or by the employee, and in the case of the Executive Officer such notice shall be given either by the State Government or by the Executive Officer :

Provided that such notice may not be required, or the period of notice may be shortened, as agreed upon between the parties concerned.

**Punishment  
of officers  
and servants**

14. The Executive Officer or any other officer or servant of the Board may be inflicted with any of the following punishments, namely :

- (a) censure,
- (b) withholding of increments,
- (c) reduction in pay,
- (d) recovery from pay of the whole or part of any pecuniary loss caused to the endowment by negligence or breach of orders,

- (e) removal from service which does not disqualify him for future employment, and
- (f) dismissal from service which ordinarily disqualifies him for future employment.

15. (1) No order of punishment of such an officer or servant of the Board, other than an order based on facts which have led to his conviction in a criminal court, shall be passed unless he has been informed in writing of the grounds on which it is proposed to take action, and has been afforded an adequate opportunity of defending himself. The grounds on which it is proposed to take action shall be reduced in the form of a definite charge or charges, which shall be communicated to the concerned officer or servant, together with a statement of the allegations on which each charge is based and of any other circumstances which it is proposed to take into consideration in passing orders in the case. He shall be required within a reasonable time, to put in a written statement and to state whether he desires to be heard in person. If he so desires or if the Board, or in the case of the Executive Officer, the State Government, so directs, an inquiry shall be held by the Board or a Committee thereof formed in that behalf or the State Government, as the case may be. At that inquiry oral evidence shall be recorded as to such allegations as are not admitted, and he shall be entitled to cross-examine the witnesses called :

**Procedure.**

Provided that the Board or the Committee or the State Government, as the case may be, may, for special and sufficient reason to be recorded in writing, refuse to call a witness.

(2) The proceedings contained in sub-rule (1) shall contain sufficient record of evidence and statement of the findings and the grounds thereof.

(3) A similar procedure may, at the discretion of the Board or the State Government, as the case may be, be followed before an order of punishment is passed on an officer or servant whose appointment is temporary.

16. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the last preceding rule, the President may, in exceptional cases for sufficient reason to be recorded in writing, suspend an officer or servant of the Board, other than the Executive Office, pending an enquiry at any time and immediately proceed with the investigation of the charge or charges against him :

**Suspension.**

Provided that in case the approval of the Board to this action is not obtained within three months of the date of the order of the President, the order and the investigation thereunder shall lapse.

17. (1) Whenever the Board is of the opinion that an action may be taken against the Executive Officer, it shall, by a resolution in that behalf, send in writing to the State Government the specific allegations against him.

**Action against Executive Officer.**

(2) On receipt of the allegations, the State Government shall make an enquiry according to the procedure prescribed under rule 15 :

Provided that the State Government may, in exceptional cases for sufficient reason to be recorded in writing, suspend the Executive Officer pending an enquiry at any time and immediately proceed with the investigation of the charge or charges against him.

Subsistence allowance.

18 (1) Whenever the Executive Officer or any other officer or servant of the Board is suspended, he may be given a subsistence allowance for the period of suspension. The amount of such allowance shall not be less than one fourth of his last pay drawn.

(2) The subsistence allowance shall be paid from the Temple fund

Allowance of the President & other members.

19. (1) The President and the other members of the Board shall get a sitting allowance of Rupees ten for every day of meetings of the Board or a Committee thereof.

(2) The President and the other members shall further get such travelling allowance as is granted to Grade I Officers of the State Government.

By order and in the name of the Governor,

C. I. SINGH

Under Secretary (LSG) ; to the Govt. of Manipur.