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Whereas Section 11 of the Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998 empowers the Central Government to make Rules and the Central Government has made the Lottery (Regulation) Rules, 2010 vide Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India's G.S.R. No. 278(E) dated New Delhi, and the 1st April, 2010;

Whereas section 12 of the said Act of 1998 also empowers the State Government to make rules.

Now, therefore, the Governor, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 12 of the said Act and in supersession of earlier notifications in this regard is pleased to make the following rules, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement:-

- (1) These Rules may be called the Nagaland Lotteries (Regulation) Rules, 2022;
- (2) They shall come into force on and from the date of publication in the official Gazette.
- (3) They shall apply to all the Paper and Online Lotteries organized, conducted and run by the Government of Nagaland.

2. Definitions:-

In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires -

- (a) "Act" means the Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998;
- (b) "Central Computer Server" means a system of multiple computers at a central location under the direct control of the Directorate of State Lotteries that accepts, processes, stores and validates the online lottery transaction or otherwise manages, monitors and controls the entire system of online lotteries.
- (c) "Central Rules" means the Lotteries (Regulation) Rules, 2010 as notified by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi vide GSR 278 (E) dated 1st April, 2010;

- (d) "Designated Authority" means the officer in the rank of Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, who shall be responsible for organising the State lotteries as provided in section 3(13) of the Lotteries (Regulation) Rules, 2010.
- (e) "Director" means the Director of Nagaland State Lotteries, Government of Nagaland, Kohima;
- (f) "Discount" means the Discount given by the Government to the Distributor/**Distribution** Network on Maximum Retail Prize of each ticket.
- (g) "Distribution Network" includes Distributor, its Sub Distributor, its Regional Distributors, Area Distributor, Stockists, Sub-stockist, Wholesalers, Retailers, sellers, etc.
- (h) "Distributor" means an individual or a firm or a body corporate or other legal entity under law so appointed by the Government of Nagaland through an agreement to market and sell lottery tickets on behalf of the Government of Nagaland;
- (i) "Draw" means a method by which the prize winning numbers are drawn for each lottery or lottery scheme by operating the draw machine, or by any other mechanical method based on random technology that is visibly clear to the viewers;
- (j) "Face value" means the value of each ticket arrived at after deduction of GST/other applicable taxes and discount, if any.
- (k) "Government" means Government of Nagaland.
- (l) "Maximum Retail Price of a Lottery" means, the value printed on each lottery inclusive of all taxes and charges.
- (m) "Minimum Guaranteed Revenue" means the amount of revenue to be paid by the Distributor over and above the proceeds of sale, irrespective of whether the Distributor has marketed the lottery tickets for allotted draws or not. However, the Government of Nagaland through its Designated Authority may sometimes, on the occurrence of some events included in the Force Majeure clause of the Agreement with the Distributor, waive/reduce this amount for reasons that are to be recorded in writing.
- (n) "Online Lottery" means a system created to permit players to purchase lottery tickets generated by a computer or any online machine at the lottery terminals where the information about the sale of a ticket and the player's choice of any particular number or combination of numbers is simultaneously registered with the central computer server.
- (o) "Organising State" means the State of Nagaland.
- (p) "Paper Lottery Tickets" means physical tickets printed in accordance with the Lotteries (Regulation) Act 1998 and Lotteries (Regulation) Rules, 2010 by a

Government Press or any other high security press included in the panel of the Reserve Bank of India or the Indian Banks' Association, Mumbai, other than Online Lottery.

- (q) "Prize" means the amount payable against a ticket bearing the winning number of any specified prize denomination.
- (r) "Proceeds of Sale" means the amount arrived at after the actual sold quantity of lottery tickets multiplied by the face value per ticket as provided in clause (j).
- (s) "Security Deposit" means a deposit or amount or bank guarantee or any other monetary instrument pledged or deposited with the Government of Nagaland by the Distributor in any form for due fulfilment of the contract or financial commitment.
- (t) "Small Prizes" means prizes up to ₹ 10,000/- for which no TDS is required under the Income Tax Act of 1961, and which can be distributed directly to the prize winners by the "Distributor's Distribution Network."
- (u) "Sold tickets" means 'lottery tickets' which have not been notified as unsold by the Distributor and its distribution Network/Channel.
- (v) "Unsold Tickets" means the 'lottery tickets' which have been notified as unsold by the Distributor and its distribution networks/channels before the draw in the manner as prescribed by the Government.

3. Headquarter and Branch/Camp Offices of the Director:

- (a) The Headquarter of office of the Director shall be at Kohima or at any other place within the geographical territory of Nagaland as may be decided by the State Government.
- (b) Branch/Camp offices of the Director shall be situated in all the States where the tickets of Nagaland State Government are being sold/to be sold.

4. Provisions of the Central Rules to apply: The provisions of the Central Rules viz. Lotteries (*Regulation*) Rules, 2010 shall apply, subject to the following changes-

- (a) Wherever the expression "Organising State" occurs, the same shall be construed as the "State of Nagaland".
- (b) Wherever the expression "Official Gazette" relating to the Organizing State occurs, it shall be construed as the Nagaland Gazette;
- (c) Wherever the expression "Consolidated Fund to the Organising State" occurs, it shall be construed as the "Consolidated Fund of the State of Nagaland".

5. Organisation of lottery:-

1) Purpose:

The State Government has decided to organise lotteries with the aim and objective of raising additional revenue to promote various developmental activities of social importance such as health, education, and poverty alleviation, empowerment of women, welfare and upliftment of vulnerable groups of society like destitute children, Divyangian person senior citizen etc. and the promotion of sports activities in the State.

2) Scope and Limitation:

The State Government shall conduct and organize online and paper lotteries subject to the conditions specified in the Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998, Central Lotteries (Regulation) Rules, 2010 and the Rules made thereunder, as well as the Nagaland Lotteries (Regulation) Rules, 2022, as amended from time to time, within and outside the **State** wherever the lottery tickets are permitted to be sold.

- 3) The Government shall announce in advance, in accordance with Section 3(3) of the Lottery (Regulation) Rules, 2010, read with these Rules, through a notification in the official gazette, the following information about each lottery proposed to be organised by it, namely:-
- a) The name of the lottery or lottery scheme;
 - b) Maximum retail price (MRP) of the lottery ticket;
 - c) Face Value per ticket; (value of each ticket arrived at after deducting the GST/other applicable taxes and the Discount, if any)
 - d) Total number of tickets printed in case of paper lottery;
 - e) Gross value of the tickets printed;
 - f) Name of the distributor with their addresses and contact information;
 - g) Prize structure;
 - h) The amount offered as prize money;
 - i) Periodicity of the draw;
 - j) The place where the draw shall be conducted; and
 - k) The procedure for drawing the prize winning numbers or tickets or prize-winners;

The Government of Nagaland shall through its Designated Authority shall issue notification on behalf of the Government.

- 4) In case the Government decides to organise more than one lottery, the procedure provided for in sub-rule (3) shall be separately followed for each lottery.
- 5) The number of lottery draws except six (6) bumper draws in calendar year organised by the Government of Nagaland from all the lottery schemes put together, shall not be more than twenty four draws per day.
- 6) No draws of a lottery shall be conducted on National Holiday (i.e., 26th January, 15th August and 2nd October).
- 7) The minimum sale price of a lottery ticket shall not be less than two rupees.

- 8) The draws shall be held in accordance with the approved schemes that have been notified and published in the extraordinary gazette as provided for in clause 3(3) of the Lottery (Regulation) Rules, 2010.
- 9) The State's lotteries shall be organised, conducted or promoted by the Government who shall authorize the Distributor for sale of tickets after entering into a written agreement.
- 10) The State lotteries shall be named as "Nagaland State Lotteries" with such other sub-names as may be decided by the Government /Director from time to time as per market conditions.
- 11) The distributor appointed by the State Government shall act in conformity with the provisions of the Act, the Central Rules and these Rules. The "Distributor Network," which includes its Sub-distributors, Regional Distributors, and Area Distributors appointed by the distributor, shall also act in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Central Rules, and these Rules.
- 12) No lottery in any form shall be organised by any authority other than the State Government within its jurisdiction.

6. Infrastructure for conduct of lotteries and certification:

- 1) The State Government shall be responsible for providing adequate infrastructure for conduct of lottery draws, whether paper, online, or both.
- 2) All guidelines and instructions issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) shall be scrupulously followed while procuring of draw machines or any other mechanical method based on random technology, which is visibly transparent to the viewers.
- 3) The Central Computer Server shall be installed within the geographical territory of the State and the Mirror Server shall be installed within the premises of the Directorate of State Lotteries, Kohima
- 4) The Directorate or Concerned Officer/Person duly appointed by the Government in this regard, shall exercise control and supervision over all infrastructure, including draw machine, Central Computer Server, Mirror Server, and so on.
- 5) The Directorate of State Lotteries shall obtain necessary certifications to ensure integrity of the hardware/software used for operation of online lotteries from the Standardization, Testing and Quality Certification Directorate (STQC) under the Ministry of Electronics & IT.

7. Appointment and Termination of Distributor(s):-

- A. To safeguard Government revenue, the Government may form a Screening Committee to conduct a thorough study of the lottery market, examine the terms and conditions followed by the Government and its distributor(s) in the past, and draft the Notice

Inviting Tender to carry out the lottery business. The following tender process will be used to select one or more distributors:-

- 1) The Government may, at its discretion, determine the number of distributors to market and sell Nagaland State lotteries at the time of the tender, as well as the number of draws allotted to each distributor in case there is more than one distributor.
 - 2) The Government of Nagaland **may** specify qualifying criteria such as turnover, net worth, experience for distribution and marketing of other **State's** lotteries, including other terms and conditions for marketing and selling State lottery tickets while processing the appointment of such distributors through a Notice Inviting Tender (NIT).
 - 3) The **Screening Committee** may specify the targeted annual revenue payable to the State based on the current market conditions in the lottery business.
 - 4) The procedures for technical and financial bids should be followed separately.
 - 5) The successful bidder/distributor shall furnish a security deposit/performance guarantee in the form of a Demand Draft, a Bank Guarantee, or a Fixed Deposit as specified in the agreement and approved by the Government. The amount of security deposit shall be decided by the Screening Committee while drafting the NIT. If there is more than one distributor, the same procedure shall be followed.
 - 6) The Director shall deliver or issue the lottery tickets to the distributor for sale against Performance Security to be deposited by the Distributor. In the event of a shortfall, the Directorate of State Lotteries is authorized to issue a written demand and the distributor shall be liable to furnish the same before taking delivery of the tickets.
- B. Notwithstanding any of the above, in the event of delay in finalizing the Tender by the Government, appointment of a Distributor may be done on an interim basis in the interest of protection of Government revenue. The Distributor so appointed through this Sub-Rule shall ensure the compliance of the Rules and Regulations relating to selling and marketing of lotteries, as if the appointment has been done through a Tender Process.
- C. The Distributor desiring to stop the marketing of tickets at their own will, shall be required to give prior notice of at least three months to the Government failing which the Distributor shall have to compensate the State Government for the revenue that it would have otherwise earned during the period of three months. The compensation amount shall be decided by the Director as mentioned in the agreement.
- D. In the event of any loss or damage caused to the State Government due to the omission or negligence of the Distributor, the same shall be made good (including damages, if any sustained by the State Government, as per the provisions of the Agreement) by the said Distributor.

8. Printing and Dispatch of Lottery Tickets:-

- 1) The paper lottery tickets and the stationery on which the online lottery tickets are issued shall be printed by the State Government at a Government Press or any other High Security Press included in the panel of the Reserve Bank of India or by the Indian Banks' Association, Mumbai.
- 2) The form, size and design of tickets shall be decided by the Director on behalf of the Government. The Director may also consider the suggestions made by the Distributor, if any as per the prevailing market conditions and demand.
- 3) The printed tickets for a particular draw shall bear the imprint and logo of the State Government, distinctive number, the date and time of draw and the MRP of the ticket and facsimile signature of Director, State Lotteries, Government of Nagaland. On the reverse side of the tickets, there shall be a printed information in English or any regional language showing prize structure, face value and such other essential details and conditions as the Government may consider necessary for the purchasers. Such terms and conditions which appear on the lottery tickets shall be determined by the Government through the Director.
- 4) Subject to lottery market requirements, the Director may print lesser tickets than those approved or notified by the Government in the official gazette. When placing the printing order, the Director, on the other hand, must specify the number of series, the number of tickets in each series, and the total number of tickets to be printed.
- 5) The Distributor shall get the delivery of all the printed lottery tickets for further sale in the market, against the security deposit through Delivery Challan. The amount of security deposit will be decided by the Director in consultation with the Government.
- 6) The Director shall arrange to deliver the tickets on behalf of the Government to the Distributor as the case may be at the place mutually agreed upon.
- 7) Any defect or deficiency noticed in the printed tickets shall immediately be brought to the notice of the Director. Under no circumstances should such defective tickets be sold. The purchaser(s) or Distributor, as the case may be, may get rectified tickets in exchange for the defective tickets without extra payment. The exchange will be done by the Government/Distributor immediately on production of the defective/mutilated tickets by the Distributor/Purchaser, as the case may be.
- 8) In case of loss of tickets in transit, the same shall immediately be brought to the notice of the Director for publication in the newspapers and to take suitable measure as deemed necessary.

9. Framing of Schemes:-

- 1) The Government may frame and introduce different lottery schemes from time to time. The Government may at its discretion, consult the Distributor while framing the various lottery schemes.
- 2) The schemes shall be liable to change or modification by the Government through the Director from time to time keeping in view market conditions and the suggestions if any, from the Distributor.
- 3) The number of prizes for each draw shall be as per the scheme decided by the director, which may increase or decrease, the percentage of the prize structure as per market trends.
- 4) The first prize in any lottery scheme shall not be less than ten thousand rupees.
- 5) The Government may at its discretion, draw the first prizes or prizes of a particular scheme/schemes, from only the sold lottery tickets in order to promote that lottery scheme/schemes and enhance its image.

10. Intimation of Marketing Arrangement to the State Government:-

- 1) It shall be the responsibility of the Director to inform the State Government under whose territory its lottery tickets are being sold/proposed to be sold about Lottery Scheme, the marketing arrangements such as persons/firms involved in the sale/distribution and security printers involved in the printing of lottery tickets.
- 2) The Designated Authority or the Director of State Lotteries shall be responsible for ensuring the smooth marketing and sale of lottery tickets that in the event of a crisis, maintain direct contact with the officer of the State Government under whose territory the tickets are sold.

11. Holding of Draw and Publication of Result:-

- 1) All draws of Nagaland State lotteries shall be held and conducted within the territory of Nagaland and shall be held and conducted under the direct supervision of the Director. **However**, the Director may authorise any one of his subordinates to manage and supervise the conduct of draws.
- 2) Normally there shall be 2 (two) judges for conduct of a Draw. The Judges may be such as gazetted officer of the State or Central Government, members of registered NGOs and persons holding responsible social positions. Under some unavoidable circumstances draws may be conducted by a single judge. Judges so appointed shall be paid a lump sum remuneration as may be decided by the Directorate of State Lotteries from time to time. The decisions of the Judges present shall be final in respect of all matters connected with the draw. The Director shall be authorised to appoint Judges for conduct of Draws.

- 3) The Distributor shall inform the details of the unsold tickets before the conduct of the draw, either in hard copy or electronically. However, in case of any natural calamities such as fire, flood, earthquake etc., or any other unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the Distributor, Government may accept such unsold tickets detail later after verifying the sufficient cause mentioned by the Distributor in writing. In the event of failure to do so, they shall be liable to pay for the entire quantity of the lottery tickets despatched to them.
- 4) The lottery draws shall be conducted strictly in accordance with the approved schemes, i.e. the lottery schemes notified under section 3(3) of the Lotteries (Regulation) Rules, 2010. However, in order to promote and enhance the sale of lottery and image of a lottery scheme, the Directorate of State Lotteries may, at its discretion, draw the first prizes or prizes of a specific scheme/schemes from only the sold lottery tickets.
- 5) The Directorate of State Lotteries shall keep records of the tickets printed, tickets issued for sale, tickets sold, tickets that remain unsold at the time of the draw, and the prize winning tickets, as well as the amount of the prize or prizes in respect of such draw, in the manner prescribed by the Government.
- 6) No prize shall be offered on a lottery ticket on the basis of single, double or triple digit in any form or combination.
- 7) The Director shall publish the result of the draws in at least one national and two **State** level newspapers in the State in which the lottery is usually marketed, out of which one shall be in English, as well as in the official website of the Directorate.
- 8) A certified copy of the results shall be supplied to the representative of the Distributor by the authorized officer(s) of the Government/Director after every draw conducted during the day.

12. Payment of Prizes:-

- 1) One ticket will enable the holder thereof to claim one prize only, whichever is higher.
- 2) Payment of Prizes above ₹ 10,000/- for which Income Tax will be deducted at source as per the Income Tax Act, will be made by the Director after deduction of Income Tax and other taxes as applicable and departmental charges, if any. The prize winner of this category will have to apply to the Director/Nodal Officer in the specified format within 30 (thirty) days from the date of draw.
- 3) Claims for the prizes above ₹ 10,000/- that are not submitted to the Director/Nodal Officer within the period of 30 (thirty) days from the date of draw will not be disbursed and will be forfeited to the State Government as unclaimed prize money.

Provided that the Director may, in some circumstances, disburse the prize amount to the prize winners on his/her application even after the expiry of the said period

if he/she is satisfied that the reasons for not claiming the prize amount within the said period are cogent and genuine.

- 4) The Government may authorize the Distributor along with its Distributor Network, in the agreement, to make payment of prizes on its behalf up to ₹ 10,000/- for which Income Tax will not be deducted at source as per Income Tax Act, 1961 to the prize winners within 30 days from the date of draw. The Distributor shall not be allowed any additional charges for payment of prizes. The Distributor shall also not be allowed to charge any additional costs for distribution of prize money to the winners.
- 5) For the unclaimed or undistributed prize money up to ₹ 10,000/- for which Income Tax will not be deducted at source, the Distributor shall, upon demand raised by the Director after verification of the prize winning tickets, deposit the amount into the Government account.
- 6) Torn, forged, mutilated or tampered tickets shall liable to be rejected. However, in case of doubt of genuineness of the ticket(s), the same shall be decided based on the report of a Forensic Science Laboratory. The fee for the verification shall be borne by the applicant in advance. Criminal action shall be taken against those who produce forged ticket.
- 7) The entire prize ranks shall be paid only in Indian currency.
- 8) The prize winning tickets (PWT) in respect of draws which are no longer required, shall be kept in the custody of the Director for a minimum period of 30 days from the date of submission of such tickets by the Distributor, after which it may be destroyed with the approval of the Director.
- 9) All claims of prizes above ₹ 10,000/- shall be submitted to the Director, along with:-
 - a) Claim-form, as may be specified by the Director from time to time, duly filled in:
 - b) Original prize winning ticket duly signed by the claimant on the back side of the tickets.
 - c) Four copies of passport-sized photographs of the holder of the winning ticket.
 - d) An affidavit in prescribed format on non-judicial stamp paper from any Magistrate/Notary.
 - e) Self attested copy of such other documents as may be notified.

However, if the claim for small prizes up to ₹ 10,000/- is made with the Director, such claim shall be processed by the Director with or without deduction of Tax at Source. For claims of small prizes up to ₹ 10,000/- each ticket shall be accompanied by separate sets of documents.

10) In case an individual makes multiple claims for small prizes up to ₹10,000/- in a single fiscal year, if the total amount exceeds ₹10,000/-, tax will be deducted at source in accordance with the Income Tax Act of 1961.

13. Accounts and Audit:-

- 1) The Director will raise an invoice to the Distributor at regular intervals or as determined by the Director from time to time, based on the face value per ticket notified in the official gazette as provided in clause 3 (c). For the purposes of maintaining and certification of accounts of lotteries, the Director may appoint a firm or Company of Chartered Accountants.
- 2) The Government/Director may appoint Firms/Company of Chartered Accountants and technical experts for the purpose of conducting its annual financial and systems audit.
- 3) The Distributor shall also appoint a Chartered Accountant for audit of its Financial Statements related to lottery operations and accounts.

14. Payment of Proceeds of Sale and Minimum Guaranteed Revenue:-

- 1) The Distributor shall deposit the Proceeds of Sale calculated on the Face Value of Tickets on the actual quantity of tickets sold, to the Government after the draw(s) within the prescribed period except for unclaimed prize amounts to be disbursed by the distributor on the demand raised by the Director.
- 2) The Director shall raise an invoice on the Face Value of tickets sold for this purpose.
- 3) Government shall notify the Discount to be provided to the Distributor/Distribution Network from time to time depending upon the scheme and **market** condition.
- 4) When the **Directorate** raises the demand after verifying the prize winning tickets submitted by the Distributor, the Distributor shall deposit the unclaimed prize money to the Government.
- 5) The Government shall fix a Minimum Guaranteed Revenue at the time of floating the Notice Inviting Tender. The Distributor shall be required to deposit the amount to this effect within such period specified by the Director.

However, the Minimum Guaranteed Revenue shall be fixed keeping in view the requirements of Rule 3(10) read with Rule 3(6) of the Lotteries (Regulation) Rules 2010 enacted by the Government of India.

- 6) All payments due from a Distributor to the Government of Nagaland shall be made by such Distributor by Demand Draft or any other mode of Bank transfer only in favour of the Director in a specific head of account for that purpose or in such other account as may be prescribed by the Government from time to time.

15. Payment of Printing Charges:

1. The revenue generated from unclaimed prize money and the scrap sale of unsold lottery tickets will be used to settle the bills of printing charges received from security printers engaged in the printing of Nagaland State lotteries.
2. In case of shortfall in payment of printing charges, the Directorate of State Lotteries shall be authorized to make an alternative arrangement to meet the expenses without affecting the proceeds of sale or the minimum guaranteed amount payable to the Government.

16. Payment of GST & Statutory Liability:

1. The Distributor shall be solely liable for payment of GST on the actual number of tickets sold under Reverse Charge Mechanism (RCM) basis. The Distributor(s) shall submit the GST paid receipts to the Directorate of State Lotteries on a monthly basis.
2. All other statutory taxes, levies, duties etc., within the State of Nagaland shall be borne and paid by the Government.
3. All the statutory taxes, levies, duties etc., in respect of sale of Nagaland State lotteries outside the State of Nagaland shall be borne as per the terms mutually agreed upon.

17. Disposal of unsold lottery-tickets:

- 1) The Distributor, after each draw is held, shall return all the unsold tickets, if any, of such lotteries to the Director of State Lotteries or shall keep at a secured place as the Government may prescribe from time to time.
- 2) Unsold tickets from the weekly/monthly/bi-monthly/bumper lottery, if any, shall be disposed of in the manner specified from time to time by the State Government or the Director. Any proceeds generated from the scrap sale of unsold lottery tickets shall be used to meet printing costs.

18. Power to Hire Contract Workers and Skilled labour:

1. On the basis of requirements, the Directorate of State Lotteries may hire manpower or skilled labour with prior Government approval to manage the godown/warehouse, store tickets received from security printers, handle work for issuance/delivery of tickets to Distributors(s), and counting of winning tickets submitted by Distributors(s) as and when required on a contractual basis from an agency with a similar job description.
2. The Directorate of State Lotteries shall ensure that contractual manpower or skilled labour do not create the constraints on the work of the Distributor(s) while performing the department's assigned work, and that there are no violations of the Act, Central as well as State Rules, or directions issued by Ministry of Home Affairs under Section 10 of the Lotteries (Regulations) Act, 1998.

19. Handling of Complaints and Disputes:-

1. The Government may constitute a committee to look into complaints received from the general public, including false allegations and make suggestions as it may deem fit to facilitate the smooth running of the State's lotteries. The report of the

Committee and its suggestions shall be considered by the Government for taking any action as it may deem fit.

2. Complaints shall be considered only if it is accompanied by a sworn affidavits. A complaint shall be dismissed if received without a name, signature, copy of a valid identity card, a sworn affidavit, and verifiable material to justify the complaint/allegation. Complaints/allegations shall be handled "promptly, fairly, and without charge." Furthermore, if the complaint/allegation is found to be false after a thorough investigation, appropriate action, both civil and criminal, may be taken against the complainant, and the complainant may be ordered to pay costs.

20. Interpretation:-

If any question arises as to the interpretation of these Rules or in regard to any matter not expressly provided for in these Rules, the matter shall be referred to the Government of Nagaland and the interpretation made thereon shall be final and binding;

Provided that no such interpretation shall be opposed to or be inconsistent with any of the provisions of the Central Act or the Rules.

21. Repeal: -

1) On and from the commencement of these Rules, the Nagaland State Lottery (Regulation) Rules, 2010 along with the amendments shall stand repealed.

2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the Rules so repealed, made under the repealed Rules, shall, if not inconsistent with any provisions of the Act, the Central Rules or these Rules, be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provisions of these Rules.

Sd/-

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