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GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM
VIGILANCE DEPARTMENT
MIZORAM SECRETARIAT BUILDING
MINECO: AIZAWL**

Dated Aizawl, the 6th August, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Communication of Classified Information by Government servants.

It has come to the notice of the Government that there have been instances of unauthorized disclosure of official information to the general public wherein such information gets subsequently widely circulated on social media. This raises serious concerns regarding security and confidentiality of information within the administration. It is therefore necessary to reiterate the critical importance of maintaining confidentiality and security of classified information and documents handled by Government officials.

It is the duty of all Government servants to safeguard the security of all information and classified papers to which they have access in the course of their official duties. The disclosure of such information to unauthorized individuals or entities, both within and outside the government can have serious repercussions on national security and public trust. Only Ministers, Secretaries and Officers specially authorized by competent authority are permitted to meet the representatives of the Press and give information.

In this regard, kind attention is also invited to this Department's Office Memorandum of even No. dt.21st May 2012. The following provision under Rule 11 of CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 is hereby reiterated which reads as under:

Rule 11. Communication of Official Information.

Every Government servant shall, in performance of his duties in good faith, communicate information to a person in accordance with the Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005) and the rules made there under :

Provided that no Government servant shall, except in accordance with any general or special order of the Government or in performance in good faith of the duties assigned to him, communicate, directly or indirectly, any official document or any part thereof or classified information to any Government servant or any other person to whom he is not authorized to communicate such document or classified information.

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This memorandum may serve as a reminder and directive for all Government servants to adhere strictly to the provisions of Rule 11 of the CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, and contribute to maintaining the highest standards of vigilance and confidentiality in the Government service. Non-compliance with the aforementioned provisions will draw adverse notice from the Government and will subject the offending Government servant to strict disciplinary action.

All Administrative Departments and Heads of Departments are hereby requested to inform all Government servants under their administrative control of this directive and ensure strict adherence.

Sd/- BETSY ZOTHANPARI SAILO
Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram
Vigilance Department

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