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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE &  
EMPOWERMENT AND TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
CIVIL SECRETARIAT  
ITANAGAR

**NOTIFICATION**

The 13th October, 2017

No. DSJE-130/2017 (Puroik).—The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh is pleased to make the following regulations to regulate the functioning of the Autonomous Puroik Welfare Board (APWB) namely :-

1. (1) These Regulations may be called the Autonomous Puroik Welfare Board (APWB) regulations, 2017.  
(2) They shall come into force on the date of issuance of these Regulations.
2. The main objectives for which the Board is established are as follows :
  - (i) To study the needs and requirements of Social Welfare for Puroik community from time to time through surveys, research and evaluation in such manner as may be considered necessary.
  - (ii) To co-ordinate assistance extended under Social Welfare activities by various Department and Ministries in Central and State Governments for the welfare of Puroik community.
  - (iii) To provide for settlement and housing in areas that are traditionally inhabited by Puroik community.
  - (iv) To prepare special schemes for the upliftment of the Puroik community in any sector as may be considered necessary namely - Agriculture, Education, Healthcare, Social Welfare, Industries, Housing etc., and submit to the State Government for fund allocation through the nodal department.
  - (v) To ensure the implementation of social welfare activities intended for the general welfare of the Puroik community such as welfare of the family, women, children and the handicapped.
  - (vi) To work for providing employment in cases of un-employment, ensuring proper wages, dignity in employment and providing coaching/tuition facilities and educational to the educated unemployed Puroik youth for competitive exams.
  - (vii) To provided for management old age, sickness, disablement and other cases of undeserved needs.
  - (viii) (a) To organize and implement special programmes for skill training linked with gainful employment.  
(b) To strengthen the tradition, culture of Indigenous faiths and empower them with education and employment.
  - (ix) To organize through State emergency relief in cases of calamity, natural or otherwise, whenever and wherever required for the well being of Puroik community within the State of Arunachal Pradesh.
  - (x) To prepare and present to the State Government through the nodal department, an annual budget with due approval of the Board.
  - (xi) To maintain accounts, manage finances, get audit done to ensure financial propriety.
  - (xii) To authorize the Executive Director/Member-Secretary to open Bank Accounts etc., with at least 2 signatories.
  - (xiii) To authorize the Executive Director/Member-Secretary to incur expenditure as per budget approved by the State Government for which the grant has been released and as per General Financial Rules and Regulations as issued from time to time.
3. The objects incidental or ancillary to the attainment of the main objects for which the APWB is established shall take all such steps as are necessary for the fulfillment of any or all of the aforesaid objects and without prejudice to the generality of the premises :
  - (i) To get allotment of suitable office premises from the State Government for establishing offices and work places for APWB in Civil Secretariat, Itanagar as well as in the DC's office of the 5 (five) districts inhabited by Puroiks namely, Kurung Kumey, Kra Dadi, West Kameng, Papum Pare and East Kameng.
  - (ii) To get required facilities including staff from the State Government to establish and run the offices so set up by the APWB.

- (iii) To collect, disseminate and utilize statistical and other information pertaining to the activities of the Board.
- (iv) To hold or participate in any Seminar, Conference and such other meetings for dissemination or discussions on subjects pertaining to the activities of the Board.
- (v) To promote, organize and also participate in national exhibitions, seminars, conferences and conventions, visit libraries and Museums to gain knowledge for schemes and programmes for upliftment of the Puroik Community.
- (vi) To subscribe to become a member of or otherwise co-operate with any other Association or Company that are incorporated and whose subjects are either wholly or part similar to those of this Board or which would promote the interest of the Board in helping the Puroik community.
- (vii) To have power to establish, regulate office or appoint representatives or agents or Advisory Committees consisting of members from the Puroik community, representatives of the State Government, representatives of the Central Government, Autonomous bodies etc in order to carry out the objects of the Board.
- (viii) To receive Grants in Aid from State Government or Central Government or any other recognized institutions as per the rules in force.
- (ix) To do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects in the welfare of the Puroik community.
4. The Board shall consist of a Chairperson who shall be the Principal Secretary (coordination), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, nominated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh. The Board shall also have such number of other members, not exceeding 14 (fourteen) having the following qualifications/eligibility. These shall be appointed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the recommendations of the authority as stated hereunder :

Sl. No.	Designation	Numbers	Qualifications	To be appointed by
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Vice Chairman	1	A senior member from Puroik Community 45 years of age.	HE, Governor Arunachal Pradesh
2.	Welfare Board Members	2	Senior eminent persons from Puroik Community 45 years of age.	HE, Governor Arunachal Pradesh
3.	Welfare Board Members	2	Young eminent persons from the Puroik Community between 30-35 years of age.	HE, Governor Arunachal Pradesh
4.	Welfare Board Members	1	From among the female members of the Puroik Community (18-40 years above)	HE, Governor Arunachal Pradesh
5.	Official Members	4	Secretaries of Department of SJETA, Rural Development, Finance and Labour and Employment, Government of Arunachal Pradesh	Hon'ble CM
6.	Executive Director cum Member Secretary	1	Director of the Department of SJETA, (Ex-Officio)	Hon'ble CM
7.	Member form Financial Institutions	2	From among any 2 eminent financial Institutions operating in Arunachal Pradesh	Hon'ble CM
8.	Special invitees	Any number but for specific period.	As recommended by HE Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Hon'ble Chief Minister or as recommended by Chairman of the Board.	Hon'ble CM

5. The Board may appoint any resource person/coordinator from among retired Government officers of the State Government who may have knowledge about the Puroik community as well as Government Rules and procedures and who can effectively assist the Board in achieving the objectives stated above.
6. The term and conditions of appointment and the salaries and other allowances payable to the chairperson and the other members of the Board shall be such as are prescribed by the State Government through the Nodal Department from time to time.
7. The Puroik Members and other non official members shall be entitled to a sitting fee/transport allowances for attending the meetings of the Board at the rate fixed and declared by the State Government through Nodal Department from time to time.
8. Any member of the Board desirous of retiring/resigning from the Board shall do so by writing to the Appointing Authority as stated above with a copy to the Executive Director of the Board. It shall be effective from the day it has been accepted by the Chairperson of the Appointing Authority/Hon'ble Chairperson. Any member of the Board will cease to be a member if his membership is terminated by State Government on the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister with or without assigning any reason. Any vacancy caused by the resignation or termination shall be filled up as indicated above in clause 4.

9. Vacancies shall not to invalidate proceeding of the Boards - No. act or proceeding of a Board shall be invalid merely by reason of -
  - (i) Any vacancy in, or any defect in the constitution of, the Board, or
  - (ii) Any defect in the appointment of a person acting as a member of the Board, or
  - (iii) Any irregularity in the procedure of the Board not affecting the merits of the cause of formation of the Board.
10. A register of members shall be maintained on which there shall be entered such information about the members may prescribed from time to time and as may be required.
11. Meetings of Board :
  - (i) The Board shall meet at such time and place and observe such rules of procedure in regard to the transaction of business at its meetings (including the quorum at such meeting) as may be prescribed by the Chairman of the Board. However, meeting of the APWB shall be held at least once in every 3 (three) months and one third of the members shall comprise the quorum. If the quorum is not complete/achieve within 30 minutes from the start of the meeting as per time given in the notice of the meeting, it shall be adjourned for 30 minutes and thereafter which the quorum shall not be necessary.
  - (ii) If the Chairperson is unable to attend a meeting of the Board, the Vice-Chairman shall preside over the meeting.
  - (iii) All question which come up before any meeting of the Board shall be discussed by the Board and then accordingly recommend to State Government for appropriate action.
  - (iv) Official Members shall not be entitled to any sitting fee or transport allowance.
12. Grants by the State Government : The State Government may, after due appropriation made by law in this behalf, make such Grants to the board for such sums of money/annually as the Government may consider necessary considering the Budget approved and provided for the APWB.
13. The Funds received by the Board shall consist of :
  - (a) Any Grants made to the Board by the State or the Central Government.
  - (b) All sums received by the Board from other sources.
14. The Fund shall be applied for meeting the :
  - (i) Expenses of the Board in the discharge of its function as stated above as per the approved budget for which Grant has been released by the State Government.
  - (ii) Salaries, allowances and other remuneration of the members, officers and other employees for the Board as per the approved budget for which Grant has been released by the State Government.
  - (iii) Expenses on achieving the objects and for purposes authorized under these Regulations as approved in the budget for which Grant have been released by the State Government.
15. The Board shall not, in any financial year, incur expenses towards salaries, allowances and other remuneration to its member officers and other employees and for meeting the other administrative expenses without due approval of the authority/authorities as per rules followed by State Government.
16. The Board shall prepare, in such form and at such time each financial year, as may be prescribed, its budget for the next financial year, showing the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Board and forward the same of the State Government through the Nodal Department for Grant by the State Government.
17. Preparation of an Annual report shall be mandatory. The Board shall prepare, in such form and at such time each financial year as may be prescribed, its annual report, giving a full account of its activities during the previous financial year, and submit a copy thereof to the State Government through the Nodal Department.
18. Keeping of Accounts and audit shall be ensured by the Board. The board shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepare an annual expenditure statement of accounts in such form as may be prescribed by the Nodal Department.
19. An internal Auditor shall be appointed by the Board and the accounts shall also be subject to Government. Audit as well.
20. The Board shall furnish its audited copy of accounts together with Auditor's Report to the State Government on or before such date as the State Government may determine.
21. The State Government shall cause the Annual Report and Auditor's Report to be laid, as soon as may be after they are received, before the State Legislature through the Nodal Department.
22. No alteration shall be made to these Regulations of the Autonomous Puroik Welfare Board which are for the time being in force unless such alteration is necessitate by compelling circumstances and submitted to and approved by the State Government.

This issue with the approval of Hon'ble Chief Minister vide U.O. No. 892 dated 11th August, 2017.

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