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### PART-IIA

#### GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

#### NOTIFICATIONS

The 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

**No.HPL.122/2019/127.** - In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to make the following Rules to further amend the Meghalaya Forensic Science Laboratory Service Rules, 2021, namely:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) These rules may be called the Meghalaya Forensic Sciences Service (Amendment) Rules, 2024.  
(2) They shall come into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.
2. **Amendment of rule 1.**- In the Meghalaya Forensic Science Laboratory Service Rules, 2021 hereinafter referred to as the principal rules, in rule 1, in sub-rule (1) for the words "Meghalaya Forensic Science Laboratory Service Rules" the words "Meghalaya Forensic Sciences Service Rules" shall be substituted.
3. **Amendment of rule 2.**- In the principal rules, in rule 2,-
  - (a) in clause (a) for the words "Director General of Police" the words "Director of Forensic Sciences, Meghalaya" shall be substituted.
  - (b) In clause (g) for the words "Meghalaya Forensic Science Laboratory Services" the words "Meghalaya Forensic Sciences Services" shall be substituted.
  - (c) in clause (i) for the words "Meghalaya Forensic Science Laboratory Service Rules" the words "Meghalaya Forensic Sciences Service Rules" shall be substituted.
  - (d) in clause (k) for the words "Meghalaya Forensic Science Laboratory Services" the words "Meghalaya Forensic Sciences Services" shall be substituted.
4. **Amendment of rule 3.**- In the principal rules, for the existing rule 3 the following shall be substituted, namely,-
  - 3. Constitution of the Services.**- There shall be constituted a service to be known as the Meghalaya Forensic Sciences Service consisting of the following persons namely:-

- (a) Members of the Meghalaya Forensic Sciences Service, recruited to the different posts before the commencement of these rules.
- (b) Persons recruited to the different posts in the service in accordance with the provision of these rules."
- 5. Amendment of rule 8.-** In the principal rules, in rule 8, in sub-rule (1), for the existing clause (ii) the following shall be substituted, namely,-
- "(ii) In the event the post cannot be filled up by promotion or by direct recruitment, the Government may depute an officer of the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya to function as the Director."
- 6. Amendment of rule 13.-** In the principal rules, in rule 13, in sub-rule (2), for the figure "27" the figure "32" shall be substituted.
- 7. Amendment of Schedule I.-** In the principal rules, for the existing Schedule I, the following shall be substituted, namely,-
- Pay Level of Director upgraded to Level-21.
  - Newly created sanctioned posts has increased from 9 to 11 for Gazetted posts and from 12 to 40 for Non-Gazetted posts.
- Schedule I is appended to these Rules.
- 8. Amendment of Schedule II.-** In the principal rules, for the existing Schedule II the following shall be substituted, namely,-
- Column 3 and Column 7 of Row 1:- In the event the post cannot be filled up by promotion or by direct recruitment, the Government may depute an officer of the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya to function as the Director till a regular Director is appointed.
  - Incorporation of newly established Units i.e. Cyber Forensic Unit and Crime Scene Investigation.
  - For the newly established Units *i.e.* Cyber Forensic Unit and Crime Scene Investigation, the educational qualification has been specified accordingly for relevant posts.
  - For other Units, the subject of Forensic Science has also been incorporated, in addition to other subjects under educational qualification for relevant posts.
  - Upper age limit enhanced to 32 years for the post of Scientific Officer, Senior Scientific Assistant, Scientific Assistant and Laboratory Assistant.
- Schedule II is appended to these Rules.

**SHAKIL P. AHAMMED,**

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Home (Police) Department.

**"Schedule-I****[See sub-rule (2) of rule 6]**

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Time Scale Pay	Pay Level	Number of Posts		
				Permanent	Temporary	Total
	<b>Senior State Service</b>					
1	Selection Grade Director	76900/-	L-21	1		1
2	Senior Grade-I Deputy Director	62400/-	L-18	3		3
3	Senior Grade-II Assistant Director	55500/-	L-17	2		2
4	Senior Grade-III Scientific Officer	45600/-	L-15	2	3	5
	<b>Total</b>			<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Time Scale Pay	Pay Level	Number of Posts		
				Permanent	Temporary	Total
	<b>Subordinate Service</b>					
1	Junior Grade-I Senior Scientific Assistant	37800/-	L-12	6	14	20
2	Junior Grade-II Scientific Assistant	32200/-	L-9	2	14	16
3	Junior Grade-III Laboratory Assistant	26500/-	L-6	3	1	4
	<b>Total</b>			<b>11</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>40</b>

## “Schedule - II

(see rule 8)

Sl. No.	Name of the post	Method of Recruitment of vacancies to be filled up in any recruitment year by direct recruitment or promotion	Direct Recruitment			Promotion			Remarks
			Educational qualification, etc. required for direct recruitment	Lower age limit	Upper age limit	Person eligible for consideration for promotion	Minimum qualification/experience, etc.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1	Director	Promotional/Direct Recruitment as stated at sub-rule (i) of Rule 8 OR Deputation as stated at sub-rule (i)(ii) of Rule 8	(i) M.Sc in Chemistry/Physics/Botany/Zoology/Biochemistry/Bio-technology/Physical Anthropology/ or M.Sc Forensic Science. (ii) Experience: 15(Fifteen) years in analytical/research experience, out of which 10(Ten) Years must be in Forensic Science. (iii) Desirable: Doctorate degree in the relevant discipline.	18 Years	45 Years	(i) Members who had rendered not less than 7(seven) years as Deputy Director. (ii) Members who had rendered not less than 10(ten) of combined service as Deputy Director and Assistant Director.  OR (iii) In the event the post cannot be filled up as above, the Govt. may depute an Officer of the rank of Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya till a regular Director is appointed.	As per sub-rule (1) of Rule 8 with minimum qualification of M.Sc.		
2	Deputy Director	By Promotion				(i) Members who had rendered not less than 7(seven) years as Assistant Director, or (ii) Members who had rendered not less than 7 (seven) years of combined service as Assistant Director and Scientific Officer.	As per sub-rule (2) of Rule 8 with minimum qualification of M. Sc.		
3	Assistant Director	By Promotion				(i) Member who had rendered not less than 5(five) years of Service as Scientific Officer, or (ii) Members who had rendered not less than 7(seven) years of combined Service as Scientific Officer and Senior Scientific Assistant.	As per sub-rule (3) of Rule 8 with minimum qualification of M. Sc.		

Sl. No	Name of the post	Method of Recruitment of vacancies to be filled up in any recruitment year by direct recruitment or promotion	Direct Recruitment				Promotion		Remarks	
			Groups	Division/Unit	Educational qualification, etc, required for direct for direct recruitment	Lower age limit	Upper age limit	Person eligible for consideration for promotion		Minimum qualification/experience, etc.
1	2	3			4	5	6	7	8	9
4	Scientific Officer	(i) 30% (fifty percent) by promotion							(i) Members who had rendered not less than 5 (five) years as Senior Scientific Assistant, or (ii) Members who had rendered not less than 7 (seven) years of combined service as Senior Scientific Assistant and Scientific Assistant.	As per sub-rule (4) of rule 8 with minimum qualification of B.Sc.
		(ii) 50% (fifty percent) by Direct Recruitment	Chemical Science	General Chemistry Drugs & Narcotics Toxicology Explosives	M.Sc in Chemistry/M. Sc Forensic Science with honours in Chemistry/Forensic Science at the degree Level	18 Years	32 Years			
			Physical Science	Physics Ballistics	M.Sc in Physics/M.Sc Forensic Science with honours in Physics/ Forensic Science at the Degree Level					
				Cyber Forensic Unit	M.Sc Forensic Science with BSc in Forensic Science/Physics/Electronics or with B.E/B.Tech at the degree level, Or 1. MSc in Physics/Maths/Applied Maths 2. M.Tech/ME in computer Science/Electrical/Electronic Engineering. 3. MSc in Digital Forensics and Information Security. 4. Master Degree in Computer Science/Computer Application/Cyber Security					
					Desirable: PGD/Specialization in Cyber Forensics or Certification in Cyber Forensics.					







Sl. No	Name of the post	Method of Recruitment of vacancies to be filled up in any recruitment year by direct recruitment or promotion	Direct Recruitment				Promotion		Remarks	
			Groups	Division/Unit	Educational qualification, etc, required for direct recruitment	Lower age limit	Upper age limit	Person eligible for consideration for promotion		Minimum qualification/experience, etc.
1	2	3			4	5	6	7	8	9
6	Scientific Assistant	(i) 50% (fifty percent) by promotion  (ii) 50% (fifty percent) by Direct Recruitment	Chemical Science  Physical Science  Biological Science  Documents Science Crime Scene Investigation	General Chemistry Drugs & Narcotics Toxicology Explosives Physics Ballistics Cyber Forensic Unit Serology Biology DNA Questioned Document  Mobile Forensic Crime Scene Unit	B.Sc in the appropriate subject prescribed for the groups	18 Years	32 Years	(i) Laboratory Assistant	10+2 Science with 10 years' experience as Laboratory Assistant	
7	Laboratory Assistant	100% by direct Recruitment	Nil	Nil	B.Sc in Forensic Science with any specialization.  Desirable: Certification in Crime Scene Investigation/Certification in Fingerprint Science/Certification in Laboratory Management/Quality Management System 10+2 (Science Passed)	18 Years	32 Years	Nil	Nil	

The 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

**No.AGRI(G)116/2024/27.** - In the interest and benefits of the Farmers of the State, the Guideline for implementation of the Meghalaya's Market Intervention Scheme for Supporting Farmers under the CM-ASSURE Scheme is hereby notified, with immediate effect.

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Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Agriculture is the backbone of Meghalaya's economy, providing livelihoods to a significant portion of the State's population. Despite Meghalaya's horticulture potential in crops such as ginger, turmeric, pineapple, oranges, broom grass and Arecanut, farmers face a plethora of challenges. Price volatility have remained one of the critical challenges in the state, leaving many farmers vulnerable to market fluctuations. In response, the government has been taking comprehensive steps to stabilize agricultural incomes and ensure fair prices for farmers. These initiatives include the establishment of a hub-and-spoke model of processing units, issuing of trial marketing grants and interest free working capital loans, creating robust market linkages with institutional buyers like Mother Dairy and LULU, and implementing targeted interventions for crops facing the highest distress.
- 1.2 However, price volatility due to various external factors remains a challenge that affects many farmers in times of fall in market prices. The Government of Meghalaya recognizes the need for intervention to stabilize the market and ensure fair compensation to farmers. The CM-ASSURE is proposed as a strategic response to these market-price fluctuations and is designed to support the state's small and marginal farmers.
- 1.3 The scheme represents a pro-active step by the government to support its farmers by purchasing the produce through a network of farmer collectives/aggregators at a fixed price, during periods of substantial fall in market-prices, which may lead to distress sale.

## **2. Central government's interventions for mitigating price volatility**

### **2.1 Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)**

PM-AASHA, or the Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan, is a flagship scheme by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. It focuses on safeguarding farmers' incomes by guaranteeing the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for 22 key crops, including cereals, millets, oilseeds, and pulses. The mandated crops are 14 crops of the kharif season, 6 rabi crops and two other commercial crops. In addition, the MSPs of toria and de-husked coconut are fixed based on the MSPs of rapeseed/mustard and copra, respectively. Amongst the listed crops for MSP, paddy is the only crop that is grown at some scale in the state. The Minimum Support Price mentioned for paddy (Rs. 22/Kg) is lower than the price that farmers of Meghalaya are getting, which starts from Rs. 25 per kg. Thus, the MSP program is not beneficial to the farmers of the State.

## **2.2 Mechanism for marketing of MFP through MSP and Development of Value Chain for MFP**

To ensure fair returns to forest-dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers and as a solution to problems they were facing such as perishable nature of the produce, lack of holding capacity, lack of marketing infrastructure, exploitation by middlemen, and low government intervention at the required time, the scheme, "Mechanism for marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Development of Value Chain for MFP" was formulated by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) as a measure of social safety for MFP gatherers in 2013. The objective of the MSP for MFP scheme is to establish a framework for ensuring fair prices for the tribal gatherers while ensuring the sustainability of the resource base. The States Governments can undertake procurement under MSP for the MFP scheme. Presently 87 MFPs are covered under MSP for MFP Scheme.

## **2.3 Market Intervention Scheme**

Another scheme under the central government's PM-AASHA program is the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS). This scheme is for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities which are perishable in nature and are not covered under the MSP scheme. The objective of intervention is to protect the growers of these commodities in the event of a bumper crop during the peak arrival period. The scheme is implemented at the request of a State/UT government which is ready to bear 50 percent of the loss (25 percent in case of North-Eastern States), if any, incurred on its implementation. Under the scheme, in accordance with MIS guidelines, a pre-determined quantity at the fixed Market Intervention Price (MIP) is procured by the agencies designated by the State Government for a fixed period or till the prices are stabilized above the MIP whichever is earlier. Under Market intervention Scheme (MIS), Central Share of losses, if any, incurred in implementing MIS is released to the State procuring agencies as per the specific proposals received from the State Governments.

## **3. State Government's intervention for mitigating price volatility**

- 3.1 To mitigate distress sale of broom grass by farmers last year, the state government had launched a procurement and aggregation scheme. Under the scheme, Meghalaya State Agriculture Marketing Board (MSAMB) aggregated broom grass from farmers through farmer collectives and individual aggregators at a fixed price which was above the then prevailing market price. MSAMB also facilitated storage space for aggregation and sorting, and directly traded the produce to open market whereby the price difference was absorbed by MSAMB. Over 800 MT of broom grass was procured, with financial disbursements totaling ₹ 4.76 crore, thereby supporting hundreds of broom grass farmers. The success of this program has set a benchmark for similar interventions in other crops when price declines.
- 3.2 Similarly, in 2023 when there was a drop in the farm-gate price of cashew nut in Garo Hills, a Co-operative (All Garo Hills Multipurpose Co-operative) took interest free working capital loan from LIFCOM to procure cashew nut from farmers at a remunerative price. The Co-operative was supported by the IFAD funded Megha-LAMP project. Under this intervention, the cashew farmers received INR 15 more than the prevailing market price and the Co-operative aggregated 170 MT. Even though, the Co-operative was unable to register profits through this intervention, they were successful in preventing distress sale by 425 farmers.

**4. CM-ASSURE Rationale**

- 4.1 To prevent distress sale of crops in the State that are susceptible to price volatility (like broom, Arecanut etc.), the Government of Meghalaya proposes to introduce a new scheme, namely CM-ASSURE. The proposed CM-ASSURE scheme will be a state government run MIS scheme and will also explore convergence with central government schemes.
- 4.2 The state has built the capacities of many farmer collectives in undertaking large scale aggregation and equipped these collectives with the requisite storage and processing infrastructure to undertake post-harvest management for many crops. Leveraging on the capacity of the collectives and based on the learnings from the state and central government interventions to mitigate price volatility, the State, through CM-ASSURE, is exploring scaling up of procurement and aggregation of agri-commodities which are susceptible to market fluctuation. This will be a strategic response to the market-price fluctuations that undermine the financial security of farmers of the state.
- 4.3 CM-ASSURE is a State government's Market Intervention Scheme which will be notified from time to time for specific non-perishable commodities, only when there is a fall in their market price. The scheme will be in effect till the market price stabilizes or the targeted procurement quantum is aggregated. The procurement price will be fixed to compensate for the cost of cultivation and ensure a marginal profit.

**5. Objective of the Scheme**

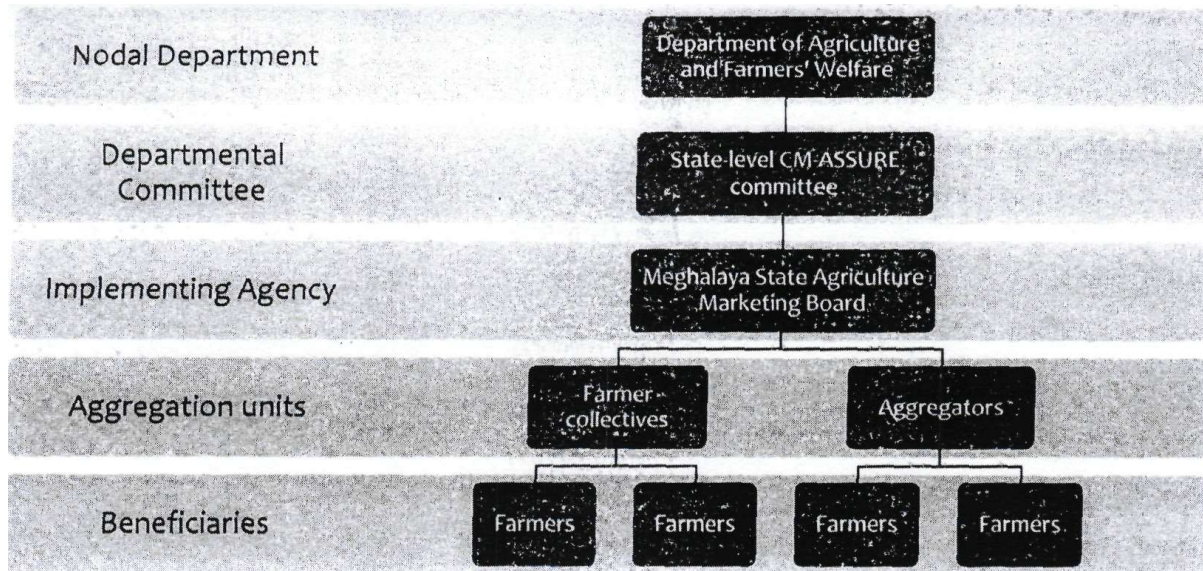
The CM-ASSURE aims to provide distress relief to small and marginal farmers in-times of fall in market prices. This is achieved by procuring the notified agri-produce at a fixed procurement price till the market stabilizes.

**6. Salient features of CM-ASSURE**

- i. The scheme is a market intervention scheme which will be triggered only during fall in prices. It shall not be a routine annual program and is not intended to create incentives for farmers to change cultivation patterns, which could potentially have environmental and market distorting consequences.
- ii. It is primarily for non-perishable commodities with longer post-harvest shelf-life.
- iii. The price will be fixed to compensate for the cost of cultivation and ensure a marginal profit.
- iv. Scheme will support small and marginal farmers with less than 2 ha area under cultivation.
- v. Scheme will be effective till the market-price of these crops stabilizes or the aggregated volume for these crops reaches the aggregation quota.
- vi. The compensation for the farmers will be made through DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer).
- vii. A revolving fund of INR 100 Cr. will be set-up for implementation of the scheme. The fund will be used for procurement of the notified produce and for administrative expenses.

**7. Implementation process**

- 7.1 The scheme will be implemented in a decentralized manner, with local farmer collectives and community-based organisations acting as aggregation hubs and MSAMB being in-charge of the overall co-ordination and implementation of the scheme under the supervision of the State level CM-ASSURE committee. The graphic below presents the departmental/institutional hierarchy for implementing the scheme:



## 7.2 Role of the Nodal Department

- I. The Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare will be the nodal department for this scheme.
- II. The nodal department will notify a state level CM-ASSURE committee. The committee will be headed by the senior most secretary of the department. The Managing Director of MSAMB will be the member secretary of the committee. Other members will comprise of the directors of the three directorates and other senior Officials coopted from time to time.
- III. The department will notify the guidelines and implementation modalities of the scheme.
- IV. It will submit an annual report to the finance department on the implementation of the scheme with specific reference to the losses incurred if any.
- V. It will augment the revolving fund from time to time with due approval of the finance department.

## 7.3 Role of the CM-ASSURE committee

The CM-ASSURE committee, headed by the senior most secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare will be responsible for effective implementation of the scheme. Key responsibilities include:

- I. The committee will periodically assess the market-price of the various agri-commodities and determine the commodity for which the scheme comes into effect.
- II. It will fix the procurement price and the quantum to be procured and block or district wise quota for procurement. The quota will be fixed in proportion to the production volume of the block or district to ensure widespread benefit.
- III. It will be responsible for the overall supervision of the scheme.

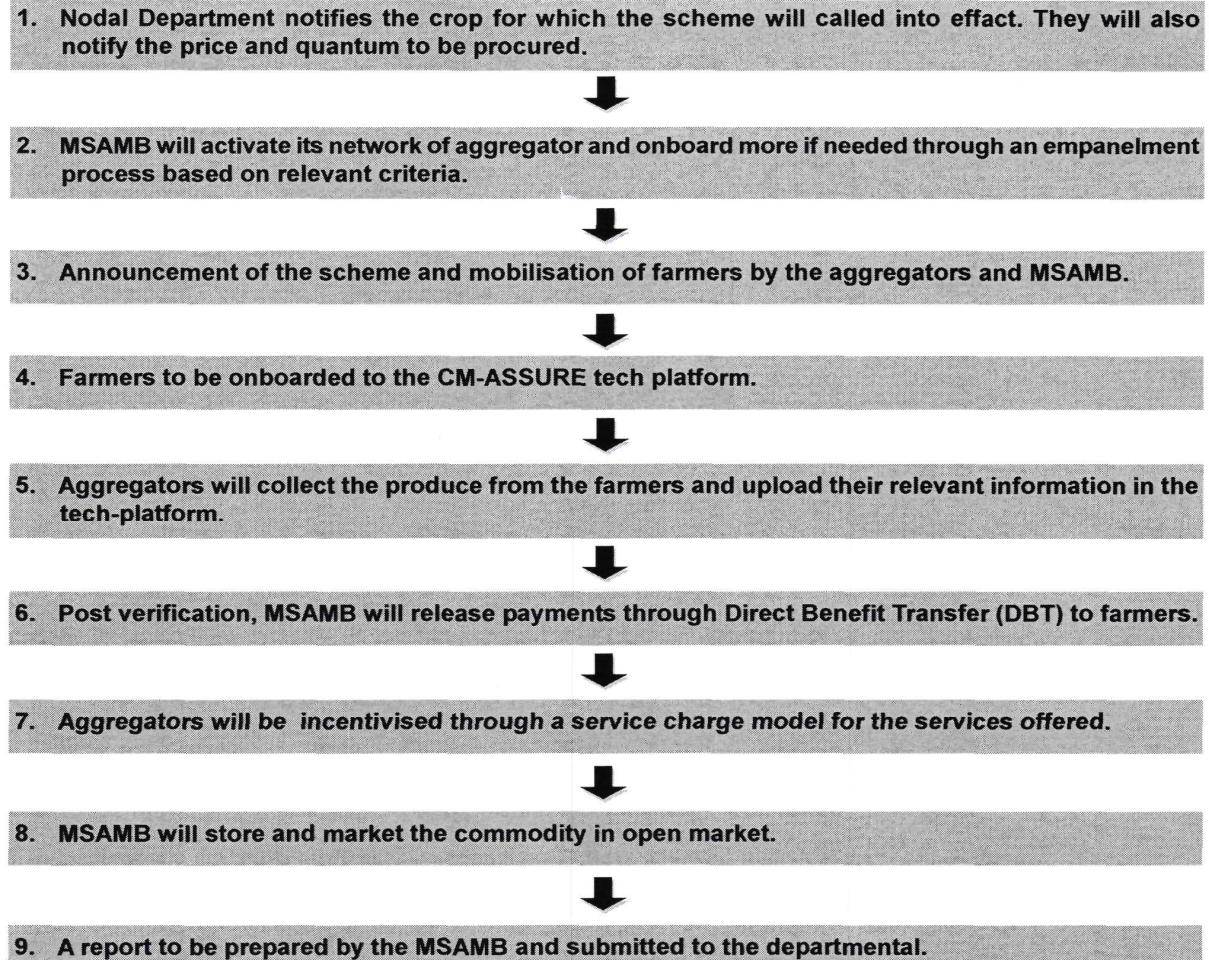
#### **7.4 Role of Meghalaya State Agriculture Marketing Board**

The Meghalaya State Agriculture Marketing Board will be the implementing agency responsible for the implementation of the scheme. It will anchor and facilitate the end-to-end process through its staff and with support of technology. Its key responsibilities include:

- I. Support to the CM-ASSURE committee in identifying agri-commodities for which the scheme can be implemented.
- II. Development of the tech platform for overall coordination, management and on-boarding of farmers and collectives.
- III. Onboarding of farmers and aggregators through the tech platform including the vetting of the applications.
- IV. Announcing block wise quota for procurement based on production and service charges for aggregators through a consultative manner.
- V. Processing Direct Benefit Transfers to farmers and service charges to aggregators.
- VI. Arranging warehouses for storage of commodity till sales are done in open market.
- VII. Identifying buyers for sale in open market.

#### **7.5 Role of aggregators**

- I. The aggregators will be responsible for mobilizing the farmers and conducting awareness campaigns for the scheme.
- II. Ensuring adherence to good post-harvest storage and handling of the aggregated produce to minimize the post-harvest losses.
- III. On-boarding farmers on the tech-platform and documenting their banking details for smooth transaction *via* DBT.
- IV. Coordinating with the MSAMB for transportation of the aggregated produce to the central warehouse.

**7.6 Process flow of the scheme is presented below:**

*Figure 1: Tentative implementation plan for the scheme.*

**8. Revolving fund**

- 8.1 CM-ASSURE revolving fund of INR 100 Cr. is proposed for the implementation of the scheme. The fund will be utilised only for procurement of notified produce from the farmers and for administrative expenses (including packaging material, logistics, warehouse rent, service fee for aggregators etc.), which could be up to 20% of the total fund.
- 8.2 MSAMB will facilitate the sale of the aggregated produce and the proceeds from the sale will be credited back to the revolving fund. In case profits are made, the MSAMB will disburse the profits amongst the farmers. In case of losses, the state will replenish the revolving fund. This mechanism is like guidelines of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India relating to MSP for MFP scheme.

**9. Criteria for farmers**

- 9.1 The CM-ASSURE Scheme is a market intervention scheme aimed at benefitting the small and marginal farmers of the state. Thus, any small and marginal farmer who registers on the MEGHALAYA ONE Portal (<https://meghalayaone.gov.in/>) with adequate documents are eligible. The farmers can do the same through any of the empanelled collectives and CBOs in the state. Documents such as EPIC or Aadhaar will be required.
- 9.2 To ensure the scheme benefits reaches maximum number of farmers under distress, a procurement limit per farmer shall be fixed by the implementing agency.

**10. Eligibility criteria for aggregators**

10.1 Individuals and Farmer collectives (Integrated Village Cooperative Societies, Multi-purpose cooperative societies, Village Organisations, Farmer Producer Organisations etc.) with experience in aggregation shall be empanelled as aggregators. They can apply through the MEGHALAYA ONE portal and will be short listed through a transparent process. Following indicative criteria will be applied for shortlisting:

- i. Availability of storage space.
- ii. Availability of processing infrastructure.
- iii. Availability of pickups of local aggregation.
- iv. Experience in aggregation and sale of the notified commodity (to be shown by bank statements or cash books).
- v. Aadhaar and EPIC will be required for individual aggregators.
- vi. Experience in implementing government projects.

**11. Payment Process to farmers**

Farmers will receive payments through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) upon submission of the required details or acknowledgement (Agreement) of stocks with their details and signature to the aggregator. The aggregator will be vetting the stock in their accounts in the portal and will be held liable for the stock as DBT will be based on the vetting of the aggregator.

**12. Service charges to aggregators**

The aggregators participating in the scheme will receive service charges for the aggregation services provided. The criteria and incentive structure will be notified by the CM-ASSURE committee.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2025.

**No.ERTS (E) 89/2023/66.** - In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 36 of the Meghalaya Excise Act, (Assam Act I of 1910 as adapted by Meghalaya), the Governor of Meghalaya is hereby pleased to make the following rules, further to amend the Meghalaya Excise Rules (Assam Excise Rules, 1945 as adapted and amended by Meghalaya), hereinafter referred to as the principal Rules, namely:-

1. **Short title and Commencement:** (1) These rules may be called the Meghalaya Excise (Amendment) Rules, 2024.  
(2) They shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of rule 244.** - In the Principal rules, in rule 244. -
  - (i) after clause (iii) the following new clauses shall be inserted, namely,-  
"(iv) Composite Bar License fee for three Star category Hotels and above the license fee shall be levied accordingly as follows:-
    - (a) Upto **1:00 A.M.** - ₹ **10,00,000/-** per annum.
    - (b) Upto **3:00 A.M.** - ₹ **14,00,000/-** per annum.
    - (c) **24 hours** - ₹ **22,00,000/-** per annum.

**Insertion of new rule 277A.** - In the principal rules, after the existing rule 277 the following new rule shall be inserted namely,-

"277A. Composite Bar License for Hotel-cum-Restaurant-cum-Bar for consumption on the premises.- (1) A Star category Hotel desirous of setting up and maintaining Bars shall apply for a Composite Bar License for Hotel-cum-Restaurant-cum-Bar to the Deputy Commissioner for such license for three Star or four Star or five Star and above category of Hotels as classified by the State Government subject to a maximum of three Bars in a single hotel.

(2) A ground plan of the premises indicating the portions intended to be used for the purpose should be submitted along with the application for approval by the Deputy Commissioner.

(3) The Composite Bar License may be granted to the applicant by the Deputy Commissioner with the previous sanction of the State Government.

(4) The Composite Bar license for Hotel-cum-Restaurant-cum-Bar shall be kept opened for sale of liquor as shown below:

- (a) Upto 1:00 am.
- (b) Upto 3:00 pm.
- (c) 24 hours.

3. **Inserting of new rule 378,-** In the Principal Rules, after Rule 377 the following new rule 378 shall be inserted, namely.- "378 Integrated Excise Management System - (1) An online end-to-end Integrated Excise Management System (IEMS) cum Track and Trace Solution shall be setup in the State which shall include the facility of automation of excise functionalities of all liquor bottles with QR Code-based Hologram besides other modules for real time monitoring."

- (2) All Distilleries, Breweries, Bottling Plants, Central Bonded Warehouse, Bonded Warehouses, Wine Shops shall install the requisite track and trace hardware and software as per the specifications provided by the Excise Department in Schedule-I.
- (3) Installation of requisite track and trace hardware and software shall be provided to all the existing licenses in the State.
- (4) All new licenses which are granted after implementation of this rule shall install the requisite track and trace hardware at their expenses, as per the specifications and directions provided by the Excise Department in Schedule-I.
- (5) All liquor bottles containing IMFL/BIO/Beer/Wine/Gin/Vodka/Rum of different strength and size manufactured or imported in the State shall be sold using the Integrated Excise Management System cum Track and Trace Solution only by affixing the QR code-based Hologram prescribed for the purpose.
- (6) All movement of liquor and spirit from the Distillery/Brewery/Bottling Plant/Central Bonded Warehouse/Bonded Warehouse/Wine Shop shall be done through Integrated Excise Management System *cum* Track and Trace Solution only. Compliance of the same shall be ensured by the department officials.
- (7) All licensees shall ensure that, the liquor bottles sales shall be carried through Integrated Excise Management System *cum* Track and Trace Solution only.
- (8) On implementation of Integrated Excise Management System cum Track and Trace Solution, all types of licenses and renewals, brand and label registrations and renewals, issuance of import or transport permit and passes, export permit and pass, export verification certificate, genuineness of import permits, transit permit or pass and all other excise functionalities shall be carried through Integrated Excise Management System *cum* Track and Trace Solution from the date of implementation onwards. Compliance of the same shall be ensured by the department officials.
- (9) The cost of implementation as affected from time to time for both Software and Hardware shall be borne by the Distilleries or Breweries or Bottling Plants or Companies, etc. and added in their cost price separately".

**SCHEDULE-I****(A) Details of Hardware & Desirable Infrastructure Minimum Specification****DC/ DR Cloud Service Provider**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Minimum Specifications</b>
1	CSP will be MeitY empaneled & STQC audited as per Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) empanelment process as on the last date of submission of the bid.
2	CSP will have accreditations relevant to security, availability, confidentiality, processing integrity, and/or privacy Trust Services principles. SOC 1, SOC 2, SOC 3.
3	CSP should provide financially backed compute infrastructure availability of >=99.99% from India Data Center.
4	Compute Auto-scaling Capabilities: The cloud system should be able to automatically spin new instances from an image on events like CPU utilization, network throughput and Disk read and write operations. Also, should be able to use preconfigured, template images to get servers launched or create an image containing our applications, libraries, data, and associated configuration settings.
5	Information Availability for the customer on the CSP Portal: Published uptimes Incident Reports Security Bulletins Audit Reports.
6	Data Encryption: CSP should automatically encrypt data both in transit outside of physical boundaries not controlled by CSP and at rest by default and provide numerous ways for you to control your own encryption keys and data access.
7	CSP should provide the option of managing and deployment of the containers in an on premise and multi-cloud environment. It should also give the functionality to be able to migrate VM's to containers as part of application modernization.
8	The CSP should allow users to create various combinations of vCPU and RAM for optimized infra usage instead of the fixed vCPU & RAM combination provided by the CSP.
9	CSP should provide the managed service for data analytics and should allow for petabyte scale analytics with unlimited tables per dataset.
10	CSP should provide the option of Trusted VMs and Container instances. Trusted VMs are hardened instances that verify VM identity and defend against rootkits and bootkits. CSP should deploy a custom-built hardware root of trust to verify VM identity.
11	CSP should provide inbuilt threat analysis for the API's for Identify and address security vulnerabilities.
12	Data Platform should provide the ability to reliably store large amounts of data and should provide automatic cost optimization by tiering of older data.
13	CSP should provide VM's which provides encryption of data in transit, at rest using customer-managed encryption keys (CMEK) and customer-supplied encryption keys (CSEK), and providing encryption of data while in use.
14	CSP should provide tools for application modernization like managed Kubernetes services and CI/CD pipelines.

15	CSP should provide storage with object versioning to support the retrieval of objects that are deleted or replaced.
16	CSP should have a marketplace for procuring third party services e.g. databases, Next Gen Firewall, Disaster recovery management software.
17	CSP should be able to give the unit price for vCPU and per GB of RAM for the VM's.
18	CSP should be able to provide average sub millisecond retrieval time for all the data tiers available including the data stored in archive tier.

**(B) Handheld Device for Vigilance & Enforcement Officials / Manufactories / Wholesalers**

Sl. No.	Description	Minimum Specification
1	Processor	1.2 GHz quad-core or above
2	Operating System	Android 7.1.1 or above
3	Display	5 Inch or above
4	Resolution	1280 x 720 High Definition
5	Touch Screen	Multi-touch capacitive
6	Memory	2 GB RAM, 8 GB Flash
7	Scan Engine	HI2D Imager, Red/Green light Notification
8	Camera	5.0-megapixel color camera with autofocus and LED flash
9	Connectivity	EEE 802.11 a/b/g/n radio, Bluetooth® Class 4.0,
10	Battery	Li-Ion, 3.8 V, 4000 mAh
11	Environmental	Operating Temperature:- 10°C to +50°C (+14°F to +122°F). Storage Temperature:- 20°C to +60°C (-4°F to +148°F) Humidity:- 10% to 90% (non-condensing) Drop:- Multiple 1.2 m (4 ft) drops to concrete under room temperature Tumble:- 200 times at 0.5 m (1.64 ft) ESD:- ±8 kV Direct; ±12 kV Air Environmental Sealing:- IP54
12	Hard Keys	Volume up/down key, left/right scan, power, reset
13	Soft Keys	Three touch keys (Back, Home, Menu)
14	Weight	300gms or below

**(C) IPC Server for Manufactories / Wholesalers**

Sl. No.	Description	Minimum Specification
1	CPU	Intel Core™ i7-4700EQ/ i5-4400/ i3-4102E/ Celeron 200E
2	Frequency	2.4GHz/2.7GHz/2.2GHz
3	Core Number	4C/2C
4	BIOS	AMI SPI Flash BIOS 128Mbit
5	Chipset	Mobile Intel QM87 (Haswell)
6	Technology	DDR3L 133/ 1600MHz
7	Max. Capacity	16GB

8	Socket	2 X 204-pin SODIMM
9	Controller	Intel HD Graphics 4600
10	VGA	1 X VGA, 1920 x 1200 @ 60Hz
11	DVI-D	1 X DVI-D, 1920 x 1200 @ 60Hz
12	HDMI	1 X HDMI, 4096 x 2304 @ 24Hz or 2560 x 1600 @ 60Hz
13	Codec	Realtek ALC8886-GR
14	Interface	2 X Phone Jack for MIC in and Line-out
15	Controller	Intel i217M/i210AT
16	Speed	10/100/1000 Base-T
17	Interface	2 X RJ45
18	Type	SATA II
19	Installation	2 X 2.5" HDD/SSD Drive Bay (Raid 0/1)
20	Serial Port	2 X RS-232/422/485. DB9 Male
21	Digital I/O	
22	USB 2.0	4 X Type A
23	USB 3.0	2 X Type A
24	Power-On/Reset Button	1 X Power On/Off, 1 X Reset
25	Remote	-
26	LED	Power/ HDD
27	Antenna Hole	2 X SMA Antenna Holes
28	Mini-PCle	1 X Full-sized socket with SIM Card Reader/ 1 X Full-sized socket
29	PCI/ PCI Express X 16/ PCI Express X 8	PCI X 1 (LEC-2281)/ X 2 (LEC-2282) PCIe X 16 X 1 (LEC-2281)/ PCIe X 8 X 2 (LEC-2282)
30	PCI Express X 1	-
31	PCI Express X 4	-
32		Watchdog Timer 1~255 Level Time Interval System Reset, Software Programmable
34	Power Type	ATX
35	Power Supply Voltage	9V dc~30V dc
36	Connector	4-pin Terminal Block
37	Power Consumption (Idle)	TBD
38	Power Consumption (Full Load)	TBD
39	Power Adaptor	-
40	Operating Temperature	-10°C ~ 55°C (with Industrial Grade Components, Except i7)
41	Storage Temperature	-20°C ~ 70°C
42	Relative Humidity	5% - 95%, Non-condensing
43	Vibration	IEC 60068-2-64, 0.5 grms, Random 5~500Hz, 40 Mins/Axis
44	Dimension (WxHxD)	277x78x195 mm

45	Construction	Aluminium + SGCC
46	Weight	3kg
47	Mounting	Wall mount
48	Microsoft Windows	WE8S/WES7/Win7/Win 8.1
49	Linux	Kernal 3.x
50	EMC	CE, FCC Class A

**(D) Label Applicator**

Sl. No.	Description	Minimum Specifications
1	Speed	40-80 mtrs/min 100-400 labels/min
2	Roll Dia	350mm
3	Label Dispensor	Stepper/Servo for Label Ht, more then 95mm also available on request.
4	Label Width Range	95mm (std) 12/175/225 (optional)
5	Label Length Range	8 to 300mm
6	Counter	Multispan with preset count facility.
7	Sensor	Dual sensor (option) for count verification.
8	Stop Tolerance	+/- 0.5 to 0.75mm
9	Power Supply	220/240 V AC, 50Hz, Single Phase, Stabilized (Through 3 KVA, CVT, or in Client Scope)

**(E) 2D Carton Barcode Network Printer**

Sl. No.	Description	Minimum Specifications
1	Technology	HP TIJ 2.5
2	Printhead frequency	15 KHz
3	Print Height	Up to 50.8 mm / 2"
4	Printheads	1-or 2-pen printheads
5	Printhead distance	0.5 - 2.0 mm (nozzle to print surface)
6	Voltage	100 - 240 VAC
7	Memory	2 GB internal
8	Screen	3.5" colour display
9	Design software	Mini Draw (PC) or on Controller
10	Software menu language	English (multiple languages)
11	Printer functionalities, eg:	User prompt, User defined print log
12	Print features	Variable DPI Left/Right, Upside-down, Other side mirrored.

13	Layout features	Max. length 65536 px (~ 277cm in 600DPI), Object rotation in 90 deg interval work with mm/inch/point/pixel.
14	Remote controlling	Start / Stop, Exchange job, Change filed content per print, Change print preferences/parameters.
15	Interface	RS232 (serial) Ethernet (LAN) 100 Mbit, USB 2.0, Encoder Input 3-33 V (SUB D9), Product Sensor 3-33 (SUB D9)
16	Signals	Low ink signal, Print signal, Print message signal.
17	Complies to	CE directives
18	Housings	Stainless Steel
19	Weight	MK controller : 1.30 kg / 2.85 lbs MK w 1-pen : 1.72 kg / 3.78 lbs MKw2-pen : 1.88 kg/ 4.13 lbs MK 1-pen printhead : 0.79 kg / 1.82 lbs MK 2-pen printhead : 0.49 kg / 1.07 lbs
20	Accessories	Telescope External sensor Encoder Mountings (Inocon 53 mm)

**(F) Vision Scanner**

Sl. No.	Description	Specification
1	Scanning Area / Carton size	625mm x 473mm
2	No of codes that can be scanned	9,12, 24, 48 and 96 - Single layer
3	Scan Time	<1500 Milli-Seconds for decoding 100 Codes in a single frame
4	Recipe creation for Different Variants / SKUs	Unlimited
5	Scan Result	Acceptance Criteria for GOOD Carton: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Number of codes decoded = Number of Bottles expected in a carton.</li> <li>✓ All Decoded codes unique</li> <li>✓ Only one code present in each cell of the matrix</li> </ul>
6	Data Exchange	Decoded data with time stamp can be exchanged with external systems <i>via</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Flat file system</li> <li>✓ DB integration</li> <li>✓ Cloud</li> </ul>
7	Vision Camera	Dual Industrial Grade Rolling Shutter Mono-chrome Camera ELVIS-MV-5MR with GigE interface min 5mp resolution.
8	Lens	Industrial grade mega pixel machine vision lens 8-16mm focal length.

9	Lighting	Dual Tube lights mounted to ensure even illumination on the substrate.
10	Camera adjustment for different size of bottles	<b>NOT REQUIRED</b> System designed to work with Single Height setting which facilitates readability of bottles from smallest 90ml bottle to biggest 1 Ltr. bottle.
11	Carton guide	Mechanical guides provided to facilitate proper guiding of cartons to ensure appropriate positioning of Carton within scanning area.
12	Control cabinet	Integrated Control cabinet with a provision to house necessary power supply system for Camera, PC, Monitor and GIGABIT Ethernet network switch.
13	Software	Proprietary 2D matrix code reading software with data logging feature pre-installed on the computer with Security Dongle License Key.
14	Mechanical structure	Entire scanner is mounted on a stand-alone, free standing, mechanical structure.
15	Industrial PC	Intel 13 / 15 processor, 2.4gig (max) processor with 8GB RAM, 2x Ethernet Port, WiFi Ethernet and USB interface with minimum 64GB SSD with pre-installed Windows 7 / Windows 10 64Bit operating system with 19" LCD monitor.
16	Design Consideration	Designed for 24/7 Operation. Robust hardware / software designed to work under harsh environment with minimal supervision.
17	Remote Support	Remote Login feature available for remote support.

**(G) Desktop IPC (Industrial Grade Personal Computer) for Manufactories / Wholesalers**

Sl. No.	Description	Minimum Specification
1	Processor Intel	@ Core™2 Duo Desktop Processor E7400 (2.8GHz, 3MB L2 Cache).
2	Chipset	Intel G31/33 Express Chipset Mother Board with all necessary Drivers.
3	Memory	2GB DDR2 SDRAM 800MHz.
4	HDD	320 GB SATA, 7200 rpm Hard Disk.
5	Optical Drive	DVD Writer Std.
6	Expansion Slots	1 PCI, 2 PCIe X 1, 1 PCIe X 16.
7	Graphics	PCI Express 16 NVIDIA GeForce 8800GT with 512 MB.
8	Network Interface	Integrated 10/100/1000 NIC.
9	Cabinet	ATX.
10	Audio	Integrated Subsystem with multimedia speakers.
11	Keyboard	Standard Keyboard (Same make as PC)

12	Mouse	Optical Mouse with Pad (Same make as PC)
13	Monitor	19I TFT Monitor (Same make as PC)
14	OS	Windows Vista Business with down gradable to Windows XP Professional-Pre- Installed with CD Media
15	Warranty	5 Years
16	System Type	OEM / Branded
17	Anti-static cover	For CPU, Monitor, Keyboard, Mouse

**(H) Table Top for Retailers**

Sl. No.	Feature	Minimum Specification
1	Operating System	Android 7.0 or Above
2	Display Size	Minimum 12 Inch or Above
3	Screen Resolution	1280*800 with 16:9
4	Processor	Minimum MTL8783 LTE 8core
5	CPU	Minimum ARM -53@1.3GHZ
6	RAM	DDR3 3GB
7	Storage	Minimum 32 GB
8	Touch Screen	G+G Capacitive touch screen with Multitouch
9	Camera	8 Mega Pixel front camera
10	Speaker	Minimum 8R/2.0W
11	Battery	10000 MA Lithium Battery
12	Wifi	802.11b/g/n
13	Bluetooth	Bluetooth 4.0
14	Network	Minimum 4G / LTE Support with Single SIM
15	USB	2 Ports with USB 2.0
16	External Memory	Upto 64 GB with Mini SD Card
17	NFC	Should support NFC feature
18	Warranty	Minimum 5 Years

**Details of IEMS - Track & Trace Hardware****(I) Minimum hardware required for Distillery**

Sl. No.	Equipments	Quantity
1	IPC Server	2
2	IPC Desktop	4
3	LED TV	1
4	Handheld Scanner (Wifi)	4
5	Wired Scanner	4
6	Label Printer	4
7	LaserJet MFP	1

8	Server Rack	1
9	Network Tower	1
10	Router	1
11	24 Port Network Switch	2
12	Access Point	2*
13	LAN Cable	2 Bundles
14	RJ 45 Jacks	1 Pack
15	MPLS Connectivity - 2 Mbps	1
16	2KVA Online UPS for Servers and Common Equipment	1

\* The Access Points quantity may vary based on the Distillery Plant space / area size.

**(J) Minimum hardware required for Bottling Plant Common Equipment:**

Sl. No.	Equipments	Quantity
1	IPC Server	2
2	IPC Desktop	4
3	LED TV	1
4	Handheld Scanner (Wifi)	4
5	Wired Scanner	4
6	Label Printer	4
7	LaserJet MFP	1
8	Server Rack	1
9	Network Tower	1
10	Router	1
11	24 Port Network Switch	2
12	Access Point	2*
13	LAN Cable	2 Bundles
14	RJ 45 Jacks	1 Pack
15	MPLS Connectivity - 2 Mbps	1
16	2KVA Online UPS for Servers and Common Equipment	1

\* The Access Points quantity may vary based on the Bottling Plant space / area size.

**Line Equipment for each Bottling Line**

Sl. No.	Equipments	Quantity
1	Applicator with 98Cm Line Height	1
2	Vision Scanner with 1.2M Line Height	1
3	1D Barcode Carton Box Network Printer with 1.2M Line Height	1
4	2D wired Barcode Scanner	1
5	Barcode Label Printer	1

**(K) Minimum hardware required for Brewery Common Equipment:**

Sl. No.	Equipments	Quantity
1	IPC Server	2
2	IPC Desktop	4
3	LED TV	1
4	Handheld Scanner (Wifi)	4
5	Wired Scanner	4
6	Label Printer	4
7	LaserJet MFP	1
8	Server Rack	1
9	Network Tower	1
10	Router	1
11	2.4 Port Network Switch	2
12	Access Point	2*
13	LAN Cable	2 Bundles
14	RJ 45 Jacks	1 Pack
15	MPLS Connectivity - 2 Mbps	1
16	2KVA Online UPS for Servers and Common Equipment	1

\* The Access Points quantity may vary based on the Brewery Plant space / area size.

**Line Equipment for each Bottling Line**

Sl. No.	Equipments	Quantity
1	Applicator with 98Cm Line Height	1
2	Vision Scanner with 1.2M Line Height	1
3	ID Barcode Carton Box Network Printer with 1.2M Line Height	1
4	2D wired Barcode scanner	1
5	Barcode Label Printer	1

**(L) Minimum hardware required for Central Bonded Warehouse**

Sl. No.	Equipments	Quantity
1	IPC Server	2
2	IPC Desktop	4
3	2D Wired Scanners	1
4	Handheld Scanners	4
5	Laser Printer	1
6	Barcode Printer	2
7	LED 40" Display (TV)	1
8	Wireless Access Point	3
9	Network Switch	3
10	Server Rack	1

11	Router (MPLS)	1
12	Sim	1
13	Tower (MPLS)	1
14	VGA to hdmi cable	1
15	12 DBI Patch antenna	1
16	MPLS Connectivity - 2 Mbps	1

**(M) Minimum hardware required for Bonded Warehouse**

Sl. No.	Equipments	Quantity
1	IPC Server	2
2	IPC Desktop	4
3	2D Wired Scanners	1
4	Handheld Scanners	4
5	Laser Printer	1
6	Barcode Printer	2
7	LED 40" Display (TV)	1
8	Wireless Access Point	3
9	Network Switch	3
10	Server Rack	1
11	Router (MPLS)	1
12	Sim	1
13	Tower (MPLS)	1
14	VGA to hdmi cable	1
15	12 DBI Patch antenna	1
16	MPLS Connectivity - 2 Mbps	1

**(N) Minimum hardware required for Retailer**

Sl. No.	Equipments	Quantity
1	Table Top (Android Based)	1
2	2D/1D Bar code wired scanner	1
3	Thermal Printer	1
4	External patch panel, Antenna with Cable	1

**(O) Software Specifications**

Sl. No.	Software	Version
1	Integrated Excise Management System <i>cum</i> Track & Trace Solution (IEMS) Software - customized as per the requirement of Excise Department, Govt. of Meghalaya.	<b>V1.0</b>

**PRAVIN BAKSHI,**  
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Excise, Registration, Taxation & Stamps Department.

The 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

**No.HPL.54/2012/Pt.VI/90.** - The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to set up the State Anti Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) Police Station in the State of Meghalaya with its Headquarter at MPRO Building, Shillong to investigate all offences under the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and any other Act related to the Commission of offence related to Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.

**SHAKIL P. AHAMMED,**

Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
Home (Police) Department.

The 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

**No.PER(ARC)4/2023/123.** - In continuation to this Department's Notification No.PER(ARC) 14/2022/91, dated 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 the entry at Sl. No. 198 and 199 shall be added to the List of Services notified under Section 3(2) of The Meghalaya Right to Public Services Act, 2020, with effect from the date of issue of the notification.

Sl. No.	Name of Service	Number of working days for service delivery after receipt of applications	Department/ Organizations	Designated Official	Appellate Authority
198.	Application Form for Temporary License for Possession and sale of Fire Crackers during Festivals Rule No.84 of Explosive rules 2008.	60 days	O/o Deputy Commissioner	Additional District Magistrate/ Additional Deputy Commissioner	Deputy Commissioner
199.	Permission of Movie Shooting-Deputy Commissioner	30 days	O/o Deputy Commissioner	Additional Deputy Commissioner	Deputy Commissioner

**C. V. D. DIENGDOH,**

Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
Personnel & Administrative Reforms (B) Department,  
(Administrative Reforms Cell).

The 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

**No.UAU.73/2016/Pt.VIII/191.** - In exercise of the powers provided under Section 74 of the Meghalaya Town and Country Planning Act, 1973 as amended (Assam Town Planning Act, 1959) and the National Building Code, 2016, the Government of Meghalaya is pleased to amend the Meghalaya Building Bye-Law, 2024 and notify as follows, namely, -

**1. Short title and commencement—** (1) These Byelaws may be called **the Meghalaya Building (Amendment) Byelaws, 2025.**

(2) It shall come into force from the date of notification in the Official Gazette.

**2. Amendment of Section B:**

In the Byelaw B1, Clause (i), the words, "and Town and Country Planning Schemes" shall be inserted in between the word "Zonal Plan" and "under".

**3. Amendment of Section D10, Table D10.**

In the Table D10, a note shall be inserted below the Table, as follows:-

**Note: Maximum Permissible FAR of 2 out of 4.5 shall be Premium FAR to be payable to the concern Authorities either through purchase of Transferable Development Rights (TDR) or through rates fixed by the Authority from time to time.**

**VIJAY KUMAR D,**

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Urban Affairs Department.

The 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

**No.UAU.49/2020/Pt.I(A)/11.** - In continuation of the efforts to develop New Shillong Township, the Government of Meghalaya has envisioned to develop '**New Shillong Knowledge City**' at the additional 807 acres of land acquired in Mawpdang-Mawkhanu. In this regard, the New Shillong Township Development Authority (NSTDA) shall allocate land to various entities/agencies as per the cost norms mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Entity	Premium land cost (Rs. per sq. ft)
1.	For State Government Department/Institutions/Boards/Agencies.	Rs. 250
2.	For Central Government Organizations/Societies/and Other Organizations.	Rs. 350

**VIJAY KUMAR D,**

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Urban Affairs Department.

The 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

***Subject:- Assured Career Progression Scheme (ACPS) - matters relating thereto.***

**No.F(PR)-76/2009/Pt/248.** - Attention of the State Government has been drawn to provisions of Para 2(4) of O.M. No.F(PR)-76/2009/54, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2010 which does not allow stepping up of pay to the senior employee on the ground that the junior employee in the cadre has got higher pay under the Assured Career Progression Scheme (ACPS).

After due consideration of the matter, the undersigned is directed to say that the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to decide that Para 2(4) of the aforesaid Office Memorandum be relaxed and stepping up of pay of the senior employee to that of the junior employee be allowed on case to case basis provided they belong to the same cadre.

The cases agreed earlier by Finance (Pay Revision) Department prior to issue of this Office Memorandum have also been regularized by the Cabinet.

**D. VIJAY KUMAR,**

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Finance Department.