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REVENUE & DISASTER MANAGEMENT (REFORMS) DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 6th January, 2026

eCF No. 727107/1/1387147/2026.- The following draft of certain rules further to amend the Assam Land Revenue Regulation Rules hereinafter referred to as the principal Rules, which the Governor of Assam proposes to make in exercise of the powers conferred by section 152, and clause (b) and (c) of section 155 of the Assam Land Revenue Regulation Act, 1886 (1 of 1886), is hereby published, as required under section 157 of the said Act, for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the said draft rules shall be taken into consideration on or after the expiry of the period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.

Any objections or suggestions which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft rules before the expiry of the period specified above, shall be considered by the Governor of Assam.

Draft Rules

Short title and commencement

1. (1)

These rules may be called the Procedure, Mode of Serving Processes and Process-Fees (Amendment) Rules, 2025 under Chapter-VII of Assam Land Revenue Regulation Rules,

(2)

They shall come into force on the date of its publications in the Official Gazette.

Insertion of rule 2. In the principal Rules, after rule 183, the following new rule shall be inserted, namely:-
183A

“Conduct and recording of proceedings through digital or electronic means

183A. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000 and rules made thereunder, and notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in this Regulation or any other law for the time being in force, and in addition to rule 183, all proceedings before any Revenue Court or Revenue Officer under this Regulation may, at the discretion of such authority and subject to such instructions as may be issued by the Government from time to time, be conducted, recorded and disposed of through digital or electronic means.

(2) Any appearance, hearing or representation of parties and witnesses may be made through online or virtual platforms duly authenticated by electronic means or digital signature, and such appearances, hearings or representations shall have the same legal force and effect as if made in physical form.

(3) All summons, notices, communications and orders may be issued, served or received through approved electronic modes as may be notified by the Government from time to time and such service shall be valid and effective in law.

(4) No proceeding shall be held invalid merely by reason of non-appearance in person, non-issue of physical notices, summons or commission, or by reason that the proceeding, representation,

hearing or order has been made electronically, save and except where the Revenue Officer, for reasons to be recorded in writing, considers personal appearance indispensable.

- (5) Wherever in these rules the expression 'opportunity of being heard' occurs, it shall be deemed to include the opportunity of electronic representation :

Provided that, while adopting such digital or electronic means, the Revenue Officer shall ensure that all parties concerned are afforded due notice of hearing, reasonable opportunity to present their case, and access to all records and materials relevant to the proceeding, and that no party shall be prejudiced merely by reason of the adoption of an electronic mode of hearing or submission :

Provided further that, all electronic records, digital proceedings, and orders so made shall be duly authenticated and preserved in a secure and retrievable manner as part of the official record of the case, and such authenticated digital records shall have the same evidentiary value and legal validity as proceedings and records maintained in physical form under these rules. All such electronic records, shall be stored, accessed, transmitted or retained in compliance with the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, and such other data security

guidelines issued by the Government of Assam or MeitY from time to time:

Provided also that the Gauhati High Court Use of Electronic Communication and Audio-Video Electronic Means Rules (Nyaya Shruti), 2025, as amended from time to time, may apply mutatis mutandis to proceedings before the Revenue Courts as well.

Explanation.- For the purposes of this rule, the expression 'electronic or digital signature' shall include digital signatures under section 3 and electronic signatures under section 3A of the Information Technology Act, 2000, and system-based authentication as per MeitY guidelines or any other mode as may be notified by Government.

Insertion of rule 3. In the principal Rules, after rule 186, the following new rule 186A, shall be inserted, namely:-

“Electronic
issue and
service of
processes

186A. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in rule 186 or Regulation or in any other law for time the being in force, all summons, notices, and other processes on parties and witnesses in any revenue case pending before any Revenue Court or Revenue Officer may be issued, served, and returned through digital or electronic modes as may be notified by the Government from time to time.

(2) Such electronic service, when duly transmitted through such notified portals or through such other secured electronic platforms,

shall be deemed to constitute valid and sufficient service under law for the time being in force, and the acknowledgment generated there from shall form part of the official record of the case.

- (3) The provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, and any enactment amending the same, shall apply mutatis mutandis to such electronic service and return of processes, as may be notified from time to time :

Provided that, the Revenue Officer may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, direct physical service of notice or processes in exceptional cases where he deems fit and proper or where and when such electronic service is not practicable or where such personal appearance is considered essential for ensuring natural justice."

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