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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

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ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 17th February, 2026

ECF No.700588/521.- The Government of Assam has been following a procedure for eviction of unauthorized occupants from any unauthorized occupation in general and from the notified forest land/ reserved forest land in particular. The said procedure was also placed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of C.A. No. 001464 – 001465 of 2026 (@ SLP(C) No.23647-23648 of 2025 with W.P.(C) NO.1046 of 2025,CIVIL APPEAL NO of 001466 of 2026 (@ SLP(C) NO.32624 of 2025), CIVIL APPEAL NO. 001467 of 2026 (@ SLP (C) NO. 32296 of 2025), CIVIL APPEAL NO.001468 of 2026 (@ SLP(C) NO.32993 OF 2025), CIVIL APPEAL NO. 001469 of 2026 (@ SLP (C) NO. 34412 of 2025), CIVIL APPEAL NO. 001470 of 2026 (@ SLP (C) NO. 34556 of 2025) and W.P. (C) NO. 65 of 2026.

With a view to formalize and codify the procedure being followed and with a view to ensure that no deviation from the procedure takes place, it is found desirable to issue the present Notification.

The Governor of Assam, therefore, is pleased to constitute a District-level Committee to remove encroachment from notified forest land/reserved forest land of the State Government/ under the control and being managed by the Government of Assam. The Committee shall comprise of the following members:-

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| 1. | District Commissioner | Chairman |
| 2. | Divisional Forest Officer | Member Secretary |
| 3. | ADC Revenue | Member |
| 4. | Concerned Range Officer | Member |
| 5. | Concerned Circle Officer | Member |

Terms of Reference:

The following shall be the role & responsibilities of the Committee:

1. The Committee shall issue notice to the alleged unauthorized occupants and shall give them an opportunity to adduce evidence to show that they have legal and Statutory right to occupy the land which is in their possession.
2. The action for removal of encroachment shall be taken, only if it is found that there is an unauthorized encroachment in the forest area / reserved forest area.
3. In case the noticee is found to be within the revenue limits, outside the notified forest area/reserved forest area, the details of the noticee shall be sent to the Revenue department. In such cases, Revenue department shall decide the future course of action.
4. If an unauthorized occupation is found in a forest/reserved forest area, after scrutiny of the documents, a Speaking Order shall be passed and shall be served on the concerned person giving him 15 days' notice to vacate the unauthorized occupation and only after expiry of the said period of notice, the action shall be taken to remove the unauthorized occupants.
5. The occupation in a Gaon Panchayat in a forest shall be permissible only if there is a sufficient proof as per the Jamabandi Register maintained by the Forest Department or as provided under the Forest Rights Act.
6. Member Secretary of the Committee will issue notices and sign the Speaking Orders on behalf of the Committee.

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