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Circular No. 152/2022-23

30th March, 2023

TO : ALL MEMBER COMPANIES WITH INTEREST IN ASSAM

Alternative Economic Activities in Tea Gardens : Govt. of Assam Notification

This is further to the Association's Circular No. 51/2022-23 dated 4th August, 2022 (**copy enclosed**) vide which members were informed about the promulgation of the Ordinance namely the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022 allowing alternative economic activities on tea grant lands subject to a maximum land utilization of 5% of the total garden area.

Members are hereby informed that the Legislative Department, Government of Assam has subsequently issued Notification No. LGL.193/2021/15 dated 14th October, 2022 notifying the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings (Amendment) Act, 2022 which has since been gazetted.

The Notification states that any action taken under the Ordinance which is now repealed shall be deemed to have been taken under the corresponding provisions of the principal Act as amended by the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings (Amendment) Act, 2022.

A copy of the Assam Gazette Notification referred above is attached for members' information.



Debasish Chakravarti
Secretary

Encl : As stated

Copy to : Chairperson, Vice Chairman and Addl. Vice Chairman, ITA
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4th August, 2022

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Alternative Economic Activities in Tea Gardens : Govt. of Assam Notification

Members would be aware that the Association has been engaging with the Government of Assam requesting for allowing alternative economic activities in tea leasehold lands to augment income.

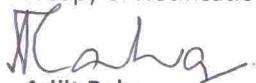
Members are informed that the Legislative Department, Government of Assam has issued Notification No. LGL.193/2021/17 which has been published in the Assam Gazette dated 16th July, 2022 amending the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings Act, 1956 and promulgating an Ordinance namely the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022.

In terms of the above amendment, the Government of Assam has allowed tea estates to undertake the following alternative economic activities on such tea grant lands where tea plantation is not possible :

- Promotion of eco-friendly tea tourism;
- Cultivation of agricultural crops like cash crops, horticultural crops, floriculture, medicinal plants, agarwood, sandalwood and bamboo;
- Animal husbandry and fisheries;
- Green power and non-conventional energy resources;
- Social infrastructure and services like wellness centres, schools, colleges, universities, medical, nursing, paramedical institutions, cultural and recreational exhibition centres and Government offices that could be set up by Tea Garden authority or a Government entity;
- Food processing, blending and packaging units.

The above activities can be carried out subject to a maximum land utilization of 5% of the total garden area. The Notification has been made effective with immediate effect.

A copy of Notification No. LGL.193/2021/17 referred above is attached for members' information.


Arijit Raha
Secretary General

Encl : As stated

Copy to : 1. Assam Valley Regional Committee
2. Cachar & Tripura Regional Committee



THE ASSAM GAZETTE

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NOTIFICATION

The 14th October, 2022

No. LGL.193/2021/15.— The following Act of the Assam Legislative Assembly which received the assent of the Governor of Assam on 7th October, 2022 is hereby published for general information.

ASSAM ACT NO. XLI OF 2022

(Received the assent of the Governor on 7th October, 2022)

THE ASSAM FIXATION OF CEILING ON LAND HOLDINGS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2022

**AN
ACT**

further to amend the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings Act, 1956.

Preamble

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings Act, 1956, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act, in the manner hereinafter appearing;

Assam Act
No. 1 of
1957

It is hereby enacted in the Seventy-third Year of the Republic of India as follows: -

Short title, extent and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be called the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings (Amendment) Act, 2022.
(2) It shall have the like extent as the principal Act.
(3) It shall come into force at once.

Amendment of section 4

2. In the principal Act, in section 4, in sub-section 2, in the first proviso, in the Explanation, in clause (xi), in the last line, for the punctuation mark “.”, the punctuation mark “:” shall be substituted and thereafter the following provisos shall be inserted, namely:-

“Provided that the land, subject to maximum five percent of total garden area, which tea gardens are allowed to retain under the provisions of this Act, may be used for the following purposes, namely:-

- (a) promotion of eco-friendly tea tourism;
- (b) cultivation of agricultural crops which include cash crops, horticultural crop, floriculture, medicinal plants, agar wood, sandal wood and bamboo;
- (c) animal husbandry and fisheries;
- (d) green power and non-conventional energy resources;

(e) social infrastructure and services which include wellness centres, schools, colleges, universities, medical, nursing, paramedical institutions, cultural and recreational exhibition centres and Government Offices that could be set up by Tea Garden Authority or a Government entity;

(f) food processing, blending and packaging units:

Repeal and savings 3. (1) The Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022 (Assam Ordinance No.III of 2022) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal anything done or any action taken under the Ordinance so repealed, shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provisions of the principal Act as amended by this Act.

GEETANJALI DAS SAIKIA,
Secretary to the Government of Assam,
Legislative Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6.