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TO : ALL MEMBER COMPANIES WITH INTEREST IN ASSAM

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.

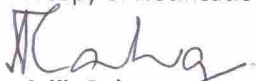
Members are informed that the Legislative Department, Government of Assam has issued Notification No. LGL.193/2021/17 which has been published in the Assam Gazette dated 16th July, 2022 amending the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings Act, 1956 and promulgating an Ordinance namely the Assam Fixation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

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No. 528 Dispur, Saturday, 16th July, 2022, 25th Ashadha, 1944 (S. E.)

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT : : : LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

NOTIFICATION

The 16th July, 2022

No. LGL.193/2021/17.— The following Ordinance of the Assam Legislative Assembly which was promulgated by the Governor of Assam on 14th July, 2022 is hereby published for general information.

**ASSAM ORDINANCE NO. III OF 2022
THE FIXATION OF CEILING ON LAND
HOLDINGS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 2022**

AN
ORDINANCE

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

Preamble

Whereas the Legislative Assembly of the State of Assam is not in session and the Governor of Assam is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action for amending the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings Act, 1956, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act;

Assam Act
No. 1 of
1957

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 213 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Assam is pleased to promulgate in the Seventy-third Year of the Republic of India, the following Ordinance, namely :-

Short title,
extent and
commencement

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings (Amendment) Ordinance, 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 last line, for the punctuation mark “.”, the punctuation mark “:” shall be substituted and thereafter the following provisos shall be inserted, namely:-

“Provided that in cases where tea plantation is not possible in land allowed to be retained by the tea gardens and lying as fallow and unutilised, such land and hereditaments or any part thereof may be used for the following purposes:-

- (a) promotion of eco-friendly tea tourism;
- (b) cultivation of agricultural crops which include cash crops, horticultural crops, 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:

Provided further that lands meant for the aforementioned purposes shall not exceed 5% of the total garden area.”.

Date:

PROF. JAGDISH MUKHI
GOVERNOR OF ASSAM.

GEETANJALI DAS SAIKIA,
Secretary to the Government of Assam,
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