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POWER (ELECTRICITY) DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 22nd December, 2010

No. PEL.81/2002/pt-II/112: In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 57 read with Section 16 of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 (Central Act 52 of 2001), the Governor of Assam is hereby pleased to make the following rules for constitution and regulation of Assam State Energy Conservation Fund for the purpose of efficient use of energy and its conservation within the State of Assam, namely :-

**Short title
commencement.**

1. (1) These rules may be called the "**Assam State Energy Conservation Fund Rules, 2010**".
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Assam Gazette.

Definition.

2. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires :-
 - (a) "Act" means the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 (Central Act 52 of 2001);
 - (b) "Assam State Energy Conservation Fund" means the fund established under Section 16 of the Act;
 - (c) "Government" means the Government of Assam;
 - (d) "Section" means the section of the Act;

- (e) "State Designated Agency (SDA)" means the Chief Electrical Inspector cum-Adviser, Assam, who is notified as the State Designated Agency for Assam under Clause (d) of Section 15 of the Act;
- (f) The "State Level Steering Committee (SLSC)" means the Committee constituted under rule 5 for the purpose of guidance and support to the SDA for carrying out energy conservation activities through the Fund;
- (g) All other words and expressions used in these rules and not defined but defined in the Act shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

Constitution of the Assam State Energy Conservation Fund.

3. (1) The fund constituted under sub section (1) of Section 16 of the Act shall be administered by the Chief Electrical Inspector-cum-Adviser, Assam, which is notified as the State Designated Agency for Assam under section 15(d) of the Act;
- (2) The proceeds of the fund shall be utilized for the purpose of promotion and efficient use of energy and its conservation in the State of Assam;
- (3) The fund shall be credited all grants and loans that may be made by the Assam State Government of Central Government or given by any autonomous body/agency/company/individual body for the stated purpose;
- (4) The proceeds of any tax, levy or duty/cess imposed by the State Government for the stated purpose of energy conservation may be credited to the Fund.

Purpose for which the fund shall be applied.

4. The Fund shall be applied :-
 - (a) to incur expenditure through State Designated Agency for various awareness programmes for disseminating information to individual consumers, industries, commercial organisations, students, farmers etc. regarding energy conservation and efficient use of energy;
 - (b) to meet the expenditure incurred by the State Designated Agency(SDA) for training of personnel and specialists for efficient use of energy and its conservation;
 - (c) for promotion of Research and Development in the field of Energy Conservation;
 - (d) to develop testing and certification procedure, in creation of testing facilities for certification and/or verification testing of energy consumption of equipments and appliances;
 - (e) to develop and execute demonstration Projects related to energy conservation and energy efficiency for encouragement and to contribute in such projects of Bureau of Energy Efficiency and Central Government;
 - (f) to promote the use of energy efficient processes form the equipment, devices and system;
 - (g) to meet the matching grant to the centrally sponsored schemes and schemes of the bureau of Energy Efficiency implemented by the State of Assam;
 - (h) to meet the expenses incurred by the State Designated Agency of Assam for implementing the provision of the Act; and
 - (i) to meet the expenses incurred by SDA on staff for dedicated Energy Conservation cell.

State Level Steering Committee (SLSC).

5. (1) A State Level Steering Committee(SLSC) shall be constituted with the following members, namely :-
- (a) Principal Secretary-Power(Electricity) Department—Chairman.
 - (b) Chairman, Assam State Electricity Board(ASEB)—Member.
 - (c) Commissioner & Secretary, Finance(Taxation) Department—Member.
 - (d) Commissioner & Secretary, Industries Department-Member.
 - (e) Representative of Bureau of Energy Efficiency—Member.
 - (f) One person each representing association in the field of industry and chambers of Commerce(Tea, Cement etc.)—Member.
 - (g) One person expertised in technical and financial aspects of energy efficiency project implementation-Member.
 - (h) Chief Electrical Inspector-cum-Adviser(CEIA)—Member Secretary.
- (2) The meeting of SLSC shall be held at least once in every three months.
- (3) The SLSC shall have the following functions, namely :-
- (a) to provide guidance and support to SDA for carrying out the energy conservation activities through Assam State Energy Conservation Fund;
 - (b) to approve the annual budget for carrying out the energy conservation activities by SDA from the Assam State Energy Conservation Fund;
 - (c) to review and monitor the progress of activities carried out by SDA from the Assam State Energy Conservation Fund.

Operation of the Fund.

6. (1) The State Designated Agency(SDA) notified under clause (d) of Section 15 of the Act shall operate the fund under the guidance of the State Level Steering Committee(SLSC);
- (2) The SDA shall prepare the annual budget for activities to be funded from the Assam State Energy Conservation Fund(SECF) before beginning of the financial year and get it approved by the SLSC;
 - (3) The SDA shall utilize the fund available in Assam SECF as per the budget approved by the SLSC following the financial rules and procedures and delegation of powers as applicable to SDA;
 - (4) The SDA shall maintain separate accounts for the Fund and shall furnish six monthly income and expenditure statement to the SLSC on regular basis;
 - (5) The funds credited to Assam SECF shall be deposited in PD accounts or as may be advised by Finance Department;
 - (6) The SDA shall operate these accounts as per rules and regulations applicable to the operation of other PD accounts of SDA.

Conditions applicable to the Assam State Energy Conservation Fund.

7. (1) The State Designated Agency(SDA) shall invest the surplus SECF fund in such away that it earns best return on its investments in the Bank/ Institutions of the Government of India;
- (2) The State Designated Agency(SDA) may use the interest income earned from investment of the SECF to meet its annual recurring and non-recurring expenditure.

- Audit of Accounts.** 8. The accounts of the Assam SECF shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India at such intervals as may be specified by him.
- Closure of the Fund.** 9. (1) The Fund shall remain operative as long as the relevant provision of the Act remain in force;
(2) At the time of closure of the fund when the fund is no longer required, all the unspent balance under the same shall be remitted into the Government treasury.
- Amendment of Rules.** 10. The Assam State Energy Conservation Fund Rules, 2010 may be amended by the State Government of Assam as per functional and objective necessity on recommendation of the State Level Steering Committee(SLSC).

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