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NOTIFICATION

The "*Fostering Climate Resilient Upland Farming System in the North East (FOCUS)*" is an externally aided project funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) of the United Nations. It has been operational in Mizoram since 2019 with the objective of increasing the agricultural income of more than 60,000 households and enhancing their resilience to climate change. The project comprises three main components: (a) improved jhum management, (b) value chain and market access, and (c) project management and knowledge services. The project is multi-sectoral in nature, encompassing activities related to agriculture, horticulture, forestry, animal husbandry and allied sectors.

It has been observed that there exists strong synergy between the objectives of FOCUS and the State's flagship *Handholding (Bana Kaih) Scheme*, which also aims to promote economic growth and self-sufficiency through financial support and guidance to farmers and entrepreneurs ("progress partners"). The *Planning & Programme Implementation Department* is the nodal department for the "Handholding (Bana Kaih) policy" as per Sl. No. 22 of the Twenty Eighth Schedule of the Government of Mizoram (Allocation of Business) Rules, 2019 as amended. Furthermore, the subject of "Inter-sectoral and cross-departmental schemes and programmes of the Centre and State" is also allocated to the Planning & Programme Implementation Department under Sl. No. 26 of the same Schedule, making it better suited to coordinate and implement the multi-sectoral nature of the FOCUS project.

In the interest of administrative efficiency, and for effective convergence and coordination, the State Government hereby designate the **Planning & Programme Implementation Department** as the **Nodal Department** for the implementation of the '**PROSPER/FOCUS 2.0**' project in Mizoram, replacing the Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Department, with immediate effect.

Sd/-
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Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of
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