

Mizoram Tourism Development Authority (MTDA)

In pursuance to advice from Ministry of Tourism, Government of India; Tourism Department, Government of Mizoram constituted the Mizoram Tourism Development Authority (MTDA) on 21st July 2008 as a Society under Tourism Department without approval of the Council of Ministers

The MTDA was registered as a Society with Registrar, Firms & Societies, Government of Mizoram with Registration No MSR 192 of 21st July 2008.

The MTDA has multi-faceted functions such as implementation, execution, monitoring and development of tourism infrastructures/projects in the State. It also prepares Concept Papers and Detailed Project Reports for projects under various Schemes of the Central Government and State Government such as Ministry of Tourism, Minister of DoNER, NEC, Ministry of Minority Affairs and other agencies. It has the ability to extend Consultancy as well as Execution services which is essential for the functioning of the Department as it has many projects and shall have more in the future.

The existing society has a Board of Governors with Hon'ble Minister of Tourism as Chairman and representatives of hotels, tour operators and travel agents as members among others. An Executive Committee headed by Secretary, Tourism Department is also in place.

The MTDA is headed by the Member Secretary, who is Director, Tourism Department. Under him, there is a Technical Wing with 7(seven) nos of casual employees viz. Project Engineer, Junior Engineers, Accounts Assistant, MIS Coordinator, Project Assistant and IV Grade.

The Mizoram Tourism Development Authority (MTDA) was established as an agency within the Tourism Department for better and faster implementation of projects under Tourism Department in Mizoram and has been the prime mover in the progressive development, promotion and expansion of tourism in the State. The main objectives of the MTDA are to develop tourism infrastructure, construction, management, and marketing of tourism products including accommodation units and catering units etc. Establishment and management of tourist transport facilities. The Mizoram Tourism Development Authority (MTDA) handles production and distribution of tourism publicity materials, renders consultancy and managerial services in the State and provides innovating, dependable and value for money solutions to the needs of tourism development and industry including providing consultancy and project implementation at various locations in the State.

Tourism Industry as a whole in the State is still in a nascent stage and the State Tourism Department has made great strides recently by formulating Acts, Rules, Policies, Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures. The first ever Tour Guides are introduced recently by the Department with more than 80 numbers

of certified State Level Tour Guides passed the examination. The workload of the Department has immensely increased recently as the registration of tourism service providers has been in progress and infrastructure projects are being expected from the Asian Development Bank, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of DoNER, Ministry of Minority Affairs, NEC and others which will be implemented by the MTDA

The MTDA has existed and functioned with the following skeletal staff which is employed casually. The following is the existing number of contractual staff and their monthly fixed remuneration:

Sl.No	Designation	Nos	Monthly Remuneration
1	Project Engineer	1 No	Rs.38500 per month
2	Junior Engineer	2 Nos	Rs.27500 per month
3	Accounts Assistant	1 No	Rs.27500 per month
4	MIS Coordinator	1 No	Rs.27500 per month
5	Project Assistant	2 Nos	Rs.20000 per month
6	IV Grade	1 No	Rs.380 per day

The posts mentioned in the above point are essential posts and important for the functioning of Tourism Department for implementing and executing projects funded by Government of India currently and other funding agencies in the near future. If they had not existed, the Department would not have been able to carry out its projects in the past and big assets such as the Thenzawl Golf Resort, Wellness Centre, Reiek Adventure Theme Park and major repairs of various Tourist Lodges could not have been completed.