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GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM
LAW & JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
MIZORAM NEW CAPITAL COMPLEX

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Dated Aizawl, the 16th April, 2026

Subject: Prior approval for appearance of Government officials as witness in court cases

It has been observed that in various court cases involving the Government of Mizoram, officials are appearing as witnesses before the court without obtaining prior approval from the concerned Administrative Department.

In this regard, all Departments under the Government of Mizoram are hereby instructed that no officer/official shall be permitted to appear as a witness in any court of law on behalf of their Department or the Government of Mizoram without obtaining prior approval in writing from their respective Administrative Department. In cases of urgency or paucity of time, a written request for approval may be sent by electronic communication. The Administrative Department may convey its approval either by electronic communication or by post, whichever is convenient.

Further, while seeking such approval, the concerned Department shall certify that:

1. The witness is well-versed with the facts of the case.
2. The witness has diligently examined all relevant records and documents connected with the case before deposing before the court.

Further, the Government Advocate shall ensure that the witness is adequately briefed on the facts of the case well in advance of the date of hearing so as to prepare the witness for tendering evidence, examination in chief and cross-examination before the court.

This instruction is issued to ensure proper coordination, accountability, and effective representation in all pending litigation. All Departments are requested to strictly comply with these instructions with immediate effect.

Sd/-T.L. GUITE
Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram

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