

**PROHIBITORY ORDER**

Whereas, a complaint was received by Nazimuddin, Scientist-'F' & Head IPC-II Division, CPCB and forwarded to the Board vide letter No. IPC-II/Mining/PI-20/5/2024 dated 16/05/2024 enclosing the complaint received via email dated 14/03/2024, pertaining to unscrupulous extraction of boulders, sand in certain location of rivers of Rymphum in West Jaintia Hills District. Whereas such activities cause disposal of polluting matter to the Streams/ River making it unfit for human consumption and aquatic lives as well.

Now, therefore, the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board in exercise of powers conferred upon it under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981 do hereby direct –

**Prohibition on use of stream or well for disposal of polluting matter, etc. along the catchment/ tributaries of Rymphum River etc.**

1. Section 24 1(a) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 prohibit on use of stream or well for disposal of polluting matter, etc. subject to the provision of this section that no person shall knowingly cause or permit any poisonous, noxious or polluting matter determined in accordance with such standards as may be laid down by the State Board to enter (whether directly or indirectly) into any 3 [stream or well or sewer or on land];
2. Section 24 1(b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 prohibit on use of stream or well for disposal of polluting matter, etc. subject to the provision of this section that no person shall knowingly cause or permit to enter into any stream any other matter which may tend, either directly or in combination with similar matters, to impede the proper flow of the water of the stream in a manner leading or likely to lead to a substantial aggravation of pollution due to other causes or of its consequences
3. Section 43 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 penalty for contravention of provisions of section 24 that whoever contravenes the provisions of section 24 shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than (one year and six months) but which may extend to six years and with fine.

In view of the above, violators of this order shall be penalized as per above provisions.

  
**(R. NAINAMALAI, IFS)**  
**CHAIRMAN**

Meghalaya State Pollution Control  
Board,  
Shillong.

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Dtd. Shillong, the 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2024

Copy to: -

1. The Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia hills District for kind information and with a request to promulgate Prohibitory Order under Section 144 CrPC.
2. The Secretary to the Executive Committee, Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council, Jowai, West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya for kind information.
3. The Divisional Forest Officer, Jaintia (T) Division, Jowai, for kind information and necessary action.
4. Official Website of the Board.

  
**MEMBER SECRETARY**