

No. MPCB/TB-7(A)/Vol-II/2020/2024-2025/ 127

Dtd. Shillong, the 1st May, 2024

PROHIBITORY ORDER

Whereas, a complaint was received vide email dated 23/03/2024 containing letter No.MFG.33/PGRS/Vol.II/20/379 dated 23/03/2024 pertaining to a request for immediate action to tackle and prevent the pollution of rivers, pertaining to large scale car washing in the River Umiew at Umiew Maw-U-Sam, Smit Area, East Khasi Hills District; Further, officials of the Board were deputed to inspect and assess the genuineness of the complaint. 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 Umiew 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
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Copy to: -

1. The Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi hills District for kind information and with a request to promulgate Prohibitory Order under Section 144 CrPC.
2. The Conservator of Forest (HQ), Shillong, East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya for kind information.
3. The Secretary, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, Shillong, East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya for kind information.
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, East Khasi & Ribhoi (T) Division, Shillong, for kind information and necessary action.
5. The Headman, Maw-U-Sam, Smit Area – 793015, East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya for kind information and necessary action.
6. Official Website of the Board.


MEMBER SECRETARY