

Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board

Forests & Environment Department, Government of Meghalaya

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No. MSPCB/TB-98/2024/2024-2025/

Dtd. Shillong, the August, 2024

PROHIBITORY ORDER

Whereas, the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in its Order dated 25-07-2024 in O.A. No. 919/2024 New Item titled "Barricade illegal sand mining pose threat to WGH riverbank" appearing in the Shillong Times dated 29.06.2024 wherein iron barricade placed in the middle of the Rongai Rive & uncontrolled illegal sand mining activities in certain location of river at Chibinang in West Garo Hills District causes erosion and loss of land. Such activities also causes 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 Rongai 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

Dtd. Shillong, the 16th August, 2024

Memo No. MSPCB/TB-98/2024/2024-2025/2-A

Copy to: -

1. The Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills District, Tura for kind information and with a request to promulgate Prohibitory Order under Section 144 CrPC.
2. The Secretary to the Executive Committee, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, Tura, West Garo Hills District, Meghalaya for kind information.
3. The Divisional Forest Officer, West & South Garo Hills (T) Division, Tura for kind information and necessary action.
4. The Editor, Shillong Times, Garo Hills Edition, Shillong to publish this order in one issue of your esteemed daily and to submit bill in duplicate for payment.
5. Official Website of the Board.

MEMBER SECRETARY