

No. MPCB/SWM-5/2006/2021-22/74

Dated Shillong, the 10th March, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

Prohibition on burning, throwing, burying of waste along the catchment/ tributaries of Umkhen River, Umkhrah River, Umshyrpi River etc

1. Rule 4 Sub Rule 2 of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 prohibited waste generator from throwing, burning or burying the solid waste generated by him, on streets, open public spaces or in the drain or water bodies.
2. Rule 15 (G) of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 directed the waste generators not to litter i.e throw or dispose of any waste such as paper, water bottles, liquor bottles, soft drink cans, tetra packs, fruit peel, wrappers, etc., or burn or burry waste on streets, open public spaces, drains, water bodies and to segregate the waste at source as prescribed under these rules and hand over the segregated waste to the authorised waste pickers or waste collectors authorised by the local body;
3. Rule 15 (K) of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 directed the street sweepers not to burn tree leaves collected from street sweeping and store them separately and handover to the waste collectors or agency authorised by local body;
4. The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) in its Judgement pronounced on 22nd December, 2016 page No. 87 in the matter of Mrs. Almitra H. Patel and Capt. J.S. Velu Vs Union of India, and Others, in the Original Application No. 199 of 2014 prohibited open burning of waste on lands, including landfill sites. Any violator shall be liable to pay environmental compensation of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) only in case of simple burning, while Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) only in case of bulk waste burning. The Environmental compensation shall be recovered as arrears of land revenue by the competent authority in accordance with law.
5. All local authorities/bodies (includes the municipal corporation, nagar nigam, municipal council, nagarpalika, nagar Palikaparishad, municipal board, nagar panchayat and town panchayat, census towns, notified areas and notified industrial townships with whatever name they are called in different States) shall ensure compliance to the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 and orders/judgment passed by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) on the subject matter.


Sd/-
Member Secretary
MSPCB, Shillong.

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Copy to:-

1. The Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Forest and Environment Department, Shillong for information.
2. The Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Urban Affairs Department, Meghalaya, Shillong.
3. The Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills for information and necessary action.
4. The Director of Industries, Meghalaya, Shillong for information.
5. The Director of Urban Affairs, Meghalaya, Shillong for information.
6. The Secretary, Meghalaya Urban Development Authority, Shillong.
7. The Secretary, KHADC, Meghalaya for information.
8. The Managing Director, MIDC, Shillong, Meghalaya for information.
9. The C.E.O., Shillong Municipal Board, Shillong Cantonment Board for information and necessary action.
10. The Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Industries Department, Shillong for information.
11. The General Manager D.I.C. East Khasi Hills for information and necessary action.
12. The Director of Information & Public Relations, Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong with a request to publish this Notice in one issue of the Shillong Times. Bill in duplicate may be sent to the Member Secretary, MSPCB for payment.
13. Website of the Board.


MEMBER SECRETARY
Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board
Shillong