

No. MPCB/TB-30(2022)/2022-2023/20

Dtd. 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2022

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Prohibition on burning, throwing, burying of waste, use of stream or well for disposal of polluting matter, etc. along the catchment/ tributaries of Myntdu 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 canes, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.
6. 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];
7. 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.

Sd/-  
**Member Secretary**  
**MSPCB, Shillong.**

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Copy to:-

1. The Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Forest and Environment Department, Shillong for information.
2. The Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Urban Affairs Department, Meghalaya, Shillong.
3. The Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills District for information and necessary action.
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Jaintia Hills Territorial Division, Jowai for information and necessary action.
5. The C.E.O., Jowai Municipal Board for information and necessary action.
6. The Urban Planner, Urban Affairs Department, Jowai for information and necessary action.
7. The Secretary, JHADC, Meghalaya for information and necessary action.
8. The General Manager D.I.C. West Jaintia Hills for information and necessary action.
9. The Director of Information & Public Relations, Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong with a request to publish this Notice in one issue of the U Jaintia. Bill in duplicate may be sent to the Member Secretary, MSPCB for payment.
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**MEMBER SECRETARY**

Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board  
Shillong