

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA FOREST & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong, the 29th July, 2024

No. FOR/CC/9/2023/188:- In pursuance of the advice by the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board *u/s* 17(1) (n) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & *u/s* 17(1) (b) & (h) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 respectively, and in compliance with the Hon'ble High Court Order dated 7.03.2023 in the matter of WP(C) No. 259 of 2022 M/S *East Jaintia Coke Vs. State of Meghalaya & Anr*, and the government of Meghalaya while exercising the powers conferred *u/s* 54 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and *u/s* 64 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, and in light of Article 162 of the constitution, the Governor of Meghalaya is hereby pleased to notify the following norms/ criteria for siting of Coke plants (with installed production capacity of less than 25,000 MTPA) which shall come into force with immediate effect and until further orders:-

Norms/ criteria for siting of Coke Plants (with installed production capacity of less than 25,000 MTPA) in Meghalaya

1. Stand Alone Coke Plants (single units),

Siting criteria/ norms shall be as specified below:

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| (a) Distance from Main Road (PWD) | : 500 M |
| (b) Distance from Outer Limit of village habitation | : 1 Km |
| (c) Distance from Important Public Places (Hospitals, Schools, Tourist Spots) | : 1 Km |
| (d) Distance from Major Stream/River/ Lakes | : 100M |
| (e) Minimum distance between 2 (two) stand-alone coke plants | : 1 Km |

2. Cluster of Coke Plants

Cluster is defined when 2 (two) or more units are located within a distance of 1 Km from each other.

Siting criteria/ norms for clusters shall be as specified below:

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| (a) Distance from Main Road (PWD) | : 1 Km |
| (b) Distance from Outer Limit of village habitation | : 3 Km |
| (c) Distance from Important Public Places (Hospitals, Schools, Tourist Spots) | : 3 Km |
| (d) Distance from Major Stream/ River/ Lakes | : 200 M |
| (e) Minimum distance between 2 (two) Clusters | : 5 Km |

- A minimum buffer zone of 100 meters (in case of stand-alone units) and 300 meters (in case of clusters) should be provided around the periphery for green belt.
- There should be a provision for a common approach road for units in cluster
- Measures to be adopted for prevention and control of pollution and standards of emission etc. shall be as prescribed under the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules/ Notifications made thereunder.

The implementation of the above norms/ criteria shall be in addition to and not in derogation of the provisions of any other laws for the time being in force and subject to review as and when necessary.

Sd/-

**Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Forest & Environment Department**

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Copy to:-

1. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, I/c Forest & Environment Department, Meghalaya, Shillong, for favour of information of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
2. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Speaker, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, for information of Hon'ble Speaker.
3. The P.S. to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya for information of the Chief Secretary.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Meghalaya, Shillong.
5. The Central Pollution Control Board, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India, Parivesh Bhavan, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi – 110032.
6. The Regional Director, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Regional Directorate North East, CTO Building, Ground Floor – II, Shillong – 793001.
7. The Chairman/ Member Secretary, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, ARDEN, Lumpyngngad, Motinagar, Shillong – 793014.
8. The Director, Printing and Stationery, Meghalaya, Shillong, for favour of publication in the Meghalaya Gazette.
9. ✓ SIO, NIC, Shillong, for favour of uploading the Notification in Government Website.
10. Guard File.

By Orders etc.,



***Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Forest & Environment Department***
