

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE :: EAST KHASI HILLS DISTRICT  
:: SHILLONG ::**

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Dated Shillong the <sup>nd</sup> 23 April, 2026.

**ORDER UNDER SECTION 163 BNSS.**

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Undersigned that removal of sand from river-beds is taking place along the river beds of Wahnianglang River, near Myllem, East Khasi Hills District which has severely affected the water sources in the surrounding and adjoining areas;

Whereas, Order is received from National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi restraining any person, company, authority to carry out any mining and quarrying activity or removal of sand from river beds anywhere in the country without obtaining valid Mining Licence/Quarry Permit and other Clearance Certificates prescribed by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India in EIA Notification 2006 and Amendments thereof;


Whereas, such indiscriminate removal of sand from river beds has led to the constant out-flow of stone, sand and other minerals into the rivers which ultimately lead to destruction of vegetation on the slopes, damages the water sources, destroys aquatic life and the water is no longer potable and is unfit for drinking purposes, etc and;

Whereas, it is necessary to ensure compliance to the aforesaid Order of National Green Tribunal within East Khasi Hills District so as to prevent danger to human life, health and safety and to protect the environment;

Now, therefore, I Smti. H. M. L. Kynta, MCS, I/c District Magistrate, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong in exercise of the power conferred upon me under Section 163 BNSS and in order to safeguard the environment, do hereby restrain (i) illegal mining and quarrying in the hill slopes and (ii) removal of sand from river-beds by any person, company or authority without obtaining Mining Licence/Quarry Permit and other Clearance Certificates from the Competent Authority/(s).

In view of the urgency of the matter, this order has been passed ex-parte and it shall come into force with immediate effect throughout the entire East Khasi Hills District, until further orders.

Given under my hand and seal, the 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2026.

  
Smti. H. M. L. Kynta, MCS,  
I/c District Magistrate,  
East Khasi Hills District,  
Shillong.