

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

**ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR
NOTIFICATION**

Dated Shillong, the 12th January, 2022.

No. FOR.CC/14/2019/188 – In compliance of the order of Hon'ble NGT in O.A. No. 360/2015 dated 26.02.2021, District Level Task Force is hereby constitute in every district of the State of Meghalaya of the following composition to check illegal mining and transport of minor minerals:

1.	Deputy Commissioner/District Magistrate	Chairman
2.	Superintendent of Police	Member
3.	Divisional Forest Officer(Territorial)	Member Secretary
4.	District Transport Officer	Member
5.	Representative of Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board	Member
6.	Executive Engineer, Water Resources Department	Member
7.	Divisional Mining Officer	Member
8.	Two independent members who may be a retired Govt. official or teacher/ex-service man/ex-judiciary member to be nominated by the Chairman.	Members

Duties of the District Level Task Force:

- (i) The District Level Task Force shall keep regular watch over mining activities in relation to minor minerals and movement of minor minerals in the district and shall meet at least once in a month to take stock of the situation.
- (ii) Take steps to prevent illegal mining /quarrying and transport of minor minerals (sand, boulderstone, stones, gravel etc.)
- (iii) To collect/review information /cases/issues to illegal mining/ quarrying of minor minerals.
- (iv) Recommend revoking mining lease or environmental clearance in cases of minor minerals where the conditions of Mining Leases or Environmental Clearance has been violated.
- (v) The District Level Task Force shall be at a liberty to constitute independent committee of experts to assess environmental or ecological damage caused by illegal mining and recommend recovery of environmental compensation from the miners of such minor minerals. Such recommendation may also include action under the provisions of E (P) Act, 1986.

- (vi) Take necessary action under the Mines and minerals Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and the Meghalaya Minor Mineral Concession Rule, 2016 in case of those indulging in illegal mining/ quarrying and transport of minor minerals.
- (vii) The District Level Task Force shall have regular meeting preferably every month.
- (viii) The location and number of check post requirement shall be reconciled by the District Level Task Force.

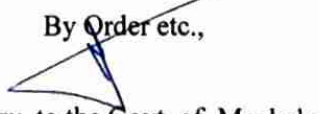
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(Syed Md.A.Razi, I.R.T.S)
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Forests & Environment Department.

Memo No. FOR.CC/14/2019/188-A

Dated Shillong, the 12th January, 2022.

Copy to:-

1. The P.S. to the Minister, Forest & Environment Department, for kind information of the Hon'ble Minister.
2. The P.S. to the Speaker, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, for kind information of the Hon'ble Speaker.
3. The P.S. to the Leader of Opposition, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly for kind information of the Hon'ble Leader of Opposition.
4. The P.S. to the Chief Secretary, Meghalaya, Shillong for information.
5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Meghalaya , Shillong.
6. The Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Water Resources Department for information.
7. The Director General of Police, Meghalaya , Shillong.
8. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Forest & Environment Department for information.
9. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Transport Department for information.
10. The Member Secretary, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, 'ARDEN' Lumpynggad -793014.
11. The Director of Mineral Resources, Risa Colony, Shillong, Meghalaya 793014.
12. All Deputy Commissioners for information.
13. All Superintendent of Police for information.
14. The Director, Printing and Stationery with a request to publish in the Meghalaya Gazette.
15. All Divisional Forest Officers(Territorial) for information.
16. All District Transport Officers for information.
17. Senior System Analyst, NIC, Meghalaya, Shillong.

By Order etc.,

Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya.
Forests & Environment Department.
