

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
FORESTS & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

ORDER

No. FOR.CC/14/2019/Pt/4

Dated Shillong the 14th April, 2022

It is hereby directed that the grant of quarry permits and mining leases in respect of sand, which is a minor mineral having been listed at Sl No. 3 of Schedule III of Meghalaya Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2016, shall be strictly regulated in accordance with the Meghalaya Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2016.

The authority competent to grant the mining leases and quarry permits shall strictly enforce the provisions contained in Rule 4(3) of the Meghalaya Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2016 inasmuch as the said Sub-Rule prohibits grant of mining lease and quarry permit without prior environmental clearance under Environment Protection Act, 1986 by the competent authority.

It is further directed that the provisions of the Sustainable Sand Mining Management Guidelines 2016 and Enforcement & Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining, 2020 have been duly adopted by the State Government and are required to be strictly implemented by the concerned authorities.

Any mining or quarrying of sand by any individual, institution or organization without quarry permit or mining lease issued under the provisions of Meghalaya Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2016 by the competent authority is an offense.

It is further directed that officers authorized under Section of 21 of Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 shall register the cases forthwith and take all other further consequential actions including seizure of illegally extracted sand, tool, equipment, vehicle or any other thing used thereof.

To secure effective implementation of the order, the concerned District Magistrate shall expressly notify that quarrying/mining of sand without permission shall be dealt with strictly and shall issue suitable orders under Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973.

Sd/-

(Syed Md. A Razi, IRTS)

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

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Dated Shillong 14th April, 2022

Copy to :-

1. The Private Secretary to the Chief Minister, Meghalaya, Shillong for kind information of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
2. The Private Secretary to the Minister, i/c Forests & Environment Department for kind information of the Hon'ble Minister.
3. The Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Meghalaya, Shillong for information and necessary action.
5. The Director General of Police, Meghalaya Shillong for kind information and necessary action.
6. The Secretary, Mining & Geology Department, Government of Meghalaya for kind information.
7. All Deputy Commissioners Meghalaya for information and necessary action.
8. All Superintendents of Police Meghalaya for information and necessary action.
9. The Director Mineral Resources, Meghalaya Shillong for kind information.
10. The Director, Printing & Stationery, Meghalaya, Shillong, for publication in the Meghalaya Gazette.
11. Senior System Analyst, NIC, Shillong Meghalaya with a request to upload in the Government Website.
12. Guard File

By order etc.

Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya
Forests & Environment Department

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