

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA**  
**DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION & PUBLIC**  
**RELATIONS**

**Press Release No.247/19**

**Nomenclature of Wild Black Pepper**

**Shillong, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019** : The Government of Meghalaya has notified that the nomenclature of Wild Black Pepper will now be 'Long Pepper' for all intents and purposes and that Tezpatta (Bay Leaf; *Laurus nobilis*) and Long Pepper (*Piper longum*) will henceforth be the mandated crops of the Agriculture Department, under the Horticulture Sector, so long as they are cultivated and/or sourced from defined non-forest lands of Meghalaya State.

The notification is in pursuance of the decision made in the meeting held on 07.05.2019 under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister of Meghalaya, and will come into force with immediate effect.