

Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board

Forests & Environment Department, Government of Meghalaya

'ARDEN' Lumpyngngad, Shillong - 793014

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Dtd: Shillong the 5th November, 2025

To,

General Manager(P), NHIDCL,
Project Management Unit-Mylliem, Laitjem, BSS Guest House,
Mylliem C&RD Block, East Khasi Hills District
Meghalaya, Pin-793121
email: gmshillongnhidcl@yahoo.com

Sub: ***IMPOSITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPENSATION***

Whereas, the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal Bench, New Delhi, in its order dated 31.08.2018 in O.A. No. 593/2017 (WP (C) No. 375/2012), Paryavaran Suraksha Samiti & Anr. vs. Union of India & Ors., directed the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to take penal action, including assessment and recovery of Environmental Compensation, against persons or entities responsible for violation of environmental standards, and to utilize the same for restoration and protection of the environment;

Whereas, in another judgment of the Hon'ble NGT dated 10.07.2019 in O.A. No. 1038/2018, based on the report "CPCB to rank industrial units on pollution levels", it has been reiterated that the principle of 'Polluter Pays' and 'Precautionary Principle' shall guide all enforcement actions by Pollution Control Boards including the levy of Environmental Compensation;

Whereas, based on an inspection conducted by officials of the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board (MSPCB) on 3rd November, 2025, it was observed that the ongoing Shillong-Dawki Road Project, executed under your management, had resulted in violations of environmental norms at the following GPS locations:

1. 25°25'51.4488"N, 91°51'49.6116"E
2. 25°25'37.5384"N, 91°51'45.4788"E
3. 25°24'50.9760"N, 91°52'4.8216"E
4. 25°21'36.1656"N, 91°53'4.3368"E

Whereas, such violations are in contravention of the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, as well as the directions issued by the Hon'ble NGT and the CPCB;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 33A of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, and Section 31A of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, read with the 'Methodology for Assessment of Environmental

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Compensation' issued by the CPCB and adopted by the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, the Board hereby imposes an Environmental Compensation on the General Manager (P), NHIDCL, for the above-mentioned violations, amounting to **₹3,75,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Seventy-Five Thousand only) per location**, aggregating to a total of **₹15,00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs only)**.

The said Environmental Compensation shall be remitted within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of receipt of this notice, through a Demand Draft or Banker's Cheque drawn in favour of "Member Secretary, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, Shillong."

Failure to comply with the above direction within the stipulated period shall compel the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board to initiate further proceedings, including but not limited to initiation of prosecution or other actions as deemed fit under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.


(SHRI. R. NAINAMALAI, IFS)
CHAIRMAN

Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board,
Shillong

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1. The Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Forests & Environment Department, East Khasi Hills District for favour of information.
2. The Deputy Commissioner cum Chairman District Level Task Force, East Khasi Hills District for favour of information and necessary action.


CHAIRMAN