

Government of Meghalaya
Directorate of Information & Public Relations

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Dated Shillong, the 14th January, 2026


From: Shri B. S. Sohliya, IAS
Director of Information and Public Relations,
Meghalaya, Shillong.

To, _____
The Editor/Producer,

Sub: **Advisory to Cinema Exhibitors and other stakeholders in Northeast India on Adherence to Provisions of the Cinematograph Act 1952, and Certification Guidelines.**

With reference to the above, I am to enclose herewith a copy of the Advisory to Cinema Exhibitors and other stakeholders in Northeast India on Adherence to Provisions of the Cinematograph Act 1952, and Certification Guidelines received from Shri Dipankar Gogoi, Additional Regional Officer, CBFC Regional Office, Guwahati with a request to kindly publish/upload/telecast in your newspaper/channel in the interest of the public.

This is for your information and necessary action.


Director of Information & Public Relations,
Meghalaya, Shillong.

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Shri Dipankar Gogoi, Additional Regional Officer, CBFC Regional Office, Guwahati for information. This has a reference to the letter No. RO/CBFC/GUWAHATI/ADMN/2025-26/058 dt. 05.01.2026.

Director of Information & Public Relations,
Meghalaya, Shillong.



Advisory to Cinema Exhibitors and other stakeholders in Northeast India on Adherence to Provisions of the Cinematograph Act, 1952, and Certification Guidelines.

The Regional Office, CBFC, Guwahati, kindly advises all cinema halls and public halls/auditoriums across Northeast India to fully comply with the Cinematograph Act, 1952, Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 2024, and age-based guidelines for smooth public exhibitions.

Key areas of focus include:

1. Age Restrictions

- **"A" Certified Films:** Strictly no entry is to be allowed for persons below 18 years, including lap children. Please verify IDs and display notices (Section 7(1)(a)(ii) & (d)). Penalty: ₹10,000 per minor; up to 3 years imprisonment + ₹10 lakh fine.
- **UA Certifications (Parental Guidance):** Under updated guidelines, please adhere to sub-categories— UA 7+ (caution for under 7), UA 13+ (under 13), UA 16+ (under 16). Exhibitors should display warnings and encourage parental discretion to align with intent. Non-adherence risks general violation penalties.

2. Mandatory Certification and Screenings

- No public shows without CBFC certificate is to be exhibited. (Section 7(1)(a)(i)). Penalty for violation: Up to 3 years imprisonment + fine.
- Please screen approved PSAs/social films before every feature. Penalty for violation: Fine up to ₹1 lakh + license suspension.

3. Other Offences and Penalties

Offence	Provision	Penalty
Unauthorised alterations	7(1) (a) (iii)	Up to 3 years RI + fine
No PSA screening	Rule 43, 2024	Fine up to ₹ 1 lakh ; license risk
Repeated violations	7(3)	Suspension / revocation of license

Let us collectively ensure a responsible and legally compliant cinematic experience for all.

[Signature]
05/10/26

Dipankar Gogoi

Additional Regional Officer
CBFC Regional Office, Guwahati