

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE :: EAST KHASI HILLS DISTRICT
:: S H I L L O N G ::

ORDER UNDER SECTION 163 BNSS

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the undersigned and complaints have been received that there are many construction activities taking place in and around the District including construction of houses, roads, schools, dams, pipelines, commercial and industrial projects, etc.

Whereas such construction activities involved extraction or sourcing or borrowing of ordinary earth, stones and boulders resulting in huge quantity of loose soil and debris being extracted which are often indiscriminately disposed off and dumped along the road or nearby the catchment area and water sources, without identifying proper dumping ground and without prior intimation or permission from the concerned Authorities for proper disposal.

And, whereas, in view of the Monsoon season and heavy rain, these soil and debris are washed away finally reaching the Rivers/Rivulets and Water bodies including drinking water sources.

Whereas, such indiscriminate dumping has caused pollution to the rivers , water bodies, drinking water sources and Rivulets in the East Khasi Hills District especially during heavy rainfall, thereby, affecting drinking water making it unfit for consumption and domestic use, besides posing a threat to humans as well as aquatic life.

Whereas, I am of the opinion that such acts of polluting of the river if allowed to continue is likely to result in scarcity of drinking water, cause health hazards and also affect the environment of the areas around, and;

Whereas, it has thereby become necessary to prevent such acts in larger public interests;

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, I Smti. R.M. Kurbah, IAS, District Magistrate, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong hereby prohibit the following:

1. Any unauthorized construction which requires excavation of earth/soil/boulders without identifying proper dumping ground and mitigation measures to prevent water pollution and without prior intimation/permission from the Authorities.
2. Non adherence to the Guidelines of the Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016 issued by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB);
3. Non adherence to the Standard Operating Procedures/Environmental Safeguards issued by the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board (MSPCB) vide Notice no MSPCB/TB-34/2022/2024-2025 dated 10th March 2025 regarding :-
 - (i) Extraction or sourcing or borrowing of ordinary earth for the linear projects such as roads, pipelines, etc., and
 - (ii) Dredging and de-silting of dams, reservoirs, weirs, barrages, rivers and canals for the purpose of their maintenance, upkeep and disaster management.
4. Any construction without identification of proper site for dumping of Soil or debris.

In view of the urgency of the matter, this order has been passed ex-parte and it shall come into force with immediate effect throughout the entire areas specified above and, until further orders.

Given under my hand and seal the **20thMarch, 2026.**

Sd/-
District Magistrate,
East Khasi Hills District,
Shillong