

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE : WEST JAINTIA HILLS DISTRICT : JOWAI.

ORDER U/S 163 BNSS
DT. 19th August, 2025

No.JHC.02/2024/Pt.V/389,

Dated Jowai, the 19th August 2026.

Whereas, it has been brought to my notice of the undersigned that the Khasi Student Union (KSU), during its ongoing rally, has publicly expresses dissatisfaction over the Government's non-fulfilment of their demands and has further threatened to intensify their agitation, and that, pursuant to Letter No. DSB/JWI/III-39/2026/2061 Dt. 19.08.26 received from the Superintendent of Police, DSB, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai Input have been received regarding the prevailing situation and the likelihood of further intensification of the agitation;

And Whereas, in view of the above situation and in order to prevent any untoward incident, it is considered necessary in the interest of public safety and maintenance of public property;

And Whereas, according to the provisions governing petroleum products, the sale of petrol and diesel in jerry cans, bottles, and other containers without proper authorization, as governed under the Petroleum Act, 1934, is strictly prohibited;

And Whereas, the unregulated sale and illegal hoarding of petroleum products without proper authorization poses a grave fire hazard and directly threatens public safety, including fire hazards, threat to life and property, and may lead to disruption of public order;

Now, therefore, I Shri. Abhinav Kumar Singh, IAS, District Magistrate, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under section 163 BNSS do hereby promulgate this order prohibiting the sale and distribution of petrol and diesel in loose quantities within the jurisdiction of West Jaintia Hills.

Any person found violating the order will be liable for legal action under Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and other relevant provisions of the law.

However, the issuance of diesel for mobile towers and road construction companies shall continue as per the standing orders issued by the undersigned, subject to compliance with the relevant provisions of the Petroleum Act, 1934 and application regulations.

In view of the urgency of the matter, this order is passed ex-parte and shall come into force with immediate effect until further orders.

Given under hand and seal, this day the 19th August, 2026

Sd/-

(Abhinav Kumar Singh, IAS)
District Magistrate,
West Jaintia Hills District,
Jowai.