

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR
NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong, the 30th May, 2025.

No.FOR/CC/8/2024/204 - In compliance of the order of the Hon'ble High Court of Meghalaya in PIL No. 2 of 2024 dated 09.04.2025 in the matter of Geraldine G. Shabong Vrs State of Meghalaya & Ors, a Three (03) Member Committee is hereby constituted to check indiscriminate felling of trees throughout the State as under:-

1. Conservator of Forests (T), Khasi & Jaintia Hills, - Chairman
Meghalaya, Shillong.
2. Dr. Krishna Upadhaya, - Member
Associate Professor (Environmental Science),
Department of Basic Sciences & Social Sciences,
North Eastern Hill University,
Shillong, Meghalaya - 793002.
3. Secretary, Forests & Environment Department, - Member
Government of Meghalaya, Shillong.

Duties of the Committee:-

- i. Advise the government with regard to the steps to be taken to stop indiscriminate felling of trees throughout the State. The Government will act in accordance with such advice.
- ii. Scrutinize the above report filed before us which includes the applications to permit felling of trees along with the report of the local forest officers, make their independent enquiry and issue necessary directions to the Forest Department to fell the trees or to refrain from doing so or to take any measures for their preservation.
- iii. Take District by District and deal with the applications for felling of trees in those Districts in accordance with law passing suitable directions binding on the respondents and the local forest officials.

Sd/-
(D.P. Wahlang, IAS)
Chief Secretary,
Government of Meghalaya

Memo No. FOR/CC/8/2024/204-A

Dated Shillong, the 30th May, 2025.

Copy to:

1. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, i/c Forest & Environment Department for kind information of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
2. The P.S. to the Speaker, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly for kind information of the Hon'ble Speaker.
3. The P.S. to the Leader of Opposition, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, for kind information of the Hon'ble Leader of Opposition.
4. The P.S. to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya for kind information.
5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Meghalaya Shillong for information and necessary action.
6. The Director General of Police, Meghalaya, Shillong for information.
7. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Territorial, Meghalaya Shillong.
8. Dr. Krishna Upadhaya, Associate Professor, Department of Basic Sciences & Social Sciences, School of Technology, NEHU, Shillong - 793022.
9. The Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Forests & Environment Department, Meghalaya, Shillong for information.
10. The Member Secretary, MSPCB, Meghalaya, Shillong for information.
11. All Deputy Commissioners for information.
12. The Director, Printing & Stationery, Meghalaya Shillong for publication in the Gazette and for supplying of 20 spare copies.
13. All Divisional Forest Officers (T) Division for information.
14. The State Informatics Officer, NIC Shillong, Meghalaya.
15. Guard file/Office file.

By Order etc.,



Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Forest & Environment Department
