

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

**ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR**

**NOTIFICATION**

**Dated Shillong the 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2026.**

**No. FOR/CC/29/2019/Pt/771:** -Whereas, in compliance of directions issued by the Hon'ble High Court of Meghalaya in Public Interest Litigation No. 10 of 2019 In Re.: Cleanliness of Umiam Lake Vs State of Meghalaya, the Government of Meghalaya had notified the Meghalaya Waterbodies (Conservation and Protection) Guidelines, 2023 vide Notification No. FOR/CC/29/2019/Pt/688 dated 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2023;

And whereas, the said Guidelines were subsequently amended by Meghalaya Waterbodies (Conservation and Protection) Amendment Guidelines, 2023 vide Notification No. FOR/CC/29/2019/Pt/1140 dated 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2024;

And whereas, the said Guidelines (as amended) were reviewed by the Expert Committee in view of the request of Planning, Investment Promotion and Sustainable Development (PIPSD) Department, Meghalaya vide letter No.PLR.44/2020/Pt-VI/317 dated 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 consequent upon the recent amendments made in Meghalaya Building Bye laws by the Government of Meghalaya during 2024-25;

Now therefore, the Government of Meghalaya hereby makes the following Guidelines to further amend the Meghalaya Waterbodies (Conservation and Protection) Guidelines, 2023, namely: -

**1. Short title, extent and commencement.** (a) These Guidelines may be called the Meghalaya Waterbodies (Conservation and Protection) Amendment Guidelines, 2026.

(b) These guidelines shall extend to the whole of Meghalaya.

(c) The guidelines shall come into force on the date of their publication in Meghalaya Gazette.

**2. Substitution of Appendix-2.** In the principal Guidelines, Appendix- 2 shall be substituted by the following Appendices, namely: -

(a) Appendix-2A - General siting norms for areas other than urban areas (non-industrial), and

(b) Appendix-2B - Specific siting norms for industrial areas and standalone industrial units located outside urban areas.

**TABLE – 2A: SITING NORMS FOR BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES FOR RIVERINE WATERBODIES IN AREAS OTHER THAN URBAN AREAS**

Sl. No.	Width of Riverine Waterbody	Size of Adjoining Plot	Extent of Waterbody Setback	Parameters for Regulated Zone				
				Maximum Plot Coverage	Maximum F.A.R.	Maximum Number of Floors	Maximum building height	Type of Building
1.	Up to 4m	Any size	10m	50%	1.00	2	7.6m	Residential
							8.2m	Non-Residential / mixed use
2.	More than 4m	Up to 500 sqm	10m	50%	1.00	2	7.6m	Residential
							8.2m	Non-Residential / mixed use
		501 – 2000 sqm	20m	40%	0.8	2	7.6m	Residential
							8.2m	Non-Residential / mixed use
		Beyond 2000 sqm	30m	40%	0.8	2	7.6m	Residential
							8.2m	Non-Residential

**TABLE – 2B: PROPOSED SITING NORMS FOR BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES FOR RIVERINE WATERBODIES IN INDUSTRIAL AREAS**

Sl. No.	Category of Industry		Extent of Waterbody Setback	Parameters for Regulated Zone			
				Maximum Plot Coverage	Maximum F.A.R.	Maximum Number of Floors	Maximum building height
1.	RED		As per "Control of Water Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation)	As per Meghalaya Building Bye-laws 2024-2025 (as amended from time to time)			
2.	ORANGE	With Effluent Generation Without Effluent					

		Generation	of Consent) Guidelines, 2025”/ “Control of Air Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Guidelines, 2025” (as amended from time to time)
3.	GREEN		

Sd/-  
(Shakil P.Ahammed, IAS)  
Chief Secretary,  
Government of Meghalaya  
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Memo No. No. FOR/CC/29/2019/Pt/771- A

Dated Shillong the 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2026.

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1. P.S to the Chief Minister of Meghalaya for kind information of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
2. P.S to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
3. P.A to the Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Home (Police)/ Water Resources Departments for kind information of the Additional Chief Secretary.
4. P.A to the Principal Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary/Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Forest & Environment/ Public Health Engineering/Urban Affairs/Planning, Investment Promotion & Sustainable Development Department/Finance/Soil and Water Conservation Department for kind information of the Principal Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary/Secretary.
5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF, Meghalaya, Shillong.
6. The Chairman, Meghalaya State Pollution Board, Shillong.
7. The Member Secretary, Meghalaya State Pollution Board, Shillong.
8. The Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills/West Khasi Hills/ South West Khasi Hills/ Eastern West Khasi Hills/ Ri-Bhoi/ East Jaintia Hills/ West Jaintia Hills/ East Garo Hills/ North Garo Hills/South Garo Hills/ West Garo Hills/ South West Garo Hills District for information and necessary action.
9. The Director Urban Affairs, Meghalaya, Shillong.
10. The Director Soil & Water Conservation, Meghalaya, Shillong.
11. The Chief Engineer Public Health Engineering Department, Meghalaya, Shillong.
12. The Chief Engineer (Environment & Sanitation) PHED, Meghalaya, Shillong.
13. The Chief Executive Officer, Smart City Project/Shillong Municipal Board, Shillong for information and necessary action.
14. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry & Environment), Meghalaya, Shillong.
15. The Secretary to Executive Committee, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, Shillong.
16. The Chief Executive Officer, Shillong Cantonment Board. Shillong.

17. Shri Nababrata Bhattacharjee, Adviser to the Forest & Environment Department.
18. The Director, Printing & Stationery, Meghalaya, Shillong for publication in the Meghalaya Gazette.
19. The Senior System Analyst, NIC, Shillong with a request to upload in the Government website.

By Order etc.,



Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Forest & Environment Department

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