

PRESS RELEASE

Commission of Inquiry on the Thangsko blast incident, East Jaintia Hills District under Hon'ble Justice (Retd.) R.S. Chauhan

The Inquiry Commission under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice R.S Chauhan (Retd.) held a three-days sitting w.e.f. 6th - 8th May 2026 at State Guest House, Shillong.

During the sitting on the 6th May, 2026, the Commission recorded submissions made by:

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) and Head of Forest (HoFF), Shillong
2. Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Ltd. (CMPDIL), Ranchi
3. Ministry of Coal, New Delhi and
4. Director of Directorate of Mineral Resources (DMR), Shillong

During the sitting on the 7th May, 2026, the Commission recorded the submission made by:

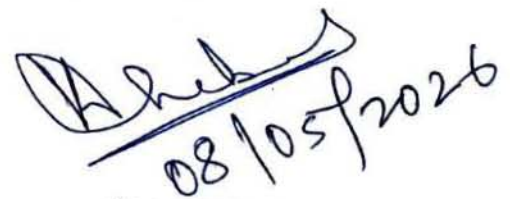
1. Shallang Area Trader Association, West Khasi Hills
2. South West Khasi Hills Mine Owners and Exporter Association

During the sitting on the 8th May, 2026, the Commission recorded the submission made by:

1. North Eastern Space Application Centre (NESAC)
2. Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM)
3. Relatives of the Victims

The next sitting of the Commission will be held from the 13th to 15th July 2026. The Commission will visit the incident site on the 13th July, 2026 and will continue to conduct enquiry.

In this regard, the Commission has issued a Public Notice in English and local newspapers and those who wishes to depose or make further submissions may do so by writing to the Secretary, Commission of Inquiry, Room 228, Main Building, Meghalaya Secretariat, Shillong or by emailing at commission.inquirymeg@gmail.com.

A handwritten signature in black ink, followed by a horizontal line and the date '08/05/2026' written below it.

Secretary,
Commission of Inquiry,
Meghalaya, Shillong