

Government of Meghalaya
Forest & Environment Department

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR
NOTIFICATION

No. FOR.37/2014/422

Dated: Shillong the 8th May, 2026.

In exercise of powers conferred under Sub-section (1) and (2) of Section 40 and Sub-Section (1) of Section 41 of Meghalaya Forest Regulation, 1973 (Assam Regulation No.7 of 1891 as adapted and amended by the State of Meghalaya) the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to make the following Rules to amend the Meghalaya Forest Regulation Transit Rules (hereinafter, referred to as the Principal Rules) namely:-

1. Short title and commencement:-

- (1) These Rules may be called the Meghalaya Forest Transit (Amendment) Rules, 2026.
- (2) They shall come into force with immediate effect.

2. Amendment of Sub clause (i) clause (a) of the existing Rule 2:

Sub-clause (i) clause (a) Rule 2 of Principal Rules shall be substituted by the following:-

"a permit issued by a duly authorised Forest Officer under the applicable rules governing unclassed State forests or reserved forests authorizing the holder to remove forest produce from a specified locality, or an electronic Transit Pass or No Objection Certificate issued through the online National Transit Pass System; or"

3. Amendment of clause (c) Rule 4:

- (i) "The second proviso to clause (c) Rule 4 stands deleted",
- (ii) In the existing clause (c) Rule 4 of the Principal Rules the following new proviso shall be inserted after the existing last proviso and "Note":-:

“Provided that Electronic Transit Pass/No Objection Certificate issued through online National Transit Pass System shall be valid in the whole of the State of Meghalaya and no fresh transit permit is required in lieu of electronic Transit Pass/No Objection Certificate issued through online National Transit Pass System at the time of import into the State of Meghalaya”.

4. Amendment of Rule 17:-

The existing Rule 17 of the Principal Rules shall be substituted by the following:-

“Any person infringing any of the above Rules shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year and with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees and on the second and every subsequent conviction for the same offence, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years and with fine which may extend to twenty five thousand rupees. Provided that minimum imprisonment for one month shall be imposed in every case of infringement under these Rules.”

Sd/-

(M.B.K. Reddy, IFS)

Principal Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya
Forest & Environment Department

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2. The P.S to the Hon'ble Speaker, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, for kind information of the Hon'ble Speaker.
3. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Leader of Opposition, for kind information of the Leader of Opposition.
4. The P.S to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya for kind information of the Chief Secretary.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF, Meghalaya Shillong for information and necessary action for circulating these amendment Rules among all officers under his control.
6. The Secretary, District Council Affairs Department for information.
7. The Secretary, Mining & Geology Department for information.
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Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya
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