GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS AND ENVIRONMENT
ICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HOFF :MEGHALAYA

NOTIFICATION

No. MFG. G/SF/64/98/Pt-IV/ Dated-Shillong, the.....March, 2017

In accordance with the Orders dated 15th January, 1998 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in matters relating with Wood-Based Industries in W.P (C) No. 202/1995 T.N. Godavarman Thirumulpad vs Union of India & Others, and in pursuance of the directions of the State Government vide letter No. FOR 50/2001/Vol-I/626, dated 28th February 2017, a District Level Special Task Force for enforcing the Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in matters relating with Wood-Based Industries is hereby constituted in respect of all the Districts in Meghalaya, comprising of the members as follows:-

A. East Khasi Hills District:

1.	Conservator of Forests (Wildlife & Territorial), Khasi & Jaintia Hills, Shillong	Head of the East Khasi Hills District Special Task Force and Principal Supervisor of Operations **Chairperson**
2.	Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial) Khasi Hills Division, Shillong	Additional Supervisor of Operations **Member Secretary**
3.	Executive Magistrate to be nominated by the Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Magisterial) **Member**
4.	Deputy Superintendent of Police/ Inspector of Police to be nominated by the Superintendent of Police, East Khasi Hills, Shillong; who shall lead such police force to be detailed by the Superintendent of Police for the purpose	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Police) **Member**
5.	Assistant Conservator of Forests (Protection), Khasi Hills Territorial Division, Shillong	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Forest) **Member**
6.	Officer in-charge of the Sub-Divisional office of the Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL) for East Khasi Hills District	**Member**
7.	Representative/ Official of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council not below the rank of Deputy Chief Forest Officer / Forest Ranger.	**Member**

B. West Khasi Hills District:

1.	Conservator of Forests (Wildlife & Territorial), Khasi & Jaintia Hills, Shillong	Head of the West Khasi Hills District Special Task Force and Principal Supervisor of Operations **Chairperson**
2.	Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial) Khasi Hills Division, Shillong	Additional Supervisor of Operations **Member Secretary**
3.	Executive Magistrate to be nominated by the Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin.	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Magisterial) **Member**
4.	Deputy Superintendent of Police/ Inspector of Police to be nominated by the Superintendent of Police, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin; who shall lead such police force to be detailed by the Superintendent of Police for the purpose	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Police) **Member**
5.	Assistant Conservator of Forests (Protection), Khasi Hills Territorial Division, Shillong	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Forest) **Member**
6.	Officer in-charge of the Sub-Divisional office of the Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL) for West Khasi Hills District	**Member**
7.	Representative/ Official of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council not below the rank of Deputy Chief Forest Officer / Forest Ranger.	**Member**

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C. South West Khasi Hills District:

1.	Conservator of Forests (Wildlife & Territorial), Khasi & Jaintia Hills, Shillong	Head of the South West Khasi Hills District Special Task Force and Principal Supervisor of Operations **Chairperson**
2.	Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial) Khasi Hills Division, Shillong	Additional Supervisor of Operations **Member Secretary**
3.	Executive Magistrate to be nominated by the Deputy Commissioner, South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat.	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Magisterial) **Member**
4.	Deputy Superintendent of Police/ Inspector of Police to be nominated by the Superintendent of Police, South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat; who shall lead such police force to be detailed by the Superintendent of Police for the purpose	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Police) **Member**
5.	Assistant Conservator of Forests (Protection), Khasi Hills Territorial Division, Shillong	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Forest) **Member**
6.	Officer in-charge of the Sub-Divisional office of the Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL) for South West Khasi Hills District	**Member**
7.	Representative/ Official of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council not below the rank of Deputy Chief Forest Officer / Forest Ranger.	**Member**

D. Ri-Bhoi District:

1.	Conservator of Forests (Wildlife & Territorial), Khasi & Jaintia Hills, Shillong	Head of the Ri-Bhoi District Special Task Force and Principal Supervisor of Operations **Chairperson**
2.	Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial) Khasi Hills Division, Shillong	Additional Supervisor of Operations **Member Secretary**
3.	Executive Magistrate to be nominated by the Deputy Commissioner, Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh.	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Magisterial) **Member**
4.	Deputy Superintendent of Police/ Inspector of Police to be nominated by the Superintendent of Police, Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh; who shall lead such police force to be detailed by the Superintendent of Police for the purpose	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Police) **Member**
5.	Assistant Conservator of Forests (Protection), Khasi Hills Territorial Division, Shillong	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Forest) **Member**
6.	Officer in-charge of the Sub-Divisional office of the Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL) for Ri-Bhoi District	**Member**
7.	Representative/ Official of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council not below the rank of Deputy Chief Forest Officer / Forest Ranger.	**Member**

E. East Jaintia Hills District:

1.	Conservator of Forests (Wildlife & Territorial), Khasi & Jaintia Hills, Shillong	Head of the East Jaintia Hills District Special Task Force and Principal Supervisor of Operations **Chairperson**
2.	Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial) Jaintia Hills Division, Jowai	Additional Supervisor of Operations **Member Secretary**
3.	Executive Magistrate to be nominated by the Deputy Commissioner, East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Magisterial) **Member**
4.	Deputy Superintendent of Police/Inspector of Police to be nominated by the Superintendent of Police, East Jaintia Hills, Khliehriat; who shall lead such police force to be detailed by the Superintendent of Police for the purpose	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Police) **Member**
5.	Assistant Conservator of Forests (Protection), Jaintia Hills Territorial Division, Jowai	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Forest) **Member**

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6.	Officer in-charge of the Sub-Divisional office of the Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL) for East Jaintia Hills District	**Member**
7.	Representative/ Official of the Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council not below the rank of Deputy Chief Forest Officer / Forest Ranger.	**Member**

F. West Jaintia Hills District:

1.	Conservator of Forests (Wildlife & Territorial), Khasi & Jaintia Hills, Shillong	Head of the West Jaintia Hills District Special Task Force and Principal Supervisor of Operations **Chairperson**
2.	Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial) Jaintia Hills Division, Jowai	Additional Supervisor of Operations **Member Secretary**
3.	Executive Magistrate to be nominated by the Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Magisterial) **Member**
4.	Deputy Superintendent of Police/Inspector of Police to be nominated by the Superintendent of Police, West Jaintia Hills, Jowai; who shall lead such police force to be detailed by the Superintendent of Police for the purpose	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Police) **Member**
5.	Assistant Conservator of Forests (Protection), Jaintia Hills Territorial Division, Jowai	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Forest) **Member**
6.	Officer in-charge of the Sub-Divisional office of the Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL) for West Jaintia Hills District	**Member**
7.	Representative/ Official of the Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council not below the rank of Deputy Chief Forest Officer / Forest Ranger.	**Member**

G. East Garo Hills District:

1.	Conservator of Forests (Wildlife & Territorial), Garo Hills, Tura	Head of the East Garo Hills District Special Task Force and Principal Supervisor of Operations **Chairperson**
2.	Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial), East and North Garo Hills Division, Williamnagar	Additional Supervisor of Operations **Member Secretary**
3.	Executive Magistrate to be nominated by the Deputy Commissioner, East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Magisterial) **Member**
4.	Deputy Superintendent of Police/Inspector of Police to be nominated by the Superintendent of Police, East Garo Hills, Williamnagar; who shall lead such police force to be detailed by the Superintendent of Police for the purpose	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Police) **Member**
5.	Assistant Conservator of Forests (Protection), East and North Garo Hills Division, Williamnagar	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Forest) **Member**
6.	Officer in-charge of the Sub-Divisional office of the Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL) for East Garo Hills District	**Member**
7.	Representative/ Official of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council not below the rank of Deputy Chief Forest Officer / Forest Ranger.	**Member**

H. North Garo Hills District:

1.	Conservator of Forests (Wildlife & Territorial), Garo Hills, Tura	Head of the North Garo Hills District Special Task Force and Principal Supervisor of Operations **Chairperson**
2.	Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial), East and North Garo Hills Division, Williamnagar	Additional Supervisor of Operations **Member Secretary**
3.	Executive Magistrate to be nominated by the Deputy Commissioner, North Garo Hills District, Resubelpara	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Magisterial) **Member**

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4.	Deputy Superintendent of Police/Inspector of Police to be nominated by the Superintendent of Police, North Garo Hills, Resubelpara; who shall lead such police force to be detailed by the Superintendent of Police for the purpose	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Police) **Member**
5.	Assistant Conservator of Forests (Protection), East and North Garo Hills Division, Williamnagar	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Forest) **Member**
6.	Officer in-charge of the Sub-Divisional office of the Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL) for North Garo Hills District	**Member**
7.	Representative/ Official of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council not below the rank of Deputy Chief Forest Officer / Forest Ranger.	**Member**

I. **West Garo Hills District:**

1.	Conservator of Forests (Wildlife & Territorial), Garo Hills, Tura	Head of the West Garo Hills District Special Task Force and Principal Supervisor of Operations **Chairperson**
2.	Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial), West, South and South West Garo Hills Division, Tura	Additional Supervisor of Operations **Member Secretary**
3.	Executive Magistrate to be nominated by the Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills District, Tura	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Magisterial) **Member**
4.	Deputy Superintendent of Police/Inspector of Police to be nominated by the Superintendent of Police, West Garo Hills, Tura; who shall lead such police force to be detailed by the Superintendent of Police for the purpose	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Police) **Member**
5.	Assistant Conservator of Forests (Protection), West, South and South West Garo Hills Division, Tura	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Forest) **Member**
6.	Officer in-charge of the Sub-Divisional office of the Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL) for West Garo Hills District	**Member**
7.	Representative/ Official of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council not below the rank of Deputy Chief Forest Officer / Forest Ranger.	**Member**

J. **South Garo Hills District:**

1.	Conservator of Forests (Wildlife & Territorial), Garo Hills, Tura	Head of the South Garo Hills District Special Task Force and Principal Supervisor of Operations **Chairperson**
2.	Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial), West, South and South West Garo Hills Division, Tura	Additional Supervisor of Operations **Member Secretary**
3.	Executive Magistrate to be nominated by the Deputy Commissioner, South Garo Hills District, Baghmara	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Magisterial) **Member**
4.	Deputy Superintendent of Police/Inspector of Police to be nominated by the Superintendent of Police, South Garo Hills, Baghmara; who shall lead such police force to be detailed by the Superintendent of Police for the purpose	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Police) **Member**
5.	Assistant Conservator of Forests (Protection), West, South and South West Garo Hills Division, Tura	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Forest) **Member**
6.	Officer in-charge of the Sub-Divisional office of the Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL) for South Garo Hills District	**Member**
7.	Representative/ Official of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council not below the rank of Deputy Chief Forest Officer / Forest Ranger.	**Member**

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2.	Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial), West, South and South West Garo Hills Division, Tura	Additional Supervisor of Operations **Member Secretary**
3.	Executive Magistrate to be nominated by the Deputy Commissioner, South West Garo Hills District, Ampati	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Magisterial) **Member**
4.	Deputy Superintendent of Police/Inspector of Police to be nominated by the Superintendent of Police, South West Garo Hills, Ampati; who shall lead such police force to be detailed by the Superintendent of Police for the purpose	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Police) **Member**
5.	Assistant Conservator of Forests (Protection), West, South and South West Garo Hills Division, Tura	Deputy Supervisor of Operations (Forest) **Member**
6.	Officer in-charge of the Sub-Divisional office of the Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL) for South West Garo Hills District	**Member**
7.	Representative/ Official of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council not below the rank of Deputy Chief Forest Officer / Forest Ranger.	**Member**

In addition to the above officials, the following officers of the Forest Department shall also assist the Divisional Forest Officers (Territorial) concerned, as and when required by them on the above matters:

i) The Deputy Conservator of Forest (Monitoring & Evaluation) in the office of PCCF & HoFF shall assist the DFO (T) Jaintia Hills Division for carrying out operations in the Districts falling under jurisdiction of the DFO (T) Jaintia Hills Division, Jowai.

ii) The Deputy Conservator of Forest (Forest Conservation Act) in the office of PCCF & HoFF shall assist the DFO (T) Khasi Hills Division for carrying out operation in the Districts falling under jurisdiction of the DFO (T) Khasi Hills Division, Shillong.

iii) All the Divisional Forest Officers (Wildlife) and Divisional Forest Officers (Social Forestry) shall assist the Divisional Forest Officers (Territorial) in their respective Districts of jurisdiction.

Terms of reference of the District Level Special Task Force:-

(1) Clamp down all illegally operating wood-based industries in the District, close them and seal the equipments used for conversion of timber.

(2) Disconnect electricity supply to the unauthorised wood-based industries which have been closed at (1) above.

(3) Prevent mushrooming of fresh unlicensed wood-based industries in the District.

(4) Seize the illegal timber lying within the premises of illegally operating wood-based industries as per provisions of the Meghalaya Forest Regulation Act, 1973 and take further action in respect of such timber in accordance with law.

(5) Prevent transportation of illegal timber to legally as well as illegally operating wood-based industries intended for conversion, and prevent movement of sawn timber from illegally operating wood-based industries to the destinations.

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1. The P.S. to the Minister in-charge, Forests & Environment Department for kind information of the Minister.
2. The P.S. to the Chief Secretary, Meghalaya, Shillong for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
3. The Additional Chief Secretary i/c Forests & Environment Department, Shillong for kind information.
4. The Director General of Police, Meghalaya, Shillong for kind information.
5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Meghalaya, Shillong for kind information and necessary action.
6. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Meghalaya, Shillong for kind information and necessary action.
7. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry & Environment), Meghalaya, Shillong for kind information and necessary action.
8. The Chief Engineer, Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Ltd., Lum Jingshai, Shillong for kind information and necessary action.
9. The Secretary, Executive Committee, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, Shillong for kind information and necessary action.
10. The Secretary, Executive Committee, Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council, Jowai for kind information and necessary action.
11. The Secretary, Executive Committee, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, Tura for kind information and necessary action.
12. The Deputy Commissioners, Shillong/ Nongstoin/ Mawkyrwat/ Nongpoh/ Khliehriat/ Jowai/ Williamnagar/ Resubelpara/ Tura/ Baghmara/ Ampati for kind information and necessary action.
13. The Superintendents of Police, Shillong/ Nongstoin/ Mawkyrwat/ Nongpoh/ Khliehriat/ Jowai/ Williamnagar/ Resubelpara/ Tura/ Baghmara/ Ampati for kind information and necessary action.
14. The Conservators of Forests (Wildlife & Territorial), Shillong/ Tura for information and necessary action.
15. The Divisional Forest Officers (Territorial), Shillong/ Jowai/ Williamnagar/ Tura for information and necessary action.
16. The Deputy Conservators of Forests (Forest Conservation Act)/ (Monitoring & Evaluation), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Shillong for information and necessary action.
17. All the Divisional Forest Officers (Wildlife), Shillong/ Jowai/ Tura and the Divisional Forest Officer (BNP), Baghmara for information and necessary action.
18. All the Divisional Forest Officers (Social Forestry), Shillong/ Jowai/ Nongpoh/ Nongstoin/ Williamnagar/ Tura/ Baghmara for information and necessary action.
19. The Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Forests & Environment Department, with reference to letter No. FOR. 50/2001/Vol-I/626 dated 28.2.2017 for kind information.
20. The Director of Printing & Stationery, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong for kind information with request for publication in the Meghalaya Gazette.
21. Guard File.

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