GOVERNMENTOF MEGHALAYA
FORESTS & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong the 19th April, 2018.

No. FOR. 50/2001/Vol I/661 : In supersession of this Department's Notification No. FOR. 50/2001/Vol-I/622 dated 10th February, 2017 and in accordance with the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 5th October, 2015 in category-I- Matters relating to Wood Based Industries in I.A. No. 2365 in 1406/2005 in W.P(s) (civil) No(s). 202/1995, T.N. Godavarman Thirumulpad vs Union of India & Ors, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to constitute the State Level Committee for Wood-Based Industries, comprising of the following members :-

1.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Head of Forest Force	Chairperson
2.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (T)	Member
3.	Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C) North East Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Shillong.	Member
4.	Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (CC &R&T), Meghalaya, Shillong	Member
5.	Director, Commerce & Industries, Meghalaya, Shillong	Member
6.	Director, Agriculture, Meghalaya, Shillong	Member
7.	Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Revenue & Disaster Management Department	Member
8.	Representative of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, Shillong	Member
9.	Representative of the Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council, Jowai	Member
10.	Representative of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, Tura	Member
11.	Managing Director, Forest Development Corporation of Meghalaya	Member
12.	Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Meghalaya, Shillong	Member Secretary

Terms of reference of the Committee :

(i) Assess the availability of timber for wood based industrial units in the State every five years.

(ii) Assess quantity of different raw material requirement for wood based industrial units which may be sustainably harvested from trees outside forest areas in the State.

(iii) Assess annual requirement of timber and other forest produce in the domestic markets in the State.

(iv) Maintain a database of timber and other raw materials utilized by each wood based industrial unit permitted to establish and operate in the State during each financial year.

(v) Approve appropriate locations for setting up of wood based industrial units.

(vi) Approve the name of wood based industrial units which may be considered for grant of fresh license or enhancement of the existing licensed capacity in case the Committee is satisfied that timber is available legally for the said new Wood Based Industries (such as trees outside forest areas, forests etc)

(vii) The State Level Committee will ensure that the amount lying with the respective State Forest Departments (recovered from Wood Based Industries) will be utilized for the purpose of afforestation only.

(viii) Examine and make appropriate recommendations on any other matter referred by the State Government or the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

Sd/- (Shri. A. Mawlong, IAS)
Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Forests & Environment Department.

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Copy forwarded to :

1. The P.S. to the Minister in-charge, Forests & Environment Department for kind information of the Minister.
2. Principal Secretary i/c Forests & Environment Department.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Meghalaya, Shillong.
4. The Director, Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division) Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi-110003 for information.
5. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, North Eastern Regional Office, Law-u-Sib, Lumbatngen, Near MTC Workshop, Shillong-793021.
6. Officers concerned.
7. The Director of Printing & Stationery, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong for publication in the Meghalaya Gazette.

By Order etc;

Deputy Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya
Forests & Environment Department.