GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
FOREST & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
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ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong, the 22nd March, 2025.

No.ENV.5/2018/367: In pursuance of Hon'ble NGT Order dated 20th September, 2018 in O.A.No.673/2018 and in partial modification to Notification issued vide No.ENV.5/2018/346 dated 30th September, 2024, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to re-constitute the River Rejuvenation Committee for preparing Action Plan for Rejuvenation of Identified Polluted River Stretches and its execution with the following members:

1	The Principal Chief conservator of Forest (Working Plan, Research & Technology and District Council Affairs)	Chairman
2.	Director, Urban Affairs	Member Secretary
3.	Director, Commerce & Industries	Member
4.	Member Secretary, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board	Member
5.	Chief Executive Member, KHADC/ JHADC/ GHADC	Member
6.	Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department	Member
7.	Chief Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department.	Member
8.	Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin.	Ex-Officio Member

Terms of Reference in respect of the Committee.

(i) Preparation of Action Plan for bringing all the polluted river stretches to be fit at least for bathing purpose (i.e BOD < 3mg/L and FC<500 MPN/100 ml).

(ii) Monitor the execution of Action Plan.

(iii) Action Plan will include components like identification of polluting source including functioning/ status of STPs/ ETPs/CETP of Solid Waste Management and processing facilities, quantification and characterisation of solid waste, trade and sewage generated in the catchment area of polluted river stretch.

(iv) The Action Plan shall address issues relating to ground water extraction, adopting good irrigation practices, protection and management of Flood Plain Zones (FPZ), rain water harvesting, ground water charging, maintaining minimum environmental flow of river and plantation on both sides of the river.

(v) Setting up of biodiversity parks on flood plains by removing encroachment shall also be considered as an important component of river rejuvenation.

(vi) The Action Plan shall focus on proper interception and diversion of sewage carrying drains to the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and emphasis should be on utilization of treated sewage so as to minimize extraction of ground water or surface water.

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(vii) The Action Plan should have speedy, definite of specific timelines for execution of steps. Provision may be made to pool the resources, utilizing funds from the State budgets, local bodies, state Pollution Board/ Committee and out of Central Schemes.

(viii) The River Rejuvenation Committee will have a website inviting public participation from educational institutions, religious institutions and commercial establishment. Achievement and failure may also be published on such website. The Committee may consider suitably rewarding those contributing significantly to the success of the the project.

(ix) The Committee is also allowed to co-opt members as and when required.

Sd/-
(Pravin Bakshi, IAS)
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Forest & Environment Department.
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Memo No.ENV.5/2018/367-A **Dated Shillong, the 22nd March, 2025.**

1. The P.S to the Hon'ble Chief Minister I/c Forest & Environment Department, Govt. of Meghalaya for information of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
2. The P.S to the 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 Hon'ble Leader of Opposition.
4. The P.S to the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya for information of the Chief Secretary.
5. The P.A to the Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Forest & Environment Department for information of the Principal Secretary.
6. The P.A to the Commissioner & Secretary/ Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Forest & Environment Department for information of the Commissioner & Secretary/ Secretary.
7. The Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Law Department for information.
8. The Principal Chief conservator of Forest (Working Plan, Research & Technology and District Council Affairs), Meghalaya, Shillong.
9. The Director, Urban Affairs/ Commerce & Industries, Meghalaya, Shillong.
10. The Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003.
11. The Member Secretary, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, Meghalaya, Shillong.
12. The Deputy Commissioner, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin.
13. The Chief Executive Member, Khasi/ Jaintia/ Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, Shillong/ Jowai/ Tura.
14. The CEO, Shillong Municipal Board/ Jowai Minicipal Board/ Tura Municipal Board.
15. The Chairman, Central Pollution Board, Parivesh Bhavan, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032.
16. The Director, Printing and Stationary, Meghalaya, shillong for favour of publication in the Gazette.
17. State Information Officer, NIC Shillong with a request to place the notification in government website.
18. Office copy/ Guard File.

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By Order etc.,

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