

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM

No. M/D-Tour. 269/2017/302

Dated Shillong, the 8th June 2019



From: Shri Cyril V.D. Diengdoh
Director of Tourism,
Meghalaya, Shillong.

To,

The Deputy Commissioner
Tura, Jowai, Nongstoin, Baghmara, Nongpoh, Williamnagar, Khliehriat, Mawkyrwat,
Resubelpara, Ampati

Sub: Ban of use of Plastic items in Tourist Spots

Sir/Madam,

Meghalaya being rich in nature, with picturesque landscape of undulating hills, meandering rivers, cascading waterfalls and unmatched views of yawning ravines and gorges is well placed to offer tourists & visitors from all over the world a one of a kind experience. Meghalaya is richly endowed in terms of flora and fauna with unique sacred groves, amazing and unique living root bridges, majestic monoliths and incredible rock formations.

With these strengths in place, we have embarked on a policy of developing tourism in such a manner so as to ensure sustainability and conservation of the environment and natural resources. We are encouraging tourism projects which are sustainable and based on community participation.

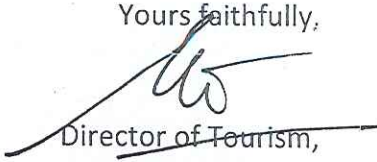
However, it is sad to see that there has been rampant indiscriminate disposal of used plastic in various forms taking place in various tourist spots across the state which is becoming an eyesore and a nuisance besides adversely reducing the scenic and aesthetic pristine beauty of these places.

As such I would like to request you to kindly initiate necessary measures and steps to ban all plastic related items in various tourist spots in your district. Furthermore I'm also enclosing herewith Order No. EKJ 20/4/2017/41, dated 18th July 2018 from the Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong and also Letter No. CB/36/18/1725-A, dt 31.07.2018 Order from Superintendent of Police, East Khasi Hills, Shillong which are self-explanatory with a request to kindly pass and issue similar Order in your district and also to kindly replicate the Action Taken therein.

This is for your kind information and necessary action.

Encl: As stated.

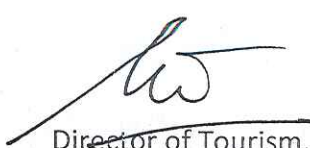
Yours faithfully,


Director of Tourism,
Meghalaya, Shillong

Copy to:

1. The Tourist Officer concerned-for kind information and to follow up with respective DC's.

*P. H.
notice board,
+ nice website*


Director of Tourism,
Meghalaya, Shillong

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
OFFICE OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ::: EAST KHASI HILLS DISTRICT :::
:::SHILLONG:::

O R D E R
(18/07/2018)

Whereas, it has been reported time and again that indiscriminate disposal of used plastic in various forms is rampantly taking place in Tourist spots, locations and destinations within this District.

Whereas, this had resulted in an alarming accumulating of plastic wastes which is increasingly becoming an eyesore and a nuisance besides adversely reducing the scenic & aesthetic pristine beauty of popular Tourist Landmarks within this District.

Whereas, this has a tendency to discourage incoming Tourists & others Visitors thereby affecting the economy, generation of revenue & other income opportunities for both Government & Non - Government Agency(s) as well as other private groups & individuals who are dependent directly or indirectly on State Tourism.

And Whereas, haphazard dumping of used plastic is in serious contravention to the various Environmental Protection Acts & Waste Management Rules of Government of India with special reference to Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 and Solid Waste Management Rules 2016.

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 144 Cr.P.C, I Shri. P. S. Dkhar, IAS, District Magistrate, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong, do hereby pass this Prohibitory Order prohibiting the use of polythene with a thickness of less than 40 microns as one of the measures to curb the proliferation of plastic wastes in all Tourist sports, location & destinations in East Khasi Hills District.

In view of the urgency of the matter, this Order is passed ex-porte

Dated this 18th of July, 2018

Seal of the Court



Sd/-

Shri. P. S. Dkhar, IAS
District Magistrate,
East Khasi Hills District,
Shillong

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Directorate of Tourism
Receipt No. 272
Date 23/7/18

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE : EAST KHASI HILLS: SHILLONG:

NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC AND TOURISTS.

In pursuance of Section 101 of Meghalaya Police Act 2010, I, Shri Davis N.R.Marak,IPS, Superintendent of Police, East Khasi Hills District do hereby request all citizens within Shillong City to keep order on Public Roads, Streets and all Tourist Spots in East Khasi Hills District and desist from causing obstruction, injury or annoyance to passersby or pollution and littering . Any person not obeying the lawful orders issued, may be arrested u/s 102 of the Meghalaya Police Act 2010 and on conviction by a Court of law, shall be liable to a fine of Rs.5000/-. All Tourists visiting the Tourist Spots are advised to carry "Garbage Bags" in their vehicles where small garbage like wrapper, chip covers, water bottles etc. can be dumped and finally those garbage bags be dumped/thrown in appropriate dustbins/garbage bins.

East Khasi Hills District Police anticipates co-operation from the General Public and Tourists visiting the district.

Sd/- Davis N.R.Marak,IPS,
Superintendent of Police,
East Khasi Hills, Shillong.

Memo No.CB/36/18/ 1725-A
Copy to:

Dated Shillong, the 31st July, 2018.

1. The Asstt. Inspector General of Police(A), Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of kind information of DGP.
2. The Deputy Inspector General of Police(ER), Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of information.
3. The Director of Tourism, Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of information. He is also requested to kindly display the above notice in the entrance point of all Tourist Spots for the awareness of the visiting Tourists.
4. The Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong for favour of information with a request to kindly take-up the matter with concerned authority to display the above notice in the prominent public places for the interest of general public.
5. The Chief Executive Officer, Shillong Municipality for favour of information with a request to kindly arrange display of above notice in all parking lots manned by Municipal Board.
6. The Director of Information and Public Relations, Meghalaya, Shillong for wide publicity through print and electronic media **Including Sentinel/Assam Tribune published from Guwahati & The North East Chronicle** for the information of general public and visiting tourists.
7. All Os.C of PSs and I/Cs of BHs/OPs for information and strict implementation. They are also directed to issue advisory to all Hotels, Guest Houses, and Restaurants etc. in their respective jurisdiction to display the above notice in their establishments.

Sub
Directorate of Tourism
Receipt No. 299
11/8/18

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Superintendent of Police,
East Khasi Hills, Shillong.