

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
FORESTS AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong, the 6th July, 2026.

No.ENV.2/2018/Pt-I/566: - Whereas, the State Government is empowered to issue directions for the protection and improvement of the environment and for the prevention, control and abatement of environmental pollution under **Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986**, in pursuance of the delegation of powers by the Central Government vide **Notification No. S.O. 389(E) dated 14th April, 1988**;

And whereas, the Environmental Carrying Capacity (Air) Study conducted by CSIR-NEERI, Kolkata, for the non-attainment area of Byrnihat circle (covering 20 villages and the EPIP area) has revealed that the atmospheric carrying capacity for Particulate Matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}) has been exceeded, resulting in negative residual carrying capacity and posing serious risks to ambient air quality and public health;

And whereas, Byrnihat (Meghalaya) forms part of a shared airshed with Byrnihat (Assam) — which has been designated as a Critically Polluted Area (CPA) by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) — thereby necessitating immediate regulatory measures to prevent further deterioration of the ambient air quality in the region;

And whereas, the Monitoring Committee in its meeting held on 16-05-2025 and the Steering Committee in its meeting held on 23-06-2025 under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) have considered and endorsed the aforesaid findings and recommended immediate restrictive measures for control and abatement of air pollution in Byrnihat area;

And whereas, the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, in discharge of its functions under Section 17(1) (a), (b), and (h) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, has recommended the imposition of restrictive measures in Byrnihat area in view of findings of the aforesaid study and prevailing air quality scenario;

Now, therefore, the Government of Meghalaya prohibits/restricts following categories of industrial/manufacturing units, within the area specified herein below:

1. **Prohibition of New Units:** Prohibition is hereby imposed on highly (air) polluting industrial/manufacturing units classified under the red category including the 17-categories of highly polluting industries identified by the CPCB.
2. **Restriction on Expansion:** Prohibition is hereby imposed on the expansion of production capacity of existing industrial units classified as red and orange categories. Further, new orange category units shall be permitted to be established subject to adoption of modern clean technologies and clean fuel sources to ensure strict compliance with prescribed emission norms.

These directions shall apply to the Byrnihat circle comprising the 20 villages listed below and the Export Promotion Industrial Park area and shall further extend to such adjoining areas within a radius of 5.85 km from the boundary thereof as indicated in the annexed map, in Ri-Bhoi District, Meghalaya.

Byrnihat circle (Ri-Bhoi District)			
1. Amphrangiri	6. Borbhuin	11. Harli Bagan	16. Ranghona
2. Amphar	7. Nongkylia Khasi	12. Nongkylia Mikir	17. Umdoh 18 th Mile
3. Matchogre	8. Upper Amjok	13. Upper Bagan	18. Pahamlang 17 th Mile
4. Tamuli Kuchi	9. Byrnihat	14. Lumnongrim	19. Rangsakuna
5. Amjok	10. Dehal	15. Lum Nongthymmai	20. 15 th Mile Nongthymmai

This notification is issued in the interest of protection of environmental quality, prevention and control of pollution, safeguarding public health, and ensuring environmentally sustainable industrial activities in the region.

This notification shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force until modified or until further orders by the State Government.

Sd/-

(M.B.K. Reddy, IFS)
Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya
Forests and Environment Department

Memo No.ENV.2/2018/Pt-I/566-A

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Copy to:

- 1) The P.S. to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, I/c Forest and Environment Department of Meghalaya for kind 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 kind information of the Chief Secretary.
- 5) The Additional Secretary, CP Division, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110003
- 6) The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhavan, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032, with a request to monitor the implementation of control measures in Byrnihat (CPA) area, Assam.
- 7) The Principal Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Commerce & Industries Department/Mining & Geology Department/Textiles Department/Planning, Investment Promotion & Sustainable Development Department/Forest & Environment Department, Shillong.
- 8) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Meghalaya, Shillong.
- 9) The Chief Executive Officer, Invest Meghalaya Authority, Shillong.
- 10) The Chairman/Member Secretary, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, Shillong.
- 11) The Director, Commerce & Industries Department/Mining & Geology Department, Shillong.
- 12) The Chairman, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA)/State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Shillong.
- 13) The Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Environment and Forest Department, Janata Bhawan, Dispur, with a request to effectively implement control measures in Byrnihat (CPA) area, Assam.
- 14) The Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi, Nongpoh.
- 15) The Director, Printing and Stationery, Meghalaya, Shillong, for favour of publication in the Meghalaya Gazette.

By order etc.,



Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya
Forests & Environment Department

