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PART-IIA

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA NOTIFICATIONS

The 28th October, 2024.

Subject:- Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief.

No.F(PR)-53/2017/70. - The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's O.M. No. F(PR)-53/2017/66 dated 23rd February, 2024 and to say that the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to decide that the Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief payable to all categories of State Government employees/pensioners and family pension holders shall be enhanced from the existing rate of 43% to 46% with effect from 1st July, 2024.

2. These orders shall also apply to the members of the work-charged establishment and casual workers, other than Bungalow Peons, holding posts in the pay levels as admissible to the employees of corresponding categories under the regular establishment/services/posts.
3. The Dearness Relief under these orders shall remain suspended if the pensioners/family pensioners are employed/re-employed under the State/Central Government or employed/re-employed/permanently absorbed in the State's or Central Government's Company, Corporation, Undertaking or Autonomous Body. It shall, however, be revived after the spell of such employment/re-employment.
4. The payment on account of Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief involving fractions of 50 paise and above may be rounded off to the next higher rupee and the fraction of less than 50 paise may be ignored.
5. The payment on account of the Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief sanctioned herein shall be debited to the respective heads of accounts from which the employees draw their salary and the pensioners/family pension holders, their pension.

VIJAY KUMAR D,
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Finance Department.

The 29th October, 2024.

No.HPL/52/2024/Pt-II/51.- In exercise of the power conferred under Clause (ii) of sub-section (1) of Section 173 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the Government of Meghalaya hereby order that the Officer-in-Charge of the Police Station shall maintain the information in the General Diary in the following manner:-

Field	Description
Date & Mode of Electronic Commission	[Date when the communication was received and mode of such communication (emails / messaging / social media / others including screenshots / printouts]
Name of the Person Giving the Communication	[Full name of the person / Age / Gender]
Substance of the Communication	[Brief description of the communication's content]
Officer's Name	[Name of the officer who took the record]
Date of Entry	[Date when the entry was made in the book]
Date of signature by Person given communication	[Date of signing by Person giving the communication]

The notification shall come into force with effect from 29th October, 2024.

C.V.D. DIENGDOH,
Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Home (Police) Department.

The 29th October, 2024.

No.HPL/52/2024/Pt-II/52.- In exercise of the power conferred under second provision of sub-section (3) of section 265 of the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the Government of Meghalaya hereby notifies the following designated places for the purposes of the said *proviso* -

1. Office of the Deputy Commissioner.
2. Office of the District Legal Service Authority.
3. Jails.
4. Hospitals administered by Central Government / State Government / Local bodies.
5. Court of another State or Union Territory of India.
6. Offices of the Forensic Science Laboratory.
7. Observation home, Special home, Children's Home, Shelter Home or any institution referred to as a child facility (collectively referred to as a child facilities) and where the required persons is a juvenile or a child or a person who is an inmate of such child facility.
8. Women's Rescue Homes, Protection Homes, Shelter homes, Nari Niketans or any institution referred to as a women's facility.

The notification shall come into force with effect from 29th October, 2024.

C.V.D. DIENGDOH,
Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Home (Police) Department.

The 29th October, 2024.

No.HPL/52/2024/Pt-II/53.- In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (2) of section 42 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (No.46 of 2023), the Government of Meghalaya hereby direct that the provision of sub-section (1) of Section 42 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, for the purpose of protection of members of the Armed force from arrest for anything done or purported to be done, shall apply to all members of Meghalaya State Police and Meghalaya Home Guards & Civil Defence in the State charged with maintenance of public order, wherever they may be serving with effect from 29th October, 2024.

C.V.D. DIENGDOH,
Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Home (Police) Department.

The 29th October, 2024.

No.HPL.52/2024/Pt-II/54.- In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (1) of section 194 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (No.46 of 2023), the Government of Meghalaya hereby notify that all Police Officers of the rank of Head Constable and above shall be the officers specially empowered for the purpose specified in the said section to enquire and draw up a report in cases referred to in the above provision.

C.V.D. DIENGDOH,
Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Home (Police) Department.

The 29th October, 2024.

No.HPL.52/2024/Pt-II/55.- In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (3) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (No.46 of 2023), the Government of Meghalaya hereby direct that the provisions of sub-section (2) of Section 218 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for the purpose of prosecution sanction by the State Government shall apply to members of Meghalaya State Police and Meghalaya Home Guards & Civil Defence charged with the maintenance of public order, wherever they may be serving with effect from 29th October, 2024.

C.V.D. DIENGDOH,
Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Home (Police) Department.

The 29th October, 2024.

No.PLA.84/2011/231.-The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to notify the merging of Meghalaya Institute of Natural Resources with Meghalaya Basin Development Authority with immediate effect.

Further, the society will have to transfers its assets, manpower etc., to Meghalaya Basin Development Authority through appropriate decision in the Governing Body of the respective societies.

C.V.D. DIENGDOH,
Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Planning, Investment Promotion and,
Sustainable Development Department.

The 30th October, 2024.

No.PLR.22/2024/Pt-I/49.- The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to notify the implementation of the Invest Meghalaya Portal which is an online single window system to facilitate ease of doing business in the State with immediate effect.

VIJAY KUMAR D,
Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Planning, Investment Promotion & Sustainable Development
Department.

The 30th October, 2024.

No.LJ(B) 48/2020/173.- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (4) of section 14 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the Governor of Meghalaya hereby appoints Kum. Anendya Raajsshre, IAS, Sub Divisional Officer (Sadar) and confers power of the Sub- divisional Magistrate within East Khasi Hills District, with immediate effect until further orders.

This supercedes notification No.LJ(B)48/2020/170, dated 25th September, 2024.

CYRIL V.D. DIENGDOH,
Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Law Department.

The, 28th October, 2024.

No.EDN.16/2015/Pt/107.- In pursuance of Notification No.LL(B)75/2011/67, dated 19th October, 2023, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to notify that the Captain Williamson Sangma, State University (Amendment) Act, 2023 (Act No. 12 of 2023) shall come into force with effect from 19th October, 2023.

VIJAY KUMAR MANTRI,
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Education Department.

The 15th October, 2024.

No.UAU.110/2020/Pt/10. - WHEREAS, Ease of Doing Business is a priority of the Government of Meghalaya, in consonance with the Business Reform Action Plan of the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India;

WHEREAS, there is a need to simplify business regulations and ease of compliance to bring transparency in information dissemination and appropriate implementation.

The following instructions as per reform listed are hereby notified for streamlining the existing regulatory structures and create an investor friendly environment across Meghalaya: -

I. Mandate to Publish an online dashboard in public domain with following features:

- i. Clearly publish the data on number of applications received and granted, time taken, and fee incurred to grant approvals/certificate.**
- ii. Highlight that the dashboard is updated preferably on real time or updated regularly (daily/weekly/fortnightly/monthly). Date and time of information updation may be mentioned.**

Now therefore, an online dashboard has been developed in the **Invest Meghalaya Portal** for the following services: -

1. Obtaining Water Connection

2. Trade License

3. Construction Permit Approval

a. Building Plan approval

b. Permission for Alteration and Addition/Revision/Revalidation of Building Plan/Permission for Demolition and Reconstruction of Building

c. Plinth Approval

d. Completion/Occupancy certificate

The online dashboard covers features related to service timelines prescribed as per the Public Service Guarantee Act, total number of applications received, number of applications received, number of applications approved, average, median and minimum time taken for obtaining approvals, along with the average fee for completion of entire process. The dashboard is developed in the following format as per DPIIT mandate: -

Particulars Details	Details
Time Limit prescribed as per the Public Service Guarantee Act	
Total Number of applications received	
Total Number of applications approved	
Average time taken to obtain registration/renewal	
Median time taken to obtain registration/renewal	
Minimum time taken to obtain registration/renewal	
Maximum time taken to obtain registration/renewal	
* "Average fee" taken by the Department for completion of entire process of obtaining approval/ certificate	

For new registrations, application-wise details shall be updated in the online portal with regards to date of application, date of approval and breakup of fee details with the following features.

Sl. No.	Application No.	Application Date	Approval Date	Fee Details	Total Fee Charged

All the dashboards are being updated on a real-time basis.

II. Mandate Water Supply authority (Such as ULB, Panchayats among others) to design and publish an online dashboard in public domain to provide information on quality of Water being supplied* to consumers area wise having following parameters and updated on real time basis:

i. Water Pressure

ii. Water Quality - TDS (Total Dissolve Solids), PPM

*(*Water quality to be monitored at the Central Water Supplying Station/ point of distribution.)*

Now therefore, to comply with the above recommendations, it is hereby notified to all consumers and stakeholders that the above information will be available on the website **Invest Meghalaya Portal** or <https://megurban.gov.in/>

III. Recommend/ Mandate ULB's to include sustainable water use practices such as Rainwater harvesting and Solid waste/ bio-sludge management as a mandatory requirement while providing construction permits for new buildings and as a mandatory requirement for availing utility connections in existing buildings.

In exercise of powers of under the **Meghalaya Building Bye Laws, 2021** and under the recommendation of reform of the **Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) 2024:-**

i. ULB's to include sustainable water use practices such as Rainwater harvesting as a mandatory requirement while providing construction permits for new buildings and as a mandatory requirement for availing utility connections in existing buildings.

ii. ULB's to include sustainable water use practices such as Solid waste/ bio-sludge management as a mandatory requirement while providing construction permits for new buildings and as a mandatory requirement for availing utility connections in existing buildings.

All concerned are requested to adhere to the above instructions thoroughly.

IV. Mandate Water Supply Authority to notify customers of planned outages (maintenance and repair) for next 1 month in advance

NOW THEREFORE, under recommendation of the Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) 2024 recommends Water Supply Authority to notify customers of planned outages (maintenance and repair) for next 1 month in advance.

Now therefore, to comply with the above recommendations, it is hereby notified to all consumers and stakeholders that the above information will be available in the **Invest Meghalaya Portal** or www.megurban.gov.in

V. Establish an Online Grievance Mechanism and define working procedures and escalation matrix (including service timelines, reverting to business etc.) for Grievance handling.

Now therefore, to comply with the above recommendations, it is hereby notified to all consumers and stakeholders, a user can file a complaint through various mechanisms such as **Invest Meghalaya Portal** and **CM-Connect**.

Channels to connect CM Connect:

1. Toll-Free Number- 1971 & 1800-3456-851
2. WhatsApp - 94363 94363
3. Email – cmconnect1971@outlook.com
4. Physical forms
5. Village Data Volunteers (Mobile Application)
6. CM's Block Community Interaction
7. Website (<https://meghalayaone.gov.in/>)

Procedures for Redressal of Grievances as follows:

1. Registration of grievance through any of the above-mentioned modes of communication/portal(s).
2. Grievances are validated by the Call Centre executives which includes call back to the citizen (if required).
3. Post validation of the Grievance(ticket), it is pushed to Concerned CM Connect Nodal officer of the Department.
4. Nodal officer assigns the ticket to concerned officer of Tier III (Director / CE).
5. Tier III officer further assign the ticket to Tier II or Tier I officer with their remarks for further action.
6. Action is taken as per the SOP by the field officer (Tier II or Tier I) or field staff and action taken report is updated in the system.
7. CM Connect Nodal officer review the ATR and mark the grievance as closed along with his comments.
8. Once the ticket is marked as closed, a callback is done by the Call centre team and feedback is sought from them.
9. If user is satisfied, ticket is closed.
10. If user is not satisfied, ticket is reassigned to the CM Connect nodal officer.

Escalation Matrix for Urban Affairs Grievances:

Escalation Matrix		TA (Turned Around Time) (Tentative)
1st Level	Nodal Officer (Urban Affairs)	7 days
2nd Level	Assistant Engineer of respective sub-divisions (Urban Local Bodies's or Meghalaya Urban Development Agency)	7 days
3rd Level	Executive Engineer of respective division (Urban Local Bodies's or Meghalaya Urban Development Agency)	7 days
4th Level	Superintending Engineer of respective circle (Urban Local Bodies's or Meghalaya Urban Development Agency)	7 days
5th Level	CEO/Secretary (Urban Local Bodies's or Meghalaya Urban Development Agency)	7 days

VI. External & Internal water installations: -

- i. **Mandate external and internal water installation works typically carried out by a licensed professional/company**
- ii. **Mandate the frequency of the following:**
 - a. **Inspection by contractor/company that performed external installations**
 - b. **Issuance of certificate of compliance by contractor/company**
 - c. **Check quality of external installation works by contractor/company**

iii. Mandate the quality check or final inspection by a third party to ensure the quality and safety of external water installations.

In exercise of the powers conferred under **Meghalaya Building Bye Laws, 2021** and it is to be notified the instructions to be followed by Industry/Firm/Company with respect to internal and external water installations:

1. Internal and External water installations typically shall be carried out by the licensed professional /company / contractor, or a person licensed in this behalf by the State Government and on its behalf under the direct supervision of a person holding a certificate of competency and by a person holding a permit issued or recognized by the State Government as per **Meghalaya Building Bye Laws, 2021**.
2. Inspection of internal and external water installations is to be carried out at least once in every 5 years by Contractor / Company/ Owner/ Supplier or a person having a Certificate of competency in the relevant field as per **Meghalaya Building Bye Laws, 2021**.
3. Certificate of compliance by Contractor/Company/ Owner/ Supplier must be issued and submitted to the **Urban Local Bodies's or Meghalaya Urban Development Agency**.
4. Quality check of internal and external electricity installation works shall be carried out by the Contractor Company /Owner/ Supplier or any Person having Supervisory License obtained from the **Urban Local Bodies's or Meghalaya Urban Development Agency** or in the relevant field.
5. Quality check or final inspection shall be done by a third-party having requisite qualification to ensure the quality and safety of internal and external water installations.

VII. Mandate qualification of third party carrying-out the water installation works:

- i. **Minimum number of years of experience**
- ii. **Education qualification (for example, university degree/ diploma/ certificate in the relevant field)**
- iii. **Pass a qualification exam.**

Now, therefore, it's to be notified qualification of third party carrying-out the electrical wiring installation work to be: -

1. Minimum number of years of experience: Three years
2. Education qualification (for example, university degree/ diploma/ certificate in the relevant field): BE/B.Tech in Civil or Mechanical Engineering
3. Pass a qualification exam: Registered member of the National Association of Engineers *i.e.* Institution of Engineers (India)/ Institute of Public Health Engineers (India)/ Indian Water Works Association

This notification will take effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

VIJAY KUMAR D,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Urban Affairs Department.

The 18th October, 2024.

No.GDC-GENL/DP/139/08/384.- I Shri Albinush R. Marak, Chief Executive Member, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, will be on tour to foreign countries with effect from 19th October, 2024 to 2nd November 2024.

During the aforementioned period. Shri Nikman Ch. Marak, Deputy Chief Executive Member, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council will function and discharge the duties of the Chief Executive Member, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council.

ALBINUSH MARAK,
Chief Executive Member,
Garo Hills Autonomous District Council,
Tura.

The 23rd October, 2024.

No.GDC-L/01/SN/2014/144.- Under Rule 36 (1) of the Assam and Meghalaya Autonomous Districts (Constitution of District Councils) Rules, 1951, as amended, I Shri S. N. Sangma, Chairman of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, do hereby Summon the 12th Session of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council to be held from 26th November, 2024 onwards at 11: a.m in the District Council Hall at Tura.

S .N. SANGMA,
Chairman,
Garo Hills Autonomous District Council,
Tura.