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To,
The Public Information Officer
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Subject: Application Under the Right to Information Act 2005

Sir/Madam,

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1. Please provide me with the copies of all the correspondences carried out between Invest Meghalaya Authority and your department from March 2023 onwards.

I am submitting Rupees Ten towards the application fee. My Address is

Angela Rangad Near SBI ATM Lumpyngngad-Motinagar Shillong 793014

Phone: 9863061770

Thanking you, Sincerely Yours

Angela Rangad

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# GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

No. SCD 81/2005/Pt.I/272,

Dated Shillong the 23rd July, 2024.

From:

The Public Information Officer

& Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya

Soil & Water Conservation Department.

To,

Smti. Angela Rangad,

Near SBI ATM

Lumpyngngad, Motinagar

Shillong 793014.

Mobile No: 98630-61770

Sub:

Information under the RTI Act, 2005.

Ref:

Letter Dt.01.07.2024

On the subject cited above, you are requested to kindly take up the matter with the Invest Meghalaya authority.

This is for favour of your information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Public Information Officer

& Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya Soil & Water Conservation Department.

28th August 24

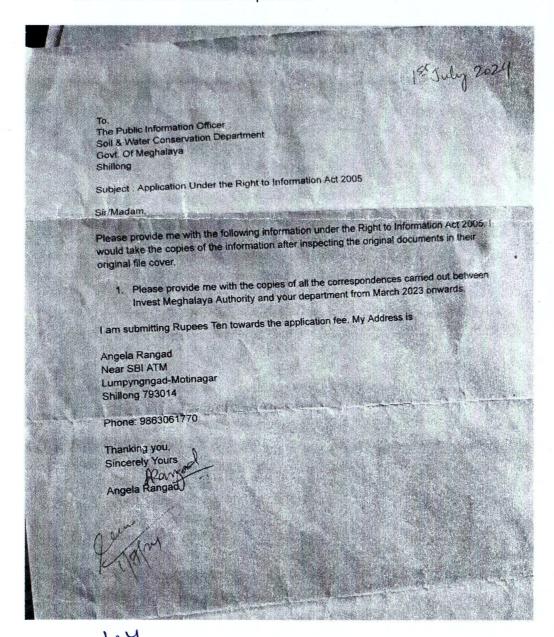
To,

State Chief Information Commissioner Meghalaya State Information Commission Shillong

SUBJECT: Complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act 2005 AGAINST PIO, SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

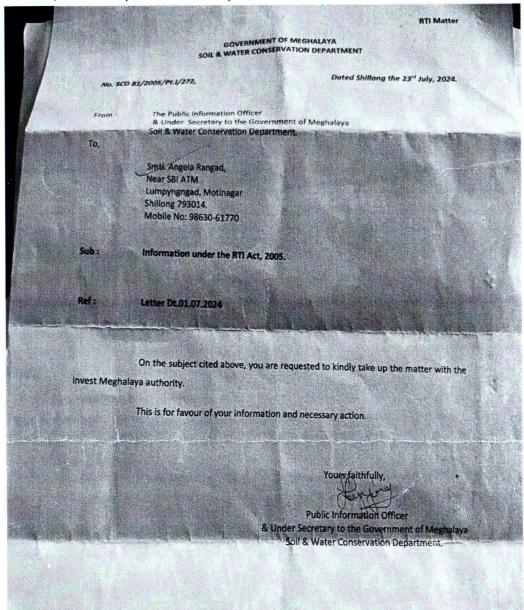
Sir,

1. I had filed an application under Right to Information 2005 dated 01/07/2024 to PIO, Soil & Water Conservation Department.



Private Secretary to the Chief Information Meghalaya

2. To which, the PIO replied on 23rd July 2024 via No. SCD81/2005/Pt. 1/272



- 3. By compelling me to 'take up the matter with the Invest Meghalaya Authority' is a willful disregard of the RTI Act 2005. The law provides that a Public Authority that does not hold any information vis-a-vis the queries can formally transfer the RTI Application within five day to the appropriate public authority. PIO, Soil & Water Conservation department has not done this.
- 4. S/he has not explicitly stated that they do not hold any of the information as sought by us. If in future any information/document sought by us is found to held by them, they should not only be penalised as per RTI Act 2005 but it should also constitute a serious breach in service conditions of public servants which should be adversely reflected in their ACRs. Furthermore given that the RTI Act is constitutionally mandated mechanism in ensuring transparency in public functioning. Any deliberate

concealment and/or destruction of information will constitute perjury and other criminal offences as per law.

Thanking you,

Sincerely yours,

Angela Rangad, Howeld Ph:

#### MEGHALAYA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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No.MIC/Complaint/41/2024/4

Dated Shillong, the 4<sup>th</sup>September, 2024.

From

Shri Sarad Pradhan,

Under Secretary,

Meghalaya State Information Commission.

To

The Public Information Officer,

Soil & Water Conservation Department,

Shillong.

Subject

Complaint filed by Smti Angela Rangad – regarding.

Sir/Madam.

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, enclosed herewith is a copy of the Complaint dated 28.08.2024 along with enclosure received from Smti Angela Rangad which is self-explanatory. In this connection, I am directed to issue this Show Cause Notice to you as to why Section 6(3) of the RTI Act was not adhered to and why penalty should not be imposed upon you for failing to abide with the rules of the RTI Act, 2005.

Your reply should reach the Commission within 7 (Seven) days of the

#### receipt of this letter.

This has the order of the "Competent Authority".

Yours faithfully,

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Under Secretary, Meghalaya State Information Commission, Shillong.

Memo.No.MIC/Complaint/41/2024/4-A

Dated Shillong, the 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.

Copy to:

Smti Angela Rangad, Near SBI ATM, Lumpyngngad Motinagar

Shillong – 793014 for information.

By Order etc.

Meghalaya State Information Commission,

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### **GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA** SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

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No. SCD 81/2005/Pt.I/277,

Dated Shillong the 10th September, 2024.

From:

Smti.L.Y. Kynjing,

P.I.O. & Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya.

Soil & Water Conservation Department.

To,

Smti. Angela Rangad,

Near SBI ATM,

Lumpyngngad-Motinagar,

Shilong - 793014.

Sub:

Application under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Madam,

I am to refer to your application under the Right to Information Act, 2005 dated Nil and this Office letter No.SCD.81/2005/Pt.I/272, dated 23.07.2024 and to say that you are allowed to inspect whatever documents received from the Invest Meghalaya Authority from the file in the Soil & Water Conservation Department in Room No. 306 (Additional Secretariat) on any working days.

This is for your information and necessary action.

PIO and Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya Soil & Water Conservation Department.

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#### **GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA** SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

No. SCD 81/2005/Pt-I/283,

Dated Shillong the 21stOctober,2024

From:

Public Information Officer & Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya

Soil & Water Conservation Department.

To,

Angela Rangad Near SBI ATM

Lumpyngngad-Motinagar

Shillong 793014

Phone: 9863061770

Sub:

Application under the RTI Act, 2005.

Ref:

No.Nil, dt.07.10.2024

With reference to the above, I am directed to inform you that the extract of files and note sheet sought by you vide your letter under reference is ready and can be obtain from office of the undersigned on any working day i. e. from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. or by calling on these numbers PABX -2610/2670 after payment of Rs. 72 /- (Rupees Forty Eight) only (Rs.2 x 36 Pages) for favour of your information.

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Yours faithfully,

Public Information Officer & Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya Soil & Water Conservation Department.

10- Nil, at 1-07-2024 from Angela Rangad, Sungagood, Sullay Bl 251 Tepsey St 251 may please be Seen regarding Application under the Right to Information Act, 2005 as neguested by Angela Ranged, Shilling A Copy of the pure many fertages be forwarded to the Director of Soul five with a request to take necessary action in Submitting the required information as called for therein. HT? A Draft is placed below for approved Please. Sibnited a glad Hans John

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## GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

No. SCD 81/2005/Pt-I/252,

Dated Shillong the 1st July, 2024

From:

Public Information Officer & Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya

Soil & Water Conservation Department.

To,

The Director of Soil & Water Conservation,

Meghalaya.

Sub:

Application under the RTI Act, 2005.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the Application for Information under the RTI Act, 2005. dated 1<sup>st</sup> July,2024, received from Angela Rangad, Shillong which is self explanatory for favour of your information and kind necessary action of furnishing the information requested at the earliest, so as to enable the undersigned to furnish the same to the applicant.

Yours faithfully,

Public Information Officer & Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya Soil & Water Conservation Department.

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#### GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA DIRECTORATE OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION, MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG.

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No. Meg /Soil -14/367(Pt-I) 2036

Dated Shillong, the 9 July 2024.

From:

The Director

Soil and Water Conservation,

Meghalaya, Shillong.

To,

The Public Information Officer,

&

Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,

Soil & Water Conservation Department

Subject:

Application under the RTI Act, 2005

Reference:

No. SCD 81/2005/Pt - I /252 dt. 1st July 2024.

Sir,

In inviting reference to the subject and letter No. cited above, please find enclosed herewith the information as required therein.

Yours faithfully,

Director

Soil and Water Conservation,

Meghalaya, Shillong,

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Government of Meghalaya Undertaking

No.IMA.1/2024/7

To,

Dated Shillong, the 12th June, 2024

The Commissioner and Secretary, Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Department/ Soil and Water Conservation Department, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong.

Subject:

Meeting to discuss creation of new Industrial estate.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject indicated above and to say that the Commissioner and Secretary, Planning, Investment Promotion and Sustainable Development Department will convene a meeting on the 13th June, 2024 at 1:00 P.M. in Committee Room II, Meghalaya Secretariat, Main Building, Shillong.

The agenda for the meeting is to discuss on the creation of the new inclustrial estate in the governemnt land located at Byrnihat, Ri Bhoi District and currently being utilised by the Directorate of Soil and Water Conservation and Directorate of Horticulture.

In connection with the above, you are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

Enclo: As Above

[K. Hynniewta] Chief Administrative Officer, Invest Meghalaya Authority.

Dated Shillong, the 12th June, 2024

#### Memo No.IMA.1/2024/7-A Copy to:

- 1. The Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Planning, Investment Promotion and Sustainable Development Department, Government of Meghalaya for favour of information.
- 2. The Director, Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare/Horticulture/ Soil and Water Conservation, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong for information and necessary action along with a request to attend the above meeting.
- 3. The Nazir, Meghalaya Secretariat. He is requested to reserve the Committee Room II, Meghalaya Secretariat, Main Building, Shillong and to make necessary arrangement for tea and light snacks for about fifteen (15) persons.

By Order etc.,

Chief Administrative Officer, Invest Meghalaya Authority.



Invest Meghalaya Authority, 4K Complex, Golflinks Pdengshnong, Shillong- 79300

investmeghalayaauthority@gmail.com . 🌋

No.IMA.1/2024/1

Dated Shillong, the 5th June, 2024

To,

The Commissioner and Secretary, Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Department/ Soil and Water Conservation Department, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong.

Subject:

Creation of New Industrial Estate.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject indicated above and to inform you that in the meeting chaired by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya which was held on the 03.05.2024, it was decided that to ensure optimal utilization of all government lands, there is a need for repurposing of such land to further the objective of the Government. It may be mentioned that the Government aims to achieve a \$10 billion economy by 2028 and for the purpose, investment and industrial growth plays a critical and pivotal role to achieve the desired objective.

One of the decision taken in the meeting is that, the 107 acre of land belonging to Soil & Water Conservation Department which is currently being used as a Conservation Training Institute and the 27 acres of land owned by the Agriculture Department which are both located at Byrnihat, Ri Bhoi District will be converted into Industrial Estate. The above mentioned land are to be transferred and handed over to the Invest Meghalaya Authority(IMA) which will allocate the land for setting up of the industrial units. (A copy of the minutes of the meeting issued vide letter No. UAU 59/2021/Pt II/ 119 dated 17.05.2024 is enclosed herewith).

In view of the above, Soil & Water Conservation Department and Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department are requested to furnish the sketch map of the land along with the details of assets created by the Department in the said land. Further, the Departments are also requested to work out the modalities for the transfer of the land to Invest Meghalaya Authority(IMA)/ Commerce and Industries Department.

In case relocating of establishments and assets are required, the same may kindly be indicated so that the same can be arranged by the Government.

Yours faithfully,

**Enclo: As Above** 

[K. Hynniewta]
Chief Administrative Officer,
Invest Meghalaya Authority.

Memo No.IMA.1/2024/1-A

Dated Shillong, the 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2024

Copy to:

- The Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Planning, Investment Promotion and Sustainable Development Department, Government of Meghalaya for favour of information.
- The Officer on Special Duty and Ex-Officio Joint Secretary, Planning, Investment Promotion and Sustainable Development Department, Government of Meghalaya for Information.

3. The Director, Horticulture/ Soil and Water Conservation, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong for information and necessary action.

By Order etc.,

Chief Administrative Officer, Invest Meghalaya Authority.

Minutes of Meeting to discuss the repurposing of government land for decongestion of Shillong city center held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 at 4:00 P.M in the Cabinet Room of Yojana Bhavan in the Main Secretariat **Building** 

The meeting was chaired by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri. Conrad K Sangma.

After welcoming the members present, the Chairman informed that the meeting was in continuation to the discussions held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 to discuss the need for repurposing government land and ensuring optimal utilization of urban spaces. The objective of the meeting was to seek feedback and approval for the plans to decongest Shillong city center.

- Dr. Vijay Kumar D, IAS, Commissioner and Secretary, Urban Affairs Department presented the need for developing green spaces, public facilities, and public spaces in Shillong highlighting the issues pertaining to traffic congestion, insights from Master Plan and Comprehensive Mobility Plan on road network and social infrastructure, and alike. The long term and short-term initiatives of the State to address these issues were discussed in detail.
- In this regard, it was informed that the Urban Affairs Department has identified certain land parcels belonging to various state government departments / agencies. The plan for the redevelopment of these parcels was discussed in detail at the meeting convened on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023. However, UAD has identified additional land that can be integrated with the already identified land parcels to develop a comprehensive redevelopment plan for Shillong city. The aim is to unlock government owned land to ensure optimal utilization and decongest Shillong City center.
- 3. The proposed redevelopment plan for each of the identified land parcel was presented and the decisions taken were as follows:

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1.	PWD Land at Barik Point — Offices & staff quarters of PWD (Annexure A – 1)	PWD	1.	It was informed that the relocation of PWD offices has been finalized, and construction has been initiated. The estimated completion date of construction is 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2024.		PWD to relocate within the discussed timelines.  UAD to initiate redevelopment and inaugurate on 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2024.
			2.	The proposed redevelopment plan in Barik will be initiated post the relocation and will be inaugurated by hoisting the flag on the upcoming		

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			a social gathering place for residents.  4. This includes a dedicated space for flag hoisting, adaptive reuse of 9 heritage building for cafes, galleries,	
2.	Lady Hydari Park – Public Park (Annexure A – 2)	Forest and Environment Department.	museum, restaurants, parking facilities, etc.t  1. As per the previous plan, the following were detailed.	UAD to discuss and finalize the comprehensive master
The second state of the second second second second second second second			comprehensive masterplan preparation for redevelopment of Lady Hydari Park. Features of master plan includes road expansion, parking space and redevelopment of park as a vibrant public place.	plan with Forest and Environment Department.  UAD to prepare DPR and initiate development work by October 2024.
			2. It was emphasized that an additional crucial component has been added to the master plan, which is providing land from the existing Lady Hydari Park for the expansion of Civil Hospital.	

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3.	Crinoline View Bungalow – Minister's Residence (Annexure A – 3)	General Administrative Department	2.	It was informed that this strategically positioned government land at a high traffic junction can be utilized to decongest the area.  The proposed plan includes development of parking space without the requirement for extensive construction.	2.	UAD and GAD to discuss and finalise the modalities for land transfer.  UAD to prepare DPR in consultation with GAD and initiate construction soon.
4-	Office of the Estate Officer and Brightwell Bungalow (Annexure A - 4)	General Administrative Department	1.	It was informed that this strategically positioned government land at a high traffic junction can be utilized to decongest the area.  The proposed plan includes development of parking space without the requirement for extensive construction.	2.	UAD to discuss the redevelopment plan with Office of the Estate Officer and GAD to finalize the modalities.  UAD to plan and inaugurate the parking space together with the flag hoisting ceremony in Barik on 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2024.
5-	Wards Lake (Annexure A – 5)	Forest and Environment Department, Raj Bhavan Kitchen Garden, Deputy Commissioner and GAD	1.	The proposed plan is to develop a lively and active promenade to enhance experience, promote pedestrian-friendly streets, and create a bustling evening space. The promenade starts from Raj Bhavan Kitchen Garden to Taragarh. Additionally, the plan aims to push the boundary of Wards Lake inward, creating a walkway and a wider road.  It was highlighted that the Governor has given an in-	2.	UAD and Forest Dept to discuss and finalize the plan for pushing the boundary of Wards Lake to create pedestrian infrastructure.  GAD to handover the land earmarked for developing the promenade in Taragarh to UAD.  UAD to finalize demarcation of land required, prepare DPR and inaugurate first

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				principle approval to transfer the land from kitchen garden in return for developing the herbal garden.		phase of the promenade by December 2024.
6.	Meghalaya Legislative Assembly Compound (Annexure A – 6)	Meghalaya Legislative Assembly	1.	The proposed plan is to develop an everyday public place that streamlines various activities including street vending, efficient movement of vehicles and street busking.  It was informed that an inprincipal approval was given by the Hon'ble Speaker for handing over the land to UAD.  Further, it was mentioned that the KJPA Presbyterian Church stands as the sole remaining parcel of land within that compound. Therefore, it presents an available option for expansion of Assembly compound redevelopment. A comprehensive development plan can then be prepared for this compound.	1.	Meghalaya Legislative Assembly to handover the land to UAD.  UAD to prepare the DPR and initiate construction by December 2024.  The possibility of relocation of the KGPA Presbyterian Church to be explored, as suggested by Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Home. UAD to take necessary action.
7	Lower Lachumiere  Government Offices  (Annexure A - 7)	Forest and Environment Department	1.	The proposed plan is to develop open parking space.	1.	UAD and Forest Dept to discuss and finalise the modalities for land transfer.
8	Anjalee Petrol Pump Junction	Cantonment land leased to	1.	It was informed that the Anjalee Petrol Pump will be	٦.	PWD / UAD to undertake the planning and

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	(Annexure A-8)	Ashok Auto Services Pvt Ltd	2. 4.	relocated to Upper Shillong by the end of May 2024.  The proposed plan for the junction includes constructing a police point, geometrical redesign of junction and widening of road.  Further, it was highlighted that there exists a kuccha road behind Arunachal Pradesh House land, which PWD intends to upgrade into a 2-lane road. This improvement is expected to streamline the traffic flow and alleviate congestion at the junction. An NOC has already been secured from Arunachal Pradesh House for this project.  The existing traffic to Bara Bazaar was deliberated upon, highlighting the necessity for alternative routes to decongest the area.	2.	redevelopment work of Anjalee Petrol Pump junction.  PWD to initiate the construction of the new 2-lane road by 10 <sup>th</sup> of May 2024 and completed construction by August 15 <sup>th</sup> 2024.  PWD to examine the feasibility of connectivity to Bara Bazaar away from the Anjalee Junction.
9	Laban to 4 ½ Mile – Forest land (Annexure A-9)	Forest and Environment Department	1.	The status of proposed Shillong Peak Ropeway project was highlighted.  An alternative road to cater to the traffic to Ropeway terminal in Laban is proposed by PWD. This 2.7 KM road passes through the Forest land connecting ropeway terminal and 4 ½ Mile.	1.	PWD to consult with Forest Dept and finalise the modalities of land handover for construction of alternative road.  PWD to prepare DPR and initiate construction of alternative road by December 2024.

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			3.	The proposed plan is to develop the road connecting ropeway terminal in Laban to 4 ½ Mile with dedicated cycle tracks, pedestrian walkways, forest walk etc.		
10	MTDC and MeECL Land in Umiam (Annexure A-10)	MTDC and MeECL	3-	It was informed that a drone survey of all the land in Umiam has been completed, indicating that MeECL has 300 acres of unencumbered land which can be developed as an adventure park.  It was communicated that a DPR for rejuvenation of Lum Nehru Park is being prepared under Swadesh Darshan.  It was informed that the 27 acres of land combining MeECL IB and Orchid Resort will be accurate for the construction of 7-star resort.  The status of ongoing refurbishment of Convention Center was detailed.	1. 2.	MeECL to handover the identified land parcels to Tourism Dept at the earliest.  Tourism Department to prepare an integrated master plan for the holistic development of all the sites.  Tourism Department to construct an IB for MeECL in the 5-acre plot identified.
11	Industrial Estate at Bernihaat (Annexure A-11)		1.	It was informed that to cater to the demand for industrial estates in Bernihaat, 107 acres owned by Soil and Water Conservation Department have been identified. This land currently houses the Central Training Institute of	THE CONTROL OF THE CO	Invest Meghalaya Authority to discuss with Soil and Water Conservation Department and Directorate of Horticulture and finalise

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Bernihaat, and the Minister in charge of Soil and Water Conservation Department has agreed in-principal to handover the land for green industrial use.

the modalities of land transfer.

Additionally, there is a 27 acres of road abutting land owned by Directorate of Horticulture. This land can also be considered in conjunction to establish an Industrial Estate.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

Shri. Conrad K Sangma Chief Minister Govt. of Meghalaya

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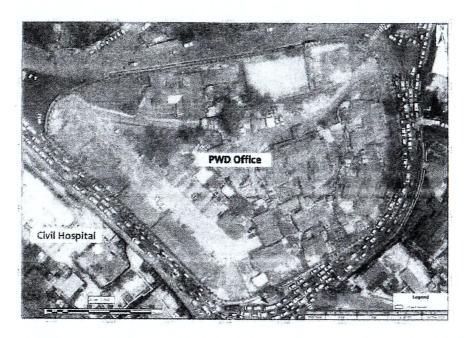
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- 19. Chief Engineer, PWD (Buildings), Meghalaya, Shillong.
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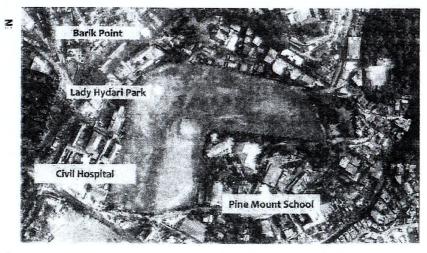
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### Annexure A

# . PWD Land at Barik Point - Offices & staff quarters of PWD



## Lady Hydari Park – Public Park

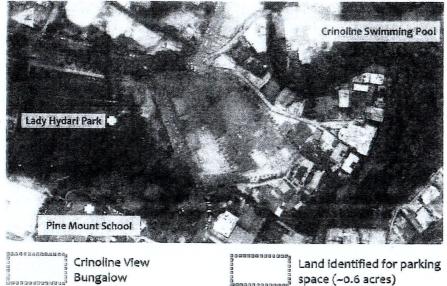


Lady Hydari Park (8.5 acres)

Area dedicated to parking space in Lady Hydari Park (0.3 Acres)

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# 3. Crinoline View Bungalow - Minister's Residence



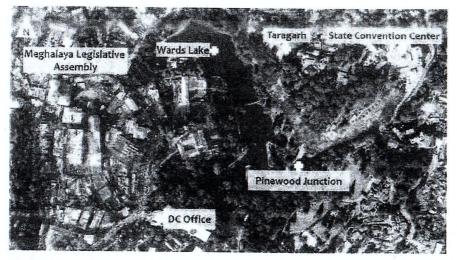
# 4. Office of the Estate Officer and Brightwell Bungalow



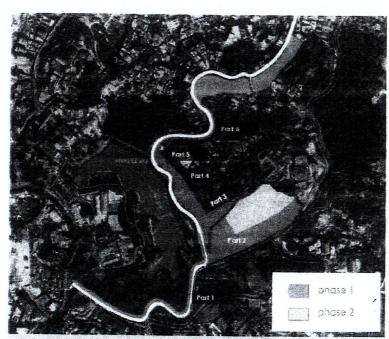
Land under Office of the Estate Officer (~0.5 Acres) Brightwell Bungalow Compound (~1 acres)

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## 5. Wards Lake



Raj Bhavan Kitchen garden (~2 Acres) DC Residence Land (~0.4 Acres) Taragarh State
Guest House
(~0.3 Acres)

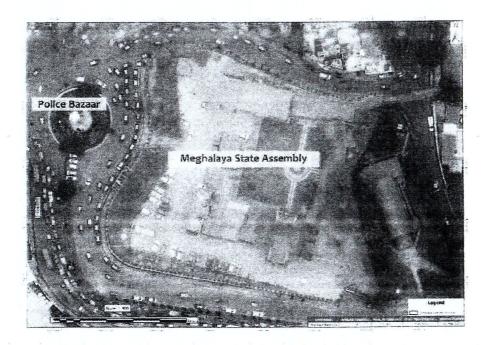


Wards Lake Boundary Pushed inside for developing promenade

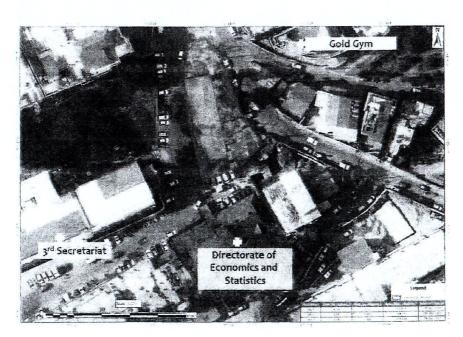
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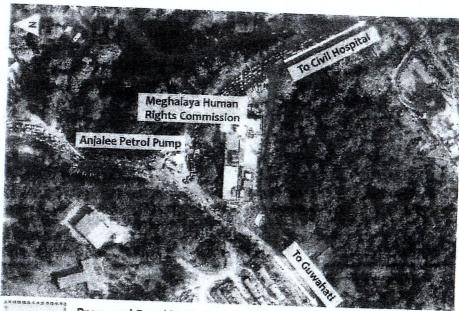


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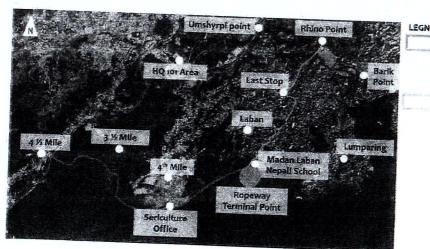
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# Anjalee Petrol Pump Junction



Proposed Road behind N.E.F.A Secretariat (length = 0.185 Km)

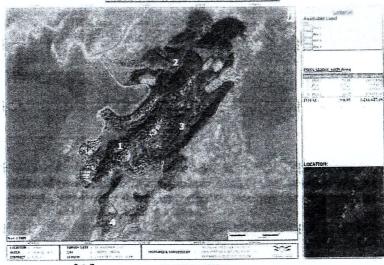
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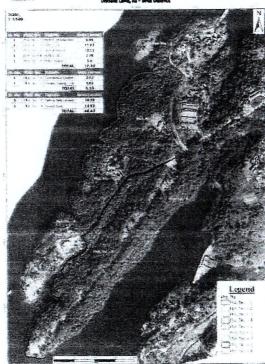
Proposed Four Lane/
Two Lane road
Connecting Ropeway
Terminal and 4 ½ Mile
~ 2.7 KM
Proposed Road for
Rejuvenation
Connecting Ropeway
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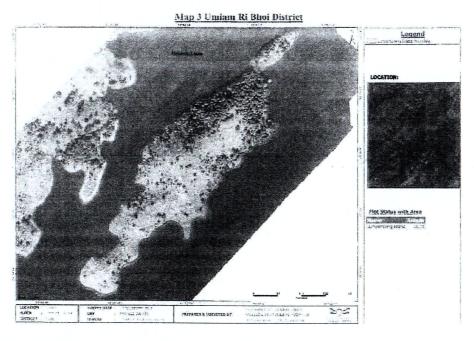
#### MTDC and MeECL Land in Umiam 10.



MeECL Land Map



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# 11. Industrial Estate at Bernihaat

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Ref. No.....

Dated: 22 - 07-24

To,

The Chief Minister Government of Megbalaya, Shillong

Conrad K. Sangma
Chief Minister, Meghalaya

Chief Minister, Meghalaya

Office of the Chief Minister, Meghalay

Subject: Opposition to the Transfer of Soil and Water Conservation and Agriculture Departments Land to the IMA for the Creation of New Industrial Estate at Byrnihat, Ri Bhoi District

Sir,

We, the Voice of the People Party (VPP), wish to formally express our vehement opposition to the proposal discussed in the meeting chaired by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 03.05.2024, regarding the repurposing of government lands for the creation of a New Industrial Estate in Byrnihat, Ri Bhoi District. Specifically, this is related to the 107 acres of land belonging to the Soil & Water Conservation Department, Government of Meghalaya currently used as a Conservation Training Institute, and the 27 acres of land owned by the Agriculture Department. Our opposition is rooted in several critical concerns as follows:

## **Environmental Impact**

- Depletion of Forest Cover: We are living in an era where climate change is a pressing global issue. The proposed repurposing of land will lead to significant depletion of our forest cover, which is indispensable for maintaining ecological balance. Meghalaya's rich biodiversity and forested lands are our greatest assets, and losing even an inch of this cover for industrial development is unacceptable.
- Existing Pollution Levels: According to a report by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA) released on 8th March 2024, Byrnihat, an industrial town in the border of Meghalaya and Assam, was identified as the most polluted 'city' in India. Byrnihat is already facing severe pollution issues, and adding more industrial activity will only exacerbate the environmental degradation. This raises a serious question about the prudence of establishing another industrial estate in an already overburdened area.

## **Undermining Agriculture and Conservation Efforts**

Agricultural and Conservation Priorities: The proposal undermines the essential roles of the Agriculture and Soil & Water Conservation Departments. These departments are crucial for sustainable agricultural practices and environmental conservation, both of which are vital for the long-term well-being of our state. Strengthening these sectors should be our priority, not diminishing their capabilities for short-term industrial gains.

## Questionable Industrial Development

Historical Failures: The Meghalaya Government has a track record of mismanaging public sector industries and corporations. This raises serious concerns about the feasibility and success of the proposed industrial development. Past failures suggest that this initiative may not only disrupt the functioning of the Agriculture and Soil Departments but also fail to deliver any significant industrial growth.

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b) Potential for Misuse: There is a risk that, instead of fostering genuine industrial development, this land may end up being mortgaged or sold off to private parties with close ties to the government. This would be a grave misuse of public land and detrimental to the state's interests.

# 4. Credibility Concerns

Invest Meghalaya Authority: The credibility and capabilities of the Invest Meghalaya Authority (IMA) are unclear. Entrusting such a significant project to an entity whose effectiveness is unproven is risky and potentially harmful to the state's economic and environmental health.

# Additional Concerns

- Support for Economic Growth: We are not against the government's aim of achieving a 10 billion dollar economy for the state or the establishment of industrial estates. However, we strongly oppose compromising the Agriculture and Soil & Water Conservation Departments for this purpose. These departments play a vital role in ensuring sustainable development and food security.
- b) Questionable Rationale: We raise a question: why does the government want to convert the above land into an industrial estate? Is it because these departments (Soil and Agriculture) have failed to make use of the above land? Are Agriculture and Soil Departments not relevant for the 10 billion dollar economy? Why can't the government utilize other unused land for such industrial estates?

Given these points, we urge the government to reconsider this proposal. The potential environmental degradation, coupled with the questionable benefits and historical precedents of mismanagement, make this initiative highly detrimental to the state. We believe in sustainable development that prioritizes environmental conservation and strengthens the agricultural sector. We strongly oppose this move and request the government to explore alternative, more sustainable methods of achieving economic growth without compromising our environmental and agricultural integrity.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

(Shri Ardent Miller Basaiawmoit) President Voice of the People Party

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# GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

No. SCD 5/2016/99,

Dated Shillong the 20th August, 2024.

From:

Shri S.K. Marak, MCS

Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya

Soil & Water Conservation Department.

To,

The Chief Executive Officer, Invest Meghalaya Authority.

Sub:

Opposition to the Transfer of Soil & Water Conservation and Agriculture Departments'

land to the IMA for creation of New Industrial Estate at Byrnihat, Ri-Bhoi District.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the letter Ref No. 'Nil', dt. 22/07/2024 received from the President, Voice of the People Party which is self explanatory for favour of your information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya Soil & Water Conservation Department.

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