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SUBJECT

INVEST MEGHALAYA AUTHORITY

NOTES AND ORDER

R.O.(W.K.)

The State Government has notified the "District Investment Committee" and in continuation with the discussion during the Deputy Commissioners' & SDOs' (Civil) Conference held on 17.05.2024, a decision was taken on the activation of the Investment potential and the role of the DCs at the District level.

In view of the above, it was decided that necessary steps be taken for activation of the District Investment Committee and these include the following:

1. Set up of the Bank Account for transfer of funds,
2. Conduct of Committee Meetings,
3. Capacity Building for Entrepreneurs
4. Generate Intent to Invest

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In view of the above, we may perhaps intimate all Deputy Commissioners of the actions that is required to be taken, a copy of the District Investment Committee is attached and a draft is placed below for kind approval.

Submitted

20/05/2024

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Joint Secy, Planning

Notes above may kindly refer.

As decided in the DC's & SDOs (C) Conference held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2024, we are to inform the DCs with regards to the actions to be taken up at the District level highlighted at 'X' above.

Draft letter along with the copy of the District Investment Committee is placed below for kind information and approval of.

Submitted.

20/5/2024

Commissioner & Secretary

notes above.

Draft for approval pl.

20/5/24

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Research Officer (W.K.)

As per order, in order to create new industrial unit and to make optimal utilization of all government land, it was decided that the land belonging to Soil & Water Conservation as well as the land owned by Agriculture Department <sup>at Byamhat</sup> be transferred and handed over to Invest Meghalaya Authority (IMA).

Draft letter placed below for kind approval.

Submitted  
W.K.  
04/06/2024.

CAO (IMA);

Notes above may kindly refer.  
As per the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd May, 2024, we are to request the Agriculture Deptt & Soil & Water Conservation to work out the modalities for the transfer of the land to Invest Meghalaya Authority.  
Draft letter placed below for kind approval pl.

Submitted, th  
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4/6/24

CEO (IMA)

Notes above.

Draft for approval. pl.

Signature  
4/6/24

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Research Officer (W.K.)

The Commissioner & Secretary, Planning Department will convene a meeting on 13.06.2024 at 1:00 PM in CR II, Meghalaya Secretariat, Shillong with officials from Agriculture, Soil & Water Conservation Department.

The Agenda in the meeting is to discuss repurposing all government lands for optimal use and modalities in transferring the land for creation of new industrial estate.

Draft meeting notice placed below for kind approval.

Submitted -

W.K.

12/06/2024

CAO (IMA)

Notes above may kindly refer.  
Draft placed below for kind approval of.

Submitted

W.K.  
12/6/24

W.K.  
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IMA 1/2024/7

Dated 12.06.2024 Issued to all concerned

SMD & Dr. Secy, Hg,

Draft Minutes of the meeting chaired by  
Commissioner & Secretary on the 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2024  
relating to creation of new Industrial estate at  
Bygonhet is placed below at Flag-A for  
kind perusal and approval pl.

Submitted  
19/6/24

CAD(IMA)/Jt. Secretary (KH)

Notes above may kindly refer.

Draft Minutes of the meeting as indicated  
above placed below at flag "A" for kind  
approval pl.

Submitted

Lhr  
19/06/2024.

Commissioner & Secretary Notes above.

Draft minutes of the meeting held on  
13<sup>th</sup> June 24 is placed below for kind approval.

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19/6/24.

Chief Administrative Officer (K.H.)

A Task Force committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Commissioner & Secretary, Soil and Water Conservation, GOM to work out the modalities for the transfer and repurposing of Govt. land at Byamhat, Ri Bhoi District.

A copy of the notification is flagged below for favour of information.

In view of the above, perhaps we may seek a convenient date and time from the chairman to hold a meeting to discuss the way forward.

Submitted for orders.

Wmoyl

16/08/2024

Commissioner & Secretary (II)

Notes above.

A convenient date and time may kindly be fixed for a meeting of the Task Force pl.

*[Signature]*  
16/8/24.

21<sup>st</sup> August, 2024 at 2:00 P.M.

JS

*[Signature]*  
16/8

ARO (MM)

Research officer (W.K.)

Order at noteshet pg 5 may refer.

Draft meeting notice placed below for kind approval.

Submitted

W.K.

19/08/2024

CAO (IHA),

Notes above may kindly refer.

Draft meeting notice of the Poree  
Force Committee is placed below for  
kind approval.

Submitted.

W.K.  
19/08/24

*[Signature]*  
19/8/24.

Research officer (W.K.)

As per telephonic conversation with private secretary to  
Commissioner & Secretary i/c Soil & Water Conservation Dept etc  
the meeting on 21.08.2024 is to be re-scheduled to the  
22.08.2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Revised Meeting notice (draft) placed below for kind  
approval.

Submitted.

W.K.

19/08/2024

CAO (CMA).

Notes at pre-page may kindly refer.  
Draft revised meeting notice is placed  
below for kind approval Plc  
Submitted  
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19/8/24

Discussed with CES (II). RO (WR)  
No change in the meeting date.  
Kindly issue the notice.

ARO/WR. *[Signature]*  
20/8/24

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Research Officer (W.K.)

The 1st meeting of the Task Force Committee under the chairmanship of Commissioner & Secretary, Soil & Water Conservation Department etc was held on the 21-08-2024 in Room No. 315, Additional Secretariat Shillong.

Draft minutes of the meeting has been prepared and is placed below for kind approval.

Submitted  
W.K.  
21/08/2024

CSO (I.A.S.),

Draft minutes of the 1st meeting of the Task Force Committee held on 21st August, 2024 in the office chamber of Dr. J. Sada, Comr & Secy is placed below for kind approval.

Submitted

W.K.  
21/8/24

Commissioner & Secretary (II) Notes above.

Draft minutes for kind approval pl.

W.K.  
23/8/24

Put up as corrected.

JS

ARO (W.N.)

W.K.  
28/8/24

W.K.  
23/8

Commissioner & Secy (H)

Connected draft for app. pl.

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28/8/24

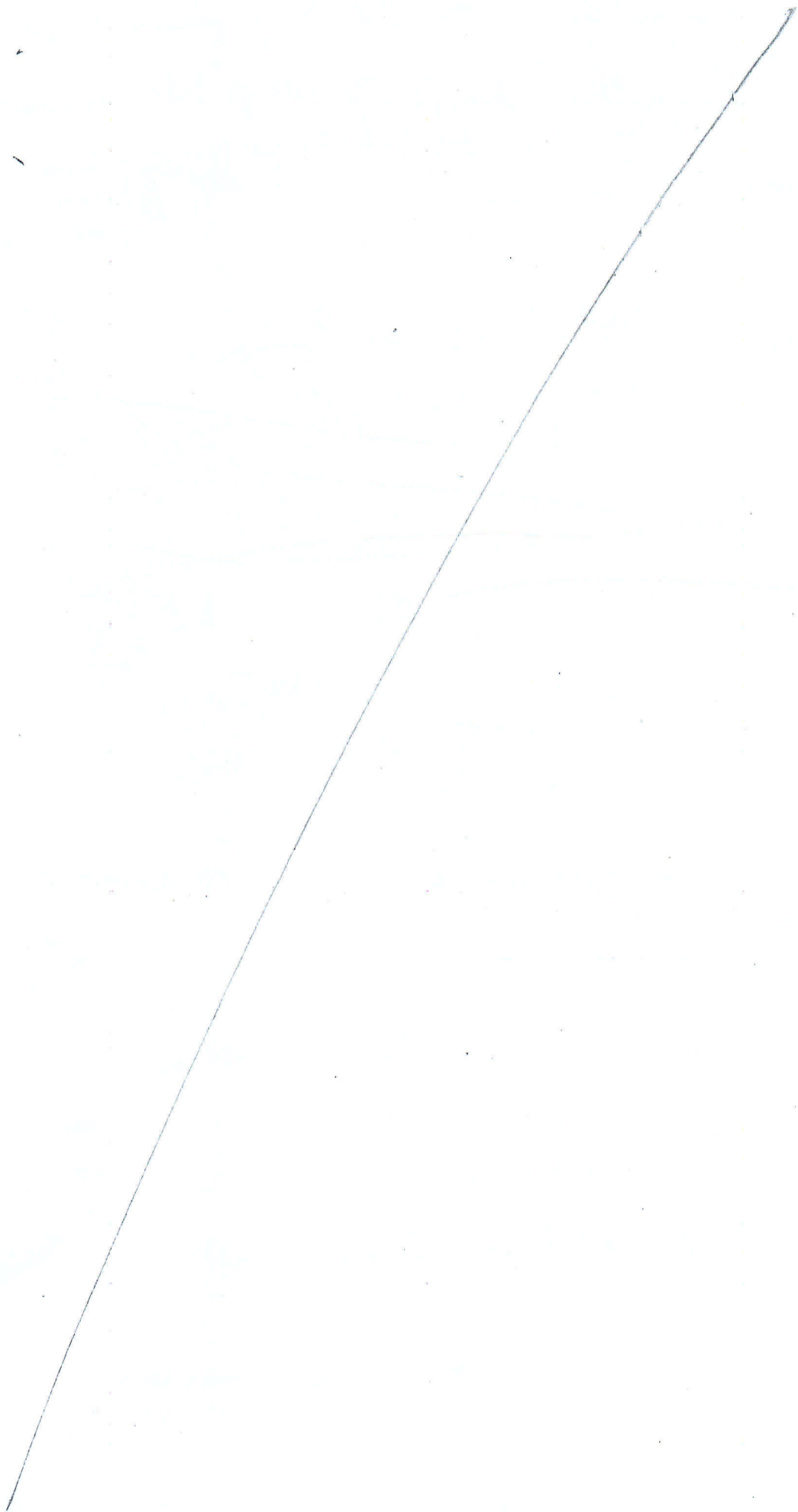
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ND SCD 5/2016/99 Dt. 20.08.2024 received from Jt. Secy, Soil & Water Conservation Deptt.

**Research Officer (W.K.)**

The Voice of the People Party (VPP) vide their letter indicated above has formally express their 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 Bymihat, Ri Bhoi District.

The party has indicated that their opposition is rooted in several critical concerns and is reproduced below as follows:

1. **Environmental Impact:**

- (a) *Depletion of forest cover:* The proposed repurposing of land will lead to significant depletion of our forest cover.
- (b) *Existing Pollution levels:* Bymihat is already facing severe pollution issues, and adding more industrial activity will only exacerbate the environmental degradation.

2. **Undermining Agriculture and Conservation Efforts:**

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.

3. **Questionable Industrial Development:**

*Historical Failures:* Track record of mismanaging public sector industries and corporations, and this raises serious concerns about the feasibility and success of the proposed industrial development.

4. **Credibility Concerns:** Entrusting such a significant project to IMA whose effectiveness is unproven is risky and potentially harmful.

5. **Additional Concerns:**

**Support for Economic Growth:** The party has indicated that they 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.

Questionable Rationale raised by the party includes the following:

- (a) 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?
- (b) Are Agriculture and Soil Departments not relevant for the 10 billion dollar economy?
- (c) Why can't the government utilize other unused land for such industrial estates?

**In view of the above the party has urge the government to reconsider this proposal and has cited the reasons as indicated below:**

- (a) The potential environmental degradation, coupled with the questionable benefits and historical precedents of mismanagement, make this initiative highly detrimental to the state.
- (b) The party 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.

Submitted

W.K.  
02/09/2024

CAO (IMA);

Notes at pre-page may kindly refer

The Voice of the people vide letter dated 22/7/2024 had opposed the transfer of the land belonging to Soil & WC and Agriculture Deptt. to Investment Management Authority for creation of New Industrial Estate at Byemhat.

The critical concerns as well as the questions raised by the VPP may kindly be seen at 'A' and 'B' pre-page. Further the party has requested the State Govt. to re-consider the proposal.

It may be indicated that during the meeting held on 21/8/2024 (Page X?), the concerned Deptt. has agreed for relocation of land and to submit the details estimates to the Government for further action.

Submitted for kind information and further orders.

21/8/24

CEO-(IMA)

Notes above.

This is regarding the representation submitted by the Voice of the People Party to the Hon'ble CM where they have indicated their strong opposition regarding the proposal for utilising the land of Soil & Water Conservation Deptt. as well as that of Agri Deptt. at Byemhat for creation of a new Industrial Estate.

Submitted for kind info. and orders

27/9/24.

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SLD 46/2024/42 Dt. 19.11.2024 received from Soil & Water Conservation, Jt Secy  
SLD 46/2024/26 Dt. 30.10.2024 received from Soil & Water Conservation, Jt Secy  
D. NO. 9CW/MLA/2023/43 Dt. 30.09.2024 from Shri. S. Sohtun, MLA

Research Officer (W.K.)

SI No. 21<sup>C</sup> to 26<sup>C</sup> may please be seen

The Joint Secretary, Soil and Water Conservation Department has forwarded the letter received from the Joint Action Committee (JAC), Ri Bhoi District to the objection in creation of a New Industrial Estate at Byrnihat raise by the NGO.

SI No. 27<sup>C</sup> to 30<sup>C</sup> may please be seen.

Shri. Hon'ble Sosthenes Sohtun, Member of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly vide his letter indicated above has also written to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya to the objection raised by the village authorities of Umpher, Amphanggre and Matchokgre regarding the proposed industrial area development in the area.

In the above letter, the Hon'ble MLA has respectfully requested that the proposed project may be placed in abeyance until a thorough review and reassessment can be carried out.

SI No. 31<sup>C</sup> to 34<sup>C</sup> may please be seen.

The Hynniewtrep Integrated Territorial Organisation (HITO) vide their letter indicated above has also submitted their representation and has objected to the proposed handover of the Forest Land at CTI Byrnihat, Ri Bhoi District for industrial development.

The organization has therefore urged upon the State Government to reconsider the proposal of transferring and handing over the land for industrial use.

Submitted for orders.

W.K.  
28/11/2024

CAO (IAA),

Let's above may kindly refer.  
We have received letters from the Joint Action Committee, Hon'ble MLA Shri Sosthenes Sohtun as well as from Hynniewtrep Integrated Territorial Organisation along with various objections to the creation of the new Industrial estate at CTI, Byrnihat.

The above parties has requested the State Government to revoke the decision, keep in abeyance or to reconsider the proposal for creation of a new Industrial estate at Byrnihat.

Submitted for your kind information and orders please.

W.K.  
28/11/2024

CEO

Notes at pre page.

This is regarding the representation from (1) Joint Action Committee (JAC) Humphreys 12<sup>th</sup> Mile Bynndhat (2) Hymmenstrep Integrated Territorial Orgn (HITO) and (3) D.O. letter from Shou. S. Sektun, MLA where they have indicated their opposition and objection to the setting up of the Industrial Estate at CTI, Bynndhat.

Submitted for information and orders.

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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
PLANNING, INVESTMENT PROMOTION &  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

No. IMA1/2024/1

Dated Shillong, the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

To,

All Deputy Commissioners,  
Government of Meghalaya.

**Subject: Activating District Investment Committee of Invest Meghalaya Authority in the respective Districts.**

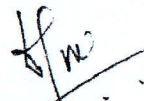
The Government of Meghalaya has notified the Meghalaya State Investment Promotion & Facilitation (MSIPF) ACT 2024. As per the Act, the Invest Meghalaya Authority which is the State Nodal Agency to facilitate investment has been set up. At the district level the "District Investment Committee" has been notified vide letter No PLR 22/2024/109 dated 14.03.2024 (copy enclosed for ready reference).

Further, as discussed in the **Deputy Commissioners' & SDOs' (Civil) Conference held on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2024**, the District Investment Committee set up will have to play a pro-active role in identifying investment potential and opportunities in the respective Districts.

To fastrack the process, the District Investment Committee will have to be immediately activated and for the purpose, the Deputy Commissioners are to ensure that the following steps are initiated at the earliest:

- a. **Opening of a Bank Account:** To open a separate bank account of the District Invest Committee, the details to be shared with the **Invest Meghalaya Authority** housed in the Planning, Investment Promotion & Sustainable Development Department. This will facilitate the transfer of funds required for the initial activation of the committee.
- b. **Committee Meetings:** The District Investment Committee is advised to hold meetings and sensitize the members on the Invest Meghalaya Authority, the UNNATI 2024 Scheme, the MIIPP 2024 Policy, and the Invest Meghalaya Portal.
- c. **Capacity Building for Entrepreneurs:** To conduct capacity building programmes and to create awareness amongst local entrepreneurs in the District regarding the UNNATI 2024 Scheme, the MIIPP 2024 Policy, and the Invest Meghalaya Portal.
- d. **Generate Intent to Invest:** Encourage entrepreneurs to express their intent to invest through Invest Meghalaya portal.

Yours faithfully,



[Dr. Vijay Kumar. D,]

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

**Dated Shillong, the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Copy to:**

1. The PS to the Chief Secretary, Meghalaya for kind information of the Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya.
2. The Commissioner of Division, Khasi Hills/ Garo Hills Division for information.
3. The Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Planning, Investment Promotion and Sustainable Development Department, Government of Meghalaya for favour of kind information.

By order etc.,



Officer on Special Duty and Ex- Officio Joint Secretary,  
Planning, Investment Promotion &  
Sustainable Development Department,  
Government of Meghalaya

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**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA**  
**PLANNING INVESTMENT PROMOTION & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**  
**DEPARTMENT**

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Dated Shillong, the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

**NOTIFICATION**

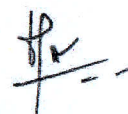
**No. PLR.22/2024/109:** In exercise of the powers conferred by section 11(1) of the Meghalaya State Investment Promotion and Facilitation Act, 2024, The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to constitute the District Investment Committee for Investment Promotion and Facilitation with the following members with immediate effect:-

| Sl. No. | Members   | Designation      |
|---------|---|------------------|
| 1.      | Deputy Commissioner   | Chairman         |
| 2.      | District Planning Officer   | Member           |
| 3.      | Divisional Forest Officer   | Member           |
| 4.      | General Manager-DCIC  | Member-Secretary |
| 5.      | Executive Engineer of the District of concerned Electricity Distribution Company under which district falls | Member           |
| 6.      | Assistant Director of Commerce & Industries   | Member           |
| 7.      | Representative of Invest Meghalaya Authority  | Member           |
| 8.      | Pollution Control Board Officer of the District   | Member           |
| 9.      | District Officer of Labour Department   | Member           |
| 10.     | Member(s) as may be notified by the Government from time to time  | Member           |

**Terms of Reference:**

1. To meet monthly or as needed at such times and places as the Chairman of the Committee may decide and shall transact business as per the procedure as may prescribed;
2. To coordinate for all clearances for setting up of industrial units;
3. To review and monitor the processing of applications by the competent authorities;
4. To invite Competent authorities or experts or officials from other departments, who are not members of the Committee, as special invitees for any meeting of the District Investment Committee as desired by the Chairman of the Committee;
5. The Member of the District Investment Committee shall attend the meeting convened under clause (a) and in case he is unable to attend the meeting, he may depute an officer to take appropriate decision in the meeting;
6. Such other powers and functions as may be prescribed by the Government
7. The District Investment Committee shall coordinate with all line departments for getting clearances.

8. The District Investment Committee shall give in principle approval referred to it for investments up to one crore rupees.
9. The District Investment committee shall provide recommendation of financial incentive packages for Micro units under Industrial Policy.



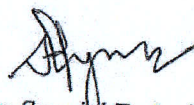
[Dr. Vijay Kumar D, IAS]

Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya  
Planning, Investment Promotion & Sustainable Development  
Department

Copy to :-

1. P.S. to the Hon'ble Chief Minister to the Government of Meghalaya for kind information of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
2. P.S. to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
3. The Commissioner & Secretary / Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Commerce & Industries / Power / Labour, Employment & Skill Development / Forests & Environment Department, for kind information.
4. All Deputy Commissioners of the Districts, Meghalaya, for kind information & necessary action.
5. All District Planning Officers, Meghalaya, for kind information and necessary action.
6. All Divisional Forest Officers, Meghalaya, for kind information and necessary action.
7. All General Managers, DCIC, Meghalaya, for kind information and necessary action.
8. The Assistant Director, Commerce & Industries, Meghalaya, Shillong for kind information and necessary action.
9. The Member Secretary, Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board for kind information and necessary action.
10. All Deputy / Assistant Labour Commissioners, Meghalaya, for kind information and necessary action.
11. All Executive Engineers, Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited, Meghalaya, Shillong for kind information and necessary action.

By order etc.,



Officer on Special Duty & ex-officio  
Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya  
Planning, Investment Promotion & Sustainable  
Development Department

# INVEST MEGHALAYA AUTHORITY

A Government of Meghalaya Undertaking

Invest Meghalaya Authority  
4K Complex, Golflinks Pdengshnong,  
Shillong - 793001  
investmeghalayaauthority@gmail.com

No. IMA.1/2024/1

Dated Shillong, the 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

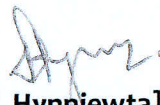
One of the decision taken in the meeting is that, the 107 acre of land belonging to Soil & Water Conservation Department which is currently being used as a *Conservation Training Institute* and the 27 acres of land owned by the Agriculture Department which are both located at Byrnihat, Ri Bhoi District 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:**

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 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.

# INVEST MEGHALAYA AUTHORITY

A Government of Meghalaya Undertaking

Invest Meghalaya Authority  
HQ Complex, Laitumkhrê P.O. Shillong  
Shillong - 793001  
Invest Meghalaya and Planning Shillong

No. IMA.1/2024/7

Dated Shillong, the 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2024

To,

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,

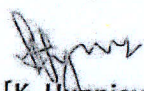
I am directed to refer to the subject indicated above and to say that the  
Commissioner and Secretary, Planning, Investment Promotion and Sustainable Development  
Department will convene a meeting on the **13<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 at 1:00 P.M. in Committee  
Room II, Meghalaya Secretariat, Main Building,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

The agenda for the meeting is to discuss on the creation of the new industrial  
estate in the government 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.

**Encl: As Above**

Yours faithfully,

  
[K. Hynniewta]

Chief Administrative Officer,  
Invest Meghalaya Authority.

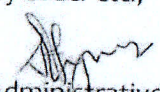
Dated Shillong, the 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2024

**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.

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**Minutes of the review meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the office chamber of Dr. Vijay Kumar. D, IAS Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Planning, investment Promotion and Sustainable Development Department.**

**The list of members present is mentioned in Annexure "A".**

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Vijay Kumar. D, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Planning, Investment Promotion and Sustainable Development Department. After welcoming all the members present, the Chairman informed that the meeting was convened to discuss on the creation of the new industrial estate in the Government land located at Byrnihat, Ri Bhoi District and currently being utilized by the Department of Soil and Water Conservation and Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.

**Following points were discussed in the meeting:**

**1. Reallocation of Land at Byrnihat:**

- i. The Government land at Byrnihat which is currently being utilized by the Soil & Water Conservation Department for the Conservation Training institute (CTI), Byrnihat, measuring about approx. 170 acres with road front advantage will be relocated and reallocated accordingly.
- ii. Due to the requirement of the Government to develop an Industrial Estate at Byrnihat and also the need for the CTI to be located nearer to Shillong City, it was decided that this land be transferred to the Commerce & Industries Department/ Invest Meghalaya Authority. It was reported that most of the assets are no longer in good condition.
- iii. In exchange, for the land utilized by Soil & Water Conservation for the Conservation Training Institute (CTI) at Byrnihat, a new land measuring 10 acres in area will be allocated to the Soil and Water Conservation Department for establishing the infrastructure of the New CTI near the sports complex area in Mawkhanu, Shillong.

**Action Points**

- i. Directorate of Soil and Water Conservation to transfer the identified land to the Commerce & Industries Department/ Invest Meghalaya Authority.
- ii. Urban Affairs Department to allocate about 10 acres of land to Directorate of Soil and Water Conservation near Sports Complex in Shillong.
- iii. Government of Meghalaya to provide funding to the Soil & Water Conservation Department for construction and development of infrastructure for the new Conservation Training Institute (CTI) in Mawkhanu.

## **2. Infrastructure Survey for Agriculture Department Land**

- i. Based on the discussion with the Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department it is understood that the land measuring about 27 acres utilized by the agriculture department at Byrnihat, currently has considerable infrastructural assets present.
- ii. In order to understand the nature of assets, a ground survey is required and should be carried out to understand the nature of assets.
- iii. The meeting was informed that Forest Department also owns a small patch of land in the area. As continuity of land is essential, a meeting with the forest department is required to discuss the possibility of obtaining the land for the industrial estate.

### **Action Points**

- i. Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department to undertake a detailed ground survey immediately and provide the information to the Planning, investment Promotion and Sustainable Development Department for further discussion on the suitability of land for creation of the new industrial estate.
- ii. Planning, investment Promotion and Sustainable Development Department to convene meeting with Forest & Environment Department to understand the possibility of usability of their land for Industrial Estate creation.

## **3. Feasibility Study for New Industrial Estates:**

- i. Invest Meghalaya Authority (IMA) is tasked with identifying resources to conduct a feasibility study for the land allocated to Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department and other identified industrial estates.

### **Action Points**

- i. IMA to identify and mobilize resources for the purpose of preparation of a feasibility study and master planning.
- ii. School and existing road connecting to the nearby villages should not be affected during preparation of the Industrial estate master plan.

## **4. Training Programs by Soil & Water Conservation Department:**

- i. The Soil & Water Conservation Department has been conducting regular training at the Conservation Training Institute (CTI), Byrnihat. It was however decided in the meeting that due to the very low number of nominations received from various organizations / departments for the current year 2024, both from within and

organizations / departments for the current year 2024, both from within and outside the state, the 11 months Field Assistant Training Course for 2024 will not be conducted.

- ii. Further, also due to the priority of setting up the industrial estate, the dates for the training to be finalized in subsequent meetings by the Department.

**(Dr. Vijay Kumar. D, IAS)**  
Commissioner and Secretary  
Planning, investment Promotion and  
Sustainable Development Department  
& CEO. Invest Meghalaya Authority  
Govt. of Meghalaya

**Memo No.IMA.1/2024/8-A**

**Dated Shillong, the \_\_\_\_ June,2024**

**Copy to:**

- 1) The Commissioner & 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 kind information and necessary action

By order etc.

Chief Administrative Officer  
Invest Meghalaya Authority

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**ANNEXURE-A**

| SI No | Name & Designation  |
|-------|---|
| 1     | Dr Vijay Kumar .D, Commissioner & Secretary, Planning Investment Promotion & Sustainable Development Department |
| 2     | Shri Gunanka D.B, Joint Secretary, Planning   |
| 3     | Smti I.Rynjah, Director, Soil & Water Conservation  |
| 4     | Smti J.C.Lyngdoh, Director, Agriculture   |
| 5     | Shri R.D.H.Kharlukhi, S.M.O & Dy. Secretary, Planning   |
| 6     | B.M.Umlong, JDH   |
| 7     | B.Kharshandi, DDA   |
| 8     | B.Kero, ADH(P)  |
| 9     | Shri W.R.Kharlyngdoh, Research Officer, Planning  |

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**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA**  
**PLANNING INVESTMENT PROMOTION & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**  
**DEPARTMENT**  
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**NOTIFICATION**

Dated Shillong, the 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2024

**No.PLR.22/2024/Pt.-1/47:** The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to constitute a Task Force Committee to work out the modalities for the transfer and repurposing of government land at Byrnihat with immediate effect:-

| Sl. No. | Members   | Designation      |
|---------|---|------------------|
| 1.      | Dr. J. Beda IAS, Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Soil & Water Conservation and Planning Investment Promotion & Sustainable Development Department. | Chairman         |
| 2.      | Director, Soil and Water Conservation, Government of Meghalaya  | Member           |
| 3.      | Director, Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Government of Meghalaya   | Member           |
| 4.      | Director, Horticulture, Government of Meghalaya   | Member           |
| 5.      | Shri. K. Hynniewta, Chief Administrative Officer, Invest Meghalaya Authority.   | Member Secretary |

The Committee may co-opt any member as and when required.

**Terms of Reference:**

1. The Committee to work out the modalities for the transfer of government land including the relocation of existing establishments.
2. Such other powers and functions as may be prescribed from time to time.



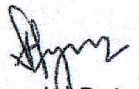
(Dr. Vijay Kumar D, IAS)

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

Copy to :-

1. P.S. to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
2. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Department for kind information.
3. The Chief Executive Officer, Invest Meghalaya Authority, Shillong for kind information.
4. Dr. J. Beda, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Soil & Water Conservation and PIP&SD Department for kind information.
5. The Director, Soil and Water Conservation, Government of Meghalaya for information.
6. The Director, Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Government of Meghalaya, for information.
7. The Director, Horticulture, Government of Meghalaya, for information.
8. The Chief Administrative Officer, Invest Meghalaya Authority, Shillong for kind information.

By order etc.,



Officer on Special Duty & ex-officio,  
Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
Planning Investment Promotion & Sustainable Development  
Department.

**No. IMA.1/2024/14**

**Dated Shillong, the 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2024**

**To,**

The Director, Soil and Water Conservation/Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare/ Horticulture, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong.

**Subject: - Meeting of the Task Force Committee**

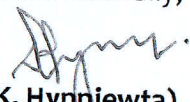
**Sir/ Madam,**

I am directed to refer to the above subject and to say that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Task Force Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. J. Beda, IAS Commissioner & Secretary, Soil and Water Conservation etc Departments, Govt of Meghalaya will be held on the **21<sup>st</sup> August, 2024 at 2:00 PM in Room No. 315, Meghalaya Secretariat, Additional Building, Shillong.**

In this connection, you are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the above meeting. A copy of the notification of the Task Force Committee issued vide letter No. PLR 22/2024/Pt 1/ 47 dated 09.08.2024 is enclosed herewith for reference.

Yours faithfully,

**Enclo: As Above**

  
**(K. Hynniewta)**

Chief Administrative Officer,  
Invest Meghalaya Authority

**Memo No. IMA.1/2024/14-A**

**Dated Shillong, the 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2024**

**Copy to:**

1. Dr. Vijay Kumar, IAS, Chief Executive Officer, Invest Meghalaya Authority, for favour of kind information.
2. Dr. J Beda, IAS, Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Soil and Water Conservation Department for favour of kind information.
3. The Nazir, Meghalaya Secretariat. He is requested to kindly provide tea and light refreshment for (ten) 10 people in the above meeting in Room No.315, Additional Building, Meghalaya Secretariat, Shillong.

By order etc.,

  
Chief Administrative Officer,  
Invest Meghalaya Authority

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY, SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION & PIPSD DEPARTMENT HELD ON THE 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2024 AT 2:00 P.M. IN ROOM NO 315, ADDITIONAL BUILDING, MEGHALAYA SECRETARIAT, SHILLONG.**

**Officers present in the Meeting – As at Annexure ‘A’**

The meeting was chaired by Dr. J. Beda, IAS, Commissioner and Secretary, Soil and Water Conservation & PIP&SD etc Department who welcome all the officials present and informed that the meeting was being convened as a follow up action on the decisions taken in the meeting chaired by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2024 for repurposing of Government land at Byrnihat, Ri Bhoi District.

After a thorough discussion, the decisions taken are as follows:

- In compliance with the decisions taken in meeting dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2024 chaired by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya, Soil & Water Conservation Department has agreed for the relocation of the Conservation Training institute (CTI), Byrnihat to Mawkhanu at New Shillong Township. An alternate land measuring 10 acres and funds for construction of a new CTI in New Shillong Township may be approved by the State Government.

**[Action: Soil and Water Conservation Department]**

- The Directorate of Horticulture has agreed to the relocation of the departmental farm at Byrnihat in lieu of alternate land to be provided to the Department. The Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Department to submit detailed estimate for relocation and setting up of the farm.

**[Action: Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Department]**

- The estimates for the relocation and the setting up of the training institute and the farm works are to be submitted to the Government at the earliest for examination and further action.

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

  
**[Dr. J. Beda, IAS]**

Commissioner and Secretary,  
Soil and Water Conservation, PIP&SD etc Department  
Government of Meghalaya

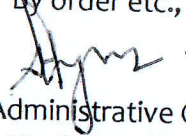
**Memo No. IMA.1/2024/16-A**

**Dated Shillong, the 21<sup>th</sup> August, 2024**

Copy to:

1. The Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Department for favour of kind information.
2. Dr. Vijay Kumar, IAS, Chief Executive Officer, Invest Meghalaya Authority, for favour of kind information.
3. Dr. J Beda, IAS, Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Soil and Water Conservation, PIP&SD ect Department for favour of kind information.
4. The Director, Soil and Water Conservation/Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare/ Horticulture, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong for information and necessary action.

By order etc.,

  
Chief Administrative Officer,  
Invest Meghalaya Authority

## **ANNEXURE "A"**

### **ATTENDANCE LIST:**

1. Dr. J. Beda, IAS, Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Soil and Water Conservation and PIP&SD Department.
2. Shri. K. Hynniewta, Chief Administrative Officer, Invest Meghalaya Authority.
3. Shri. Z. D. Shira, Director, Soil and Water Conservation, Government of Meghalaya
4. Smti. D. Sohtun, Director, Horticulture, Government of Meghalaya.
5. Smti. D. Lyngdoh, Joint Director, Agriculture , Government of Meghalaya.
6. Shri. N. J. S. Kharmalki, Planning Officer, Soil and Water Conservation , Government of Meghalaya.

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SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

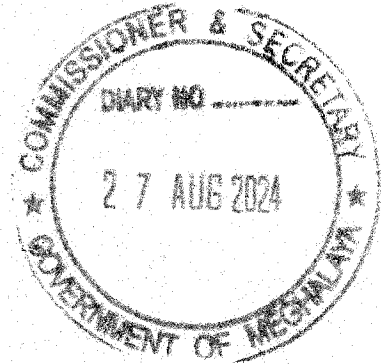
No. SCD 5/2016/99,

Dated Shillong the 20<sup>th</sup> 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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Ref. No.....

Dated: 22-07-24

To,

Conrad K. Sangma  
Chief Minister, Meghalaya  
The Chief Minister  
Government of Meghalaya, Shillong.

Diary No.: 717

Date: 8-8-2024

Office of the Chief Minister, Meghalaya

**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:

## 1. 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 2. 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.

## 3. 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.

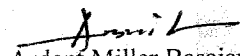
#### 5. Additional Concerns

- a) **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 46/2024/26,**

**Dated Shillong the 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.**

**From :** Shri S.K. Marak, MCS,  
Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya  
Soil & Water Conservation Department.

**To,**

The Chief Administrative Officer,  
Invest Meghalaya Authority.

**Sub :** Creation of New Industrial Estate.

Sir,

With reference to the above, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the letter No. Meg/Soil-12/396(Pt.BI)/4241, dt. 15/10/2024 from the Director of Soil & Water Conservation along with its enclosures regarding Creation of a New Industrial Estate at Byrnihat 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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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
DIRECTORATE OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION,  
MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG.

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E-Mail ID: megsoil49@gmail.com  
Website: www.megsoil.gov.in



Phone No.: 0364 2224551

Fax No.: 0364 2224551

No. Meg /Soil-12/396 (Pt.BI)/ 4241

Dated Shillong, the 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

**From:** The Director,  
Soil and Water Conservation,  
Meghalaya, Shillong.

**To,**  
✓ Smt. L.Y. Kynjing,  
Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
Soil & Water Conservation Department.

**Subject:** Forwarding of objection to creation of New Industrial Estate at Byrnihat by  
Joint Action Committee.

**Madam,**

With reference to the subject cited above, please find enclosed herewith a letter No. CTI-11/73/NIA/999, dt. 30.09.2024 from the Joint Director, Soil & Water Conservation (Research & Training), Conservation Training Institute, Byrnihat along with its enclosure in which the Joint Action Committee objects the creation of New Industrial Estate at Byrnihat.

This is for your information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Enclosed: As above

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Director of Soil and Water Conservation,  
Meghalaya, Shillong

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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
OFFICE OF THE JOINT DIRECTOR OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION  
(RESEARCH AND TRAINING), CONSERVATION TRAINING INSTITUTE  
MEGHALAYA, BYRNIHAT.

No.CTI-11/73/NIA/ 999

Dated Byrnihat, the 30<sup>th</sup> <sup>Sept</sup> ~~Oct~~, 2024.

From: - The Joint Director,  
(Research and Training),  
Conservation Training Institute,  
Byrnihat.

To, ☒ The Director  
Soil and Water Conservation,  
Meghalaya, Shillong.

Sub: - Forwarding of objection to creation of New Industrial Estate at Byrnihat by  
Joint Action Committee.


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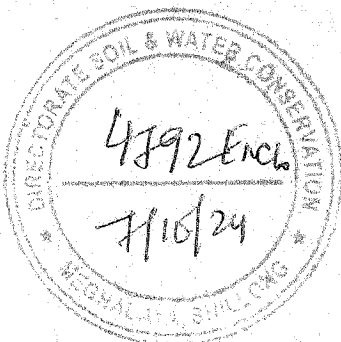
With reference to the subject cited above, I am forwarding letter received from  
Joint Action Committee objecting creation of New Industrial Estate at Byrnihat.

This is for your kind information and necessary action.

Enclo: - As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

  
Joint Director Soil and Water Conservation  
(Research and Training)  
Conservation Training Institute  
Byrnihat.



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To,

The Hon'ble Chief Minister,  
Meghalaya-Shillong



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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject : OBJECTION TO CREATION OF 'NEW INDUSTRIAL ESTATE' AT BYRNIHAT**

Respected Sir,

We the Villagers of Umpher, Amphanggre and Matchokgre, encircling the proposed site for New INDUSTRIAL ESTATE at Byrnihat, which falls under the said villages, would like to put forth our grievances for '**OBJECTION**' to creation of the said Industrial units. That Sir, all the three village Dorbars have adopted a resolution on 19th August 2024 at Umpher Village Dorbar for objection to the decision taken by your cabinet under your good chair. The villagers have concerns and apprehensions regarding your decision to create a 'NEW INDUSTRIAL ESTATE' without the consent and approval of the Dorbar Shnongs. Hence, we put forward our concerns herein below for your kind consideration and request your good office to revoke your decision of creating a 'NEW INDUSTRIAL ESTATE' at Byrnihat. Few of our concerns are of highlighted below:

**1. Residential Area** : - That sir, Umpher, Amphanggre and Matchokgre villages are residential area with approximately 3000 population, with 4 schools, 6 churches. The Dorbar of Umpher village has a resolution of not allowing any industrial activity in its area. Hence, if allowed people will face health hazard in due course of time.

**2. Impact on Schools and churches** : - That sir, due to industrial activities there is a concern for school Children regarding their safety and security, as the traffic and the waste emission will greatly impact on the Children.

**3. Closure of Road leading to Amphanggre and Matchokgre** : - That sir, two approach roads leading from Umpher GS Road to Matchokgre and Amphanggre runs through soil of water conservation training Institute and that, once the '**INVEST MEGHALAYA AUTHORITY**' takes over the area, they will not allow passage to these villages .

**4. Water Resource from CTI** : That sir, Umpher and Matchokgre villages draw their water from the soil & water conservation catchment area for water and hence, Industrialisation will lead to water scarcity in the area.

**5. Soil Erosion** :- That sir, in carrying out construction & industrial units it will lead to massive soil erosion in the downstream and lead to flooding in the Umpher village .




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**6. Impact on Agriculture :-** That sir, as 90% of the villagers depend on agriculture these industrial units will greatly impact on the agricultural activities.

**7. Health Hazard :-** That sir, Universally we know that industrial units emits lots of carbon, lead and other harmful substances. That sir, as mentioned earlier, being a residential area, the villages will be the losers in terms of health.

That sir, keeping in mind the points mentioned herein above we it will not possible for the creation of 'NEW INDUSTRIAL ESTATE' at Byrnihat in the areas of Umpher, Amphanggre and Matchokgre area. Hence, we earnestly request you to REVOKE your Cabinet decision of 5th June 2024, for the welfare of the residents.

Yours Sincerely,

  
Chairman  
Joint Action Committee  
(JAC)  
Umpher 12th Mile, Byrnihat  
Chairman, Joint Action Committee

  
Secretary  
Joint Action Committee  
(JAC)  
Umpher 12th Mile, Byrnihat  
Ri-Bhoi District, Meghalaya

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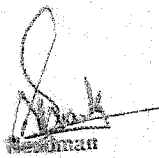
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Byrnihat, Ri-Bhoi District, Meghalaya

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Umpher Village Durbur  
Ri-Bhoi Dist. Meghalaya

  
Headman  
Amphanggre Village  
Ri-Bhoi District, Meghalaya

  
Headman  
Matchokgre Village  
Ri-Bhoi Dist. Meghalaya



Copy to :

1. Minister- Soil and water Conservation, Govt. of Meghalaya .
2. Minister- Forest and Environment, Govt. Of Meghalaya .
3. Dr. Mukul Sangma- Leader of the Opposition- Meghalaya.
4. The Commissioner and Secretary- Agriculture, and farmer's Welfare Department /Soil and water Conservation Department Govt. of Meghalaya .
5. Dr. Ricky Andrew J. Syngkon- Member of Parliament, Shillong
6. Shri. Saleng A. Sangma - Member of Parliament. Tura.
7. Chairman- National Green Tribunal, Faridkot house, Copernicus Marg- New Delhi  
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8. Director- Soil and conservation training institute, Meghalaya.
9. Deputy Commissioner- Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh, Meghalaya.
10. CAO- Invest Meghalaya Authority -Shillong, Meghalaya .
11. Shri. Sosthenes Sohtun- MLA- Jirang
12. Shri. Victor Rani- MDC, Jirang
13. Joint Director- Soil and Water Conservation Institute, Byrnihat- Meghalaya .
14. Shri. Arden Miller Basaiawmoit, President - Voice Of Peoples Party.
15. Syiem - Hima Myllem, Shillong.
16. Syiem- Raid Marwet, Baridua.
17. President- Hynniewtrep A'chik National Awakening Movement, Shillong.
18. President- Garo Students' Union Tura.
19. President- Khashi Students' Union. Shillong.
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Member  
Meghalaya Legislative Assembly



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Date 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2024

DO: NO.GCW/MLA/2023/43

Diary No.: 1033  
Date: 1-10-2024  
Office of the Chief Minister

Dear Sir,

I am submitting herewith the objection raised by the village authorities of Umpher, Amphanggre and Matchokgre regarding the proposed industrial area development in their area. After reviewing their concerns, I found that their objections are valid and justified particularly regarding the potential health hazards due to air pollution and increased flood risk etc associated with the project.

In view of the above, I respectfully request you that the proposed project may be placed in abeyance until a thorough review and reassessment can be carried out. (encl: Copy of the Objection from the above-mentioned villages).

With regards,

Sosthenes Sohtun

Shri Conrad K. Sangma,  
Hon'ble Chief Minister,  
Government of Meghalaya

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Conrad K. Sangma (Planning)  
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Conrad K. Sangma  
Chief Minister of Meghalaya

To,

The Hon'ble Chief Minister,  
Meghalaya-Shillong



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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We the Villagers of Umpher, Amphanggre and Matchokgre, encircling the proposed site for New INDUSTRIAL ESTATE at Byrnihat, which falls under the said villages, would like to put forth our grievances for '**OBJECTION**' to creation of the said Industrial units. That Sir, all the three village Dorbars have adopted a resolution on 19th August 2024 at Umpher Village Dorbar for objection to the decision taken by your cabinet under your good chair. The villagers have concerns and apprehensions regarding your decision to create a 'NEW INDUSTRIAL ESTATE' without the consent and approval of the Dorbar Shnongs. Hence, we put forward our concerns herein below for your kind consideration and request your good office to revoke your decision of creating a 'NEW INDUSTRIAL ESTATE' at Byrnihat. Few of our concerns are of highlighted below:

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**2. Impact on Schools and churches** : - That sir, due to industrial activities there is a concern for school Children regarding their safety and security, as the traffic and the waste emission will greatly impact on the Children.

**3. Closure of Road leading to Amphangre and Matchokgre** : - That sir, two approach roads leading from Umpher GS Road to Matchokgre and Amphanggre runs through soil of water conservation training Institute and that, once the 'INVEST MEGHALAYA AUTHORITY' takes over the area, they will not allow passage to these villages .

**4. Water Recource from CTI** : That sir, Umpher and Matchokgre villages draw their water from the soil & water conservation catchment area for water and hence, Industrialisation will lead to water scarcity in the area.

**5. Soil Erosion** :- That sir, in carrying out construction & industrial units it will lead to massive soil erosion in the downstream and lead to flooding in the Umpher village .



6. Impact on Agriculture :- That sir, as 90% of the villagers depend on agriculture these industrial units will greatly impact on the agricultural activities.

7. Health Hazard :- That sir, Universally we know that industrial units emits lots of carbon, lead and other harmful substances. That sir, as mentioned earlier, being a residential area, the villages will be the losers in terms of health.

That sir, keeping in mind the points mentioned herein above we it will not possible for the creation of 'NEW INDUSTRIAL ESTATE' at Byrnihat in the areas of Umpher, Amphanggre and Matchokgre area. Hence, we earnestly request you to REVOKE your Cabinet decision of 5th June 2024, for the welfare of the residents.

Yours Sincerely,

*H. Sangma*  
Chairman

Joint Action Committee  
(JAC)

Umpher 12th Mile, Byrnihat

Ri-Bhoi District, Meghalaya

Chairman, Joint Action Committee

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Amphanggre

Matchokgre Village

Byrnihat, Ri-Bhoi District, Meghalaya

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Copy to :

1. Minister- Soil and water Conservation, Govt. of Meghalaya .
2. Minister- Forest and Environment, Govt. Of Meghalaya .
3. Dr. Mukul Sangma- Leader of the Opposition- Meghalaya.
4. The Commissioner and Secretary- Agriculture, and farmer's Welfare Department /Soil and water Conservation Department Govt. of Meghalaya .
5. Dr. Ricky Andrew J. Syngkon- Member of Parliament, Shillong
6. Shri. Saleng A. Sangma - Member of Parliament. Tura.
7. Chairman- National Green Tribunal, Faridkot house, Copernicus Marg- New Delhi  
110 001.
8. Director- Soil and conservation training institute, Meghalaya.
9. Deputy Commissioner- Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh, Meghalaya.
10. CAO- Invest Meghalaya Authority -Shillong, Meghalaya .
11. Shri. Sosthenes Sohtun- MLA- Jirang
12. Shri. Victor Rani- MDC, Jirang
13. Joint Director- Soil and Water Conservation Institute, Byrnihat- Meghalaya .
14. Shri. Arden Miller Basaiawmoit, President - Voice Of Peoples Party.
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**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**

**No. SCD 46/2024/42,**

**Dated Shillong the 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.**

**From :** Shri S.K. Marak, MCS,  
Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya  
Soil & Water Conservation Department.

**To,**

The Chief Administrative Officer,  
Invest Meghalaya Authority.

**Sub :** **Formal Objection to the proposed Handover of Forest Land (CTI Byrnihat)  
for Industrial Development.**

Sir,

With reference to the above, I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the letter No. Meg/Soil-12/396(Pt.BI)/4871, dt. 05/11/2024 from the Director of Soil & Water Conservation along with its enclosures which is self explanatory for your kind information and necessary direction.

Enclosed as stated

Yours faithfully,

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

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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
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Dated Shillong, the 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.

**From:** The Director,  
Soil and Water Conservation,  
Meghalaya, Shillong.

**To,**  
✓ Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
Soil & Water Conservation Department.

**Subject:** Formal Objection to the proposed Handover of Forest Land (CTI Byrnihat) for  
Industrial Development.

**Madam,**

With reference to the subject cited above, please find enclosed herewith a copy of letter No. Ref/HITO/CB/PTO24, dt. 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 from the "Hynñiewtrep Integrated Territorial Organization (HITO)" which is self-explanatory.

This is for your kind information.

Yours faithfully,

Enclosed: As above

*M. D. Shira*  
(Z.D.Shira)

Director of Soil and Water Conservation,  
Meghalaya, Shillong

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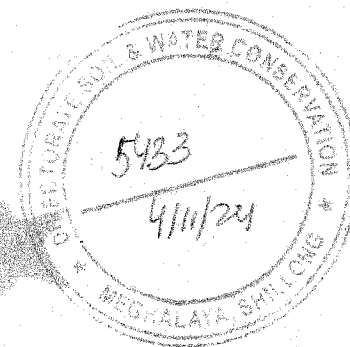
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CENTRAL BODY

Date: 4/11/2024

To  
The Director  
Soil & Water Conservation Department  
Government of Meghalaya  
Shillong - 793001



Subject: Formal Objection to the Proposed Handover of Forest Land (CTI Byrni) for Industrial Development

Dear Sir,

We, the Hynniewtrep Integrated Territorial Organization (HITO), are writing to formally voice our strong opposition to the proposed handover of the lush forest land known as CTI Byrni for the purpose of industrial development. We are deeply concerned that this decision will result in a cascade of devastating environmental, social, and economic impacts that will undermine the well-being of our community and threaten the health of future generations.

The conversion of this vital forest area into an industrial zone would lead to significant consequences, including:

- **Loss of Biodiversity**: The rich variety of plant and animal life that currently thrives in this ecosystem would be endangered, leading to a potential extinction of species and a diminishment of natural flora.
- **Ecosystem Disruption**: The delicate balance of the local ecosystem would be irrevocably altered, risking the natural processes that sustain life in this area.
- **Deforestation and Habitat Destruction**: The clearing of trees and natural habitats not only affects wildlife but also contributes to soil erosion and desertification, fundamentally changing the landscape.
- **Increased Pollution**: Industrial activities typically lead to air and water pollution which would contaminate local resources and degrade the quality of life for residents.
- **Climate Change Impacts**: The loss of forests contributes to climate change, as trees play a crucial role in carbon sequestration, helping to mitigate global warming.
- **Contamination of Water Sources**: Pollution from industrial operations poses a serious threat to nearby water bodies, potentially compromising the drinking water supply for our community.
- **Threats to Public Health and Safety**: The health risks associated with increased pollution levels could lead to higher rates of respiratory issues, illnesses, and overall diminished public health.

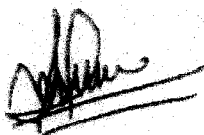
- **\*\*Negative Impact on Local Livelihoods\*\***: Many community members depend on the natural resources of this area for their livelihoods, including agriculture and sustainable forestry, which would be adversely affected by industrialization.

As an organization dedicated to the preservation and management of our natural resources, we find this move incompatible with the Soil & Water Conservation Department's mission to protect soil, water, and vegetation. The proposed conversion of forest land into industrial use contradicts the core values of conservation and stewardship that the department upholds.

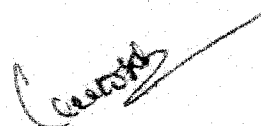
In light of these critical concerns, we earnestly urge you to reconsider this proposal. We implore you to prioritize the health and sustainability of our community, the surrounding environment, and the well-being of generations to come.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for considering our heartfelt objection.

Sincerely,



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President  
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