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**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
FOREST & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

**ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR
NOTIFICATION**

Dated Shillong, the 10th December, 2024.

NO.FOR.75/2019/Pt-I/24: - In exercise of the powers conferred under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and in accordance with the decision taken by the Meghalaya Biodiversity Board in its 24th Meeting held on 28th October 2024, it is hereby notified that a non-refundable processing fee of Rs.2,000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only) will be charged for processing applications and issuing the No Objection Certificates (NOC) for areas outside the Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS) within the State.

The fee is intended to cover the administrative and processing costs associated with handling BHS-NOC applications, ensuring their timely and efficient processing.

The fee must be paid via NEFT, online transfer, or other similar modes of payment to the Meghalaya Biodiversity Board. The transaction receipt or proof of payment must be submitted along with the application.

The State Biodiversity Board, in accordance with the provisions of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, will oversee the implementation of this notification. The Board reserves the right to revise or amend the fee structure and related provisions as deemed necessary in the future.

Sd/-

(Pravin Bakshi, IAS)

Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Forest & Environment Department

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1. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya, I/c Forest & Environment Department for information of the Chief Minister.
2. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Speaker, Govt. of Meghalaya, for information of the Hon'ble Speaker.
3. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Leader of Opposition, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, for information of the Hon'ble Leader of Opposition.

4. The P.S. to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Meghalaya for information of the Chief Secretary.
5. The P.A to the Principal Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Forest & Environment Department for information of the Principal Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary.
6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Meghalaya, Shillong.
7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Wildlife & Biodiversity) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Meghalaya, Shillong.
8. The Member Secretary Meghalaya Biodiversity Board, Shillong for information and necessary action.
9. The Senior Informatics Officer, NIC, Meghalaya, Shillong with a request to upload the notification in the Department's website.
- 10 The Director of Printing & Stationery, Meghalaya for favour of publication in the Gazette.
- 11 Office Copy/Guard File

By order etc.,

Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Forest & Environment Department

