

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:: EAST KHASI HILLS DISTRICT
::SHILLONG::

O R D E R

Dated Shillong, the 10th November, 2020.

No.EKJ.20/5/2009/98:- It has been brought to the notice of the undersigned that vendors, stalls and other shop keepers are selling cigarettes and other tobacco products to minors at market places and within the proximity of Educational Institutions openly and in complete violation of section 6 of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 (COTPA) which prohibits sale of tobacco products to minors, i.e below the age of 18 years.

Further, the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Meghalaya has issued Notification No.Health.101/2008/278, dated 26th June, 2019 in the interest of the public which clearly states that:-

1. As per Section 4 of COTPA 2003, no person shall smoke in any public place. "Public Place" means any place to which the public has access, whether as matter of right or not, and includes auditorium, hospital buildings, railway waiting room, amusement centres, restaurants, public offices, court buildings, educational institutions, libraries, public conveyances and the like which are visited by general public.
2. As per Section 6 of COTPA 2003, no person shall sell, offer for sale, or permit sale of, cigarette or any other tobacco product:-
 - (a) To a person who is under eighteen years of age.
 - (b) In an area within a radius of 100 yards of any educational institution.

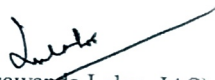
In view of the above, the Undersigned hereby prohibits the following:-

- (i) Smoking in public places which means any place to which the public has access, which includes but is not limited to the places enumerated at (1) above.
- (ii) Sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products to any person who is under eighteen (18) years of age.
- (iii) Sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products in an area within a radius of 100 yards of any educational institution.

In addition to the prohibitions listed above, the undersigned do hereby direct the following:-

- (i) All Heads of Departments, Managers, Principals, etc must display "No Smoking" signage as specified under the Act in the respective offices or premises.
- (ii) Vendors, stalls and other shops where tobacco products are sold shall display a notice containing the warning:
"Sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products to a person under the age of eighteen years is strictly prohibited and is a punishable offence".
- (iii) Any person who contravenes the provisions of section 6 shall be guilty of offences under this Act and shall be punishable with the imposition of fines and other prescribed penalties.
- (iv) Any violation of this Act is a punishable offence.
- (v) Law enforcement authorities/authorised Personnel will monitor the implementation and violation of the Act.

This order will come into force with immediate effect and until further orders.

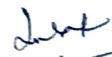

(Miss. Isawanda Laloo, IAS)
Deputy Commissioner,
East Khasi Hills District,
Shillong.

Dated Shillong, the 10 November, 2020.

Memo.No.EKJ.20/5/2009/98-A/ 379

Copy to:-

1. P.S. to Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya. Health & Family Welfare Department for favour of kind information.
3. The Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya. Political (Home) Department for favour of kind information.
4. The Director of General of Police, Meghalaya Shillong for favour of kind information.
5. The Director, National Tobacco Programme, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India for favour of kind information.
6. The Secretary, Law Department for favour of kind information.
7. The Mission Director, National Health Mission, Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of kind information.
8. The Director of Health Services (MI)/(R) for favour of information for favour of kind information.
9. The Director of Health Services (MCH&FW) Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of kind information.
10. The Director School Education and Literacy, Laitumkhrah, Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of kind information.
11. The Commissioner of Food Safety, Meghalaya Shillong for favour of kind information.
12. The Chief Executive Officer, Shillong Municipal Board, Shillong for favour of kind information.
13. The Superintendent of Police, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong for favour of kind information.
14. District Medical & Health Officer, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong for favour of kind information.
15. The Director of Information and Public Relations with a request to kindly cause wide publicity of the above order.
16. Dr. Lana E. Lyngdoh, Senior Dental Surgeon & State Nodal Officer, National Tobacco Control Programme (NHM), Meghalaya, Shillong.
17. All Additional Deputy Commissioners, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong.
18. The Assistant Commissioner of Food Safety, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong.
19. Dr. B. Kanti, District Nodal Officer, National Tobacco Control Programme (NHM), East Khasi Hills District, Shillong.
20. Shri. M. Mylliempdah, Consultant, National Tobacco Control Programme (NHM), East Khasi Hills District, Shillong.
21. All Incident Commanders/Block Development Officers, East Khasi Hills Hills District, Shillong.
22. Office Copy.


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