

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

TOURISM DEPARTMENT

No Tourism.33/2022/79

Dated Shillong the 12th September 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Green deposit

Whereas, one of the core guiding principles of the Tourism Policy is Sustainable & Responsible Tourism. The State Government recognizes that while growth would usher in considerable economic benefits, unplanned and unregulated growth could culminate in adverse environmental and socio-cultural effect.

Whereas, tourism operations produce large quantities of waste, some of which is toxic. Responsible waste management is not only about carefully planning the disposal of waste, but also about reducing and recycling waste that is generated, ensuring that the waste generators take responsibility for the waste on account of their activities.

Whereas, some of the villages who are in the route to the tourist spots have to bear the brunt of improper waste disposal.

Whereas, in light of above, the Department of Tourism is introducing "Green Deposit" wherein Tourist visiting Tourist spots in the State are discouraged to carry plastic water bottles, chip packets, non -biodegradable food packets to the tourist spots.

Whereas, in case, they carry plastic water bottles, chip packets, non -biodegradable food packets to the tourist spot they will have to contribute to a "Green Deposit", which will be refunded on their exit from the spot/ site in return for the plastic bottles, chip packets, non -biodegradable food packets etc.

Whereas, the villages or the management of the Tourist spots are empowered to collect the Green Deposits.

Whereas, a minimum amount of ₹.100.00 (Rupees One hundred only) will be taken as "Green Deposit" which will act as Security Deposit.

Sd/- Dr.Vijay Kumar.D,IAS
Commissioner and Secretary
Government of Meghalaya
Tourism Department

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1. P.S to the Chief Minister , Govt of Meghalaya for kind information of the Chief Minister.
2. P.S to the Minister I/C Tourism, Govt of Meghalaya for kind information of the Minister.
3. P.S to the Chief Secretary , for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
4. The Commissioner and Secretary Tourism, for kind information.
5. The Director of Tourism for kind Information and necessary action.
6. The Deputy Commissioner of all District in Meghalaya for information and necessary action.
7. The Superintendent of Police of all District in Meghalaya for information and necessary action.
8. Tourist Officers of all District in Meghalaya for information and necessary action.
9. All Villages and Management of Tourist Spots for information and necessary action.

By order etc;



Deputy Secretary to the Govt of Meghalaya
Tourism Department

