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From:

Dr. Vijay Kumar D, IAS  
Commissioner & Secretary  
Planning, Investment Promotion & Sustainable Development Department  
Govt. of Meghalaya

To:

The Deputy Commissioner  
EKH/EWKH/SWKH/Ri-Bhoi/EJH/WJH/WGH/EGH/NGH/SGH/SWGH

**Subject: Intimation of Ongoing MegLIFE Activities**

With reference to the subject cited above, the undersigned is like to draw your attention to a matter of utmost importance regarding the progress of the MegLIFE Project, specifically concerning our plantation targets for the current year. As per the Project Guidelines, the project aimed to achieve a plantation target of 22,500 Ha, to be planted in 3 years, with following 4 years of maintenance. Out of the total target, only 2787 Ha has been achieved in 2023.

During the Tripartite Review Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023, under the chairmanship of Shri. V. Vumlungmang, IAS, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, it was emphasized that all project activities must be completed within the prescribed timelines. This includes achieving the plantation target of 10,000 Ha for the current year by July 2024.

Plantation activities are dependent on specific seasons and timeframes, which require execution during peak monsoon season, between May and July. Advanced preparatory work such as jungle clearance, pitting and fencing etc. must be completed before the planting of seedlings, typically between March and May.

Given the critical nature of these tasks, MegLIFE field staff must remain fully engaged during these months. Afforestation under Sustainable Forest Management is the primary focus of the MegLIFE Project constituting a significant portion of the project cost. In 2023, the plantation achievement fell short to 4,713 Ha due to the engagement of the Project staff in the Assembly Elections.

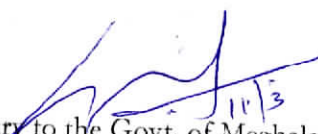
In light of the above, your support is required to ensure that MegLIFE field staff are not diverted from their project-specific duties by other assignments. It would greatly facilitate if you could issue a notice to allow the MegLIFE Field Staff to carry on with the field works during the period of Model Code of Conduct issued for the General Elections, 2024, it would highly facilitate our objective of completing the Plantation within the Project specified timeline.

  
Commissioner & Secretary  
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