

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

EDN 48/2020/PT/17

Dated Shillong the 26th June 2020.

ORDER

Whereas, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide notification dated 29.03.2020 had issued directions under Section 10(2) (1) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 whereby landlords had been directed not to seek rent payments from migrant workers, students and had further directed that in case of forced eviction for non-payment of rent, the same shall be punishable under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, and;

Whereas, the lockdown measures have been extended from time to time and as on date, the process of calibrated re-opening is underway, and;

Whereas, despite lifting of some restrictions, the functioning of schools, colleges, universities and other educational institutions remains prohibited, and;

Whereas, it is a fact that due to closure of business and professional activities during the period of the COVID-19 enforced lockdown, it has come to light that some parents are not in a position to pay the fees of school, educational institutions and hostels at existing rates, if demanded in one go, and;

Whereas, charging of fees by the hostels, despite the fact that the same are not presently in use by the students would put huge pressure on the student community;

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers, conferred under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 read with Regulations 14 & 15 of the Meghalaya Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19 Regulations, 2020, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, State Executive Committee hereby issues the following directions:



- i. Government, Government-aided and privately owned hostels in the State of Meghalaya are directed to cease and desist from charging rent from students during the period of the lockdown beginning from April 2020 till further orders in this regard.
- ii. If any proprietor is found violating the instant directions, he/she shall be liable for action under the provisions of Section 51 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and under the provisions of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and Regulations framed thereunder.

The Deputy Commissioner of respective districts and Superintendent of Police will be personally liable for the strict implementation of the above directions mentioned in the instant order.

This Hostel fees exemption order is applicable to students who are not using the hostel facilities.

Given under my hand and seal today the 26th June, 2020.



(M.S. Rao)

Chief Secretary

Chairman, State Executive Committee,
State Disaster Management Authority
Government of Meghalaya.

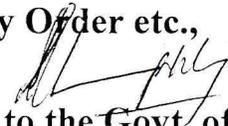
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Dated Shillong the 30th June, 2020

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2. P.S. to the Minister I/C Education Department for favour of information of the Minister
3. P.S. to the Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya for information.
4. P.A. to the Principal Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Education Department for information.
5. P.A to the Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Education Department for information.
6. The Deputy Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Health and Family Welfare Department.
7. The Director of Higher & Technical Education, Meghalaya, Shillong.
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By Order etc.,


Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya
Education Department