

## GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, KAMRUP METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, GUWAHATI (DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY)

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## ORDER

Whereas it is observed that unscientific and haphazard earth cutting and earth filling in the hillocks as well as in the low lying areas of this district for unplanned construction of works destabilizes the natural earth slopes, blocks natural drains, clog natural and artificial drains which triggers severe landslides, artificial flood, persistent water logging during the rainy days resulting in substantial loss of human and cattle lives and destruction of properties.

Whereas unscientific earth cutting also degrades environment and overall ecological balance.

Whereas, I am of the considered opinion that if haphazard, unscientific and unplanned earth cutting and earth filling are allowed to continue unhindered in this district, it may cause a catastrophe, mishap and calamity of great magnitude in this district putting the public in general in a situation of great inconvenience and hardship.

Whereas I Sumit Sattawan, IAS hereby feel an immediate necessity to direct all the concerned departments including the enforcement agencies like Revenue Circle Officers, District Police, Forest Departments, PWD, Transport Department, Soil Conservation Department, planning and regulatory bodies like GMC, GMDA, Panchayat functionaries etc. not to permit any earth cutting and earth filling activity in the hilly terrains, water bodies and in low lying areas of the district till the monsoon season is over i.e. from 01st May to 31st October, 2024. In view of the grave situation arising out of the recent landslide in and around Guwahati City, it is also hereby directed that no earth cutting should be allowed till the monsoon season is over, even if permission has been procured from the regulatory authorities like GMDA, GMC for any construction activity. It is further directed not to allow carrying of earth procured after hill cutting. Before procuring procurer should ensure that the earth is not out of hill cutting.

All the concerned departments and regulatory bodies will take steps to review the permission accorded, if any, during the current year and take steps to cancel those permission forthwith in the most vulnerable areas prone to landslide and flash floods considering the present risk and vulnerability in the hilly terrains, water bodies and low lying areas of the district.

This district is issued in greater public interest and as per provisions as laid down in Section 30.2 (III) (V), (VI), (VII), (IX), (XI), (XX), (XXIII), and Section 41 (c) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

This order comes into force with immediate effect.

(Sri. Sumit Sattawan, IAS)

District Commissioner & Chairman District Disaster Management Authority Kamrup Metropolitian District, Guwahati

Date: /05/2024

## Copy to information and necessary action to-

- 1. The Principal Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Dispur.
- 2. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati.
- 3. The Commissioner of police, Guwahati, Assam.
- 4. The Principal Chief Conservation of Forest.
- 5. CEO, Assam State Disaster Management Authority, Dispur, Guwahati.
- 6. The CEO, Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority.
- 7. The Commissioner, Guwahati Municipal Corporation.
- 8. The SO to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam.
- 9. The CEO, Zila Parishad, Kamrup (M).
- 10. The Addl. District Commissioner, Revenue Branch, Kamrup (M).
- 11. The Addl. District Commissioner, Magistracy Branch, Kamrup (M).
- 12. The District Transport Officer (Enforcement), Kamrup (M).
- 13. The District Transport Officer (License), Kamrup (M).
- 14. The District Transport Officer, Kamrup (M).
- 15. The Divisional Officer, Soil Conservation Division, Kamrup (M).
- 16. The Chief Engineer, PWD Roads Department.
- 17. The Circle Officers, Dispur/Guwahati/Azara, Chandrapur/Sonapur of Kamrup (M) District.
- 18. All the BDOs of Kamrup (M) district.
- 19. The DIPRO, Kamrup (M), Guwahati. He is requested for wide publicity of the order.

(Sri. Sumit Sattawan, IAS)

District Commissioner & Chairman District Disaster Management Authority Kamrup Metropolitian District, Guwahati