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DURBAR SHNONG OF LUMPYNGNGAD

SHILLONG - 793014

Rangbah Shnong (Headman)
Lumpyngad
Shillong - 14

No. LDS/Forest/CH/2016/5,

Date Lumpyngad. 25.7.2016

To,

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Khasi Hills(T) Division
Meghalaya, Shillong.

Sub: Letter of *Justification*.

Ref: Ref. No. LDS/Forest/CH/2009/ Dated Lumpyngad 16th May 2016 &
No. KH/1/SCA/3/2016/2084 Dated 11th July 2016.

D/Sir,

With reference to the above, the Undersigned humbly submit the justification with regards to the earnest request put forth for the initiation for allotment of the plot of land which is under the Department of Forest & Environment situated near the residential area and lying vacant for many years.

Lumpyngad locality which is under *21 -Nongthymmai Constituency* and jurisdiction of *Mylliem Syiemship* and *Mylliem Block Development* is a village operating under the *Lumpyngad Dorbar Shnong* spear headed by the *Headman(Rangbah Shnong)* and the *Executive Committee* members in accordance to the *institutionalized customary laws*. The official matters of the Dorbar Shnong are being operated on rented private residential premises where all important documentation and records are stored and kept in custody for future references.

It may be brought to your kind notice that regular **Executive meetings** and other **Emergency** meetings are convened at the rented office as and when necessary and rent is being paid from the Lumpyngad Dorbar Shnong Treasury on a monthly basis. For many years together, the Dorbar is overburden with the payment of rent for the aforesaid office as the Dorbar shnong do not have its permanent office.

Although meetings of the Executive Committee can be convened in the rented office premises, however on *larger scale Public meetings* with majority participation of all the people of the locality, situation makes it a worst case scenario as the office premises cannot accommodate the entire public of the locality. Therefore, *Public meetings* are usually convened in the open space whereby the only availability of such is none other than the street of the local market area with temporary make-shift tent and temporary seating arrangement resulting in a lot of inconveniences for the general public especially during monsoon season as well as during the winter breaks and besides incurring additional expenditure and impoverished the Dorbar's Treasury.

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The Dorbar Shnong is also operating the *Aganwadi ICDS center* under the Department of Social Welfare whereby mid day meal are being distributed to children and simultaneously giving free classes to kinder-Gardeners of many families of the locality and these programs and activities are being held in the congested rented office premises of the Dorbar Shnong with much difficulties. Apart from that, regular *free health camps* are organized for various diseases and also *immunization programs* for children below 5 years of age are conducted in the rented office of the Dorbar Shnong.

Further, there are other related programs in respect to Sports and Cultural events that are usually being organized every year for the benefit of the indigenous people of the locality and also general public with participation of children and adolescent youth even from the neighboring localities irrespective of caste or creed. While outdoor events are usually easier and manageable, on the other hand possibilities for indoor events is rather grimed due to absence of a proper Community hall and hence unfortunately leaving other section of people not being able to excel in certain indoor events.

It may also be mentioned herewith that Lumpynggad Dorbar Shnong does not possess land of its own and in fact the whole locality is residential with minimum area of plot sizes and there is no possibilities for purchased of a plot for the purpose of construction of a Community cum re-creation hall within the locality.

In this connection and with possible managerial approach, the Lumpynggad Dorbar Shnong humbly put forth a request to the Department of Forest & Environment for parting with a plot of land at your kind disposal as per Joint inspection which was conducted on the 14th May 2016 and followed by a second inspection & assessment on the 14th July 2016.

The Lumpynggad Dorbar Shnong shall ever be grateful to the Department of Forest & Environment in this aspect of consideration for the appraisal and allotment of the aforesaid plot of land at your kind disposal at the earliest possible so as to enable to proceed for availing of financial assistant from the Govt. under different schemes for the proposed *construction of the Community cum re-creation hall* which will benefit the indigenous people of the community in particular and the general public as a whole.

Thanking You,
Yours Faithfully,



(S.Talang)
Rangbah Shnong (Headman)
Lumpynggad Dorbar Shnong