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MEGHALAYA STATE DEVELOPMENT, 2004

Shillong, April 23, 2004: It is notified for general information that the outstanding balance of 12.50% Meghalaya State Development Loan, 2004 issued in terms of the Government of Meghalaya, Finance Department Notification No. FWM 5/94 dated 20th April, 1994 will be repaid at par on 25th April 2004 (25th April being Sunday) with interest due upto and including 24th April 2004. In the event of a holiday being declared in the aforesaid repayment date by any State Government under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, the loan will be repaid by the paying offices in that State on the previous working day. No interest will accrue on the loan from and after 25th April 2004.

To facilitate repayment on the due date, holders of 12.50% Meghalaya State Development Loan, 2004 should tender their securities at the Public Debt office, Treasury and Sub-Treasury or branch of State Bank of India or its subsidiary banks where they are enfaced /registered for payment of interest 20 days in advance. The securities should be tendered for repayment, duly discharged in the reverse thereof as under: -

"Received the principal due on the certificate"

It should be particularly noted that at places where the treasury work is done by a branch of the State Bank of India or any of its associate banks, the securities, if they are in the form of Stock Certificates, should be tendered at the branch concerned and not at the Treasury or Sub-Treasury.

Holders who wish to receive payment at places other than those where the securities have been enfaced for payment should send them duly discharged to the Public Debt Office concerned by registered and Insured post. The Public Debt Office will make payment by issuing a draft payable at any Treasury/Sub Treasury or branch of State Bank of India or its associate banks conducting Government treasury work in the State of Meghalaya.

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CYCLONIC STORM IN BAGHMARA

Shillong, April 23, 2004: Baghmara and its surrounding areas had been affected by heavy rain accompanied by cyclonic storms on April 22, 2004 which rendered some of the people homeless. However, no loss of life or injuries neither to the inmates or livestock was reported from any part surrounding the District headquarters.

The South Garo Hills DC, Mr T Dkhar, accompanied by the EAC and other Block Officials visited the afflicted families to access the situation and assured them of providing interim relief. It may be mentioned that some of the houses have been fully damaged.

STATE GOVERNMENT CLARIFY ON URANIUM MINING

Shillong, April 23, 2004: The State Government has today clarified that so far no decision has been taken on the application of the Uranium Corporation of India (UCIL) for mining of Uranium Ore at Domiasiat.

The clarification issued here states that the matter has been pending with the State Government for more than 10 years.

The Government will take a decision on the matter only after examining all aspects including health and safety and only after considering the views and sentiments of the people, the clarification added.