A BRIEF WRITE-UP ABOUT OF THE OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL MINING OFFICE, JOWAI

1. The Divisional Mining Office, Jowai was set up during the month of October 1989 in the erstwhile District of Jaintia Hills (Now East & west Jaintia Hills District) of the State of Meghalaya, with a view to implement the Meghalaya Minerals Cess Act 1988 and the rules frame there-under administration of mines and minerals as well collection of revenue on minerals produced in the Districts.

2. The purpose and function.
   (i) To monitor the revenue collection to the State Govt. i.e Royalty and Cess on minerals like Coal, Limestone, Shale, sandstone, etc and MEPRF on Coal.
   (ii) To issue Mineral Transport Challan/Meghalaya Environment Protection and Restoration Funds/Mineral Cess Challan for transportation/export of mineral.
   (iii) To monitor/supervise the mining Lease granted by the State Govt. to the cement companies/Firms/Individuals in East & West Jaintia Hills District under major minerals.
   (iv) To grant mining lease/querry permit for an area of 5 (five) hectares for minor minerals specified in Schedule II appended in the MMMCR 2016 in the respective jurisdiction of the Divisional Mining Officer, Jowai.
   (v) To approved mining plan for minor mineral and monitor for mining plan for east and West Jaintia Hills District.
   (vi) To maintain the collection of District Mineral Fund & National Mineral Exploration Trust paid by the Ming Lease holders.

3. The strength of the Officer/staff is as follows.
   (i) Divisional Mining Officer (Mining Engineer) – 1
   (ii) UDA --------------------------------------------- 2
   (iii) LDA --------------------------------------------- 5
   (iv) Office Peon ------------------------------------- 1
   (v) Chowkidar -------------------------------------- 1

4. The revenue collection for the year 2016-17, 2017-18 & 2018-19 are as follows.

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Royalty &amp; Cess</th>
<th>Meghalaya Environment Protection and Restoration Fund</th>
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<td>2017-2018</td>
<td>121,59,15,655/-</td>
<td>40,79,44,905/-</td>
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<td>2018-2019</td>
<td>121,26,55,151/-</td>
<td>3,56,78,540/-</td>
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5. Besides, the Directorate has 4 (four) checkgates under the jurisdiction of the Divisional Mining Office, Jowai and their function are to checked/verified the document issued
from the Directorate/ Divisional Mining Officer, Jowai relating to payment of royalty & Cess for transportation/export of Mineral and other correspondences.

Name of the Checkgates:-
1. UmkiangCheckgate.
2. UmtyraCheckgate.
4. DawkiCheckgate.