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Government of Meghalaya
Health & Family Welfare Department

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Dated Shillong the 27th August, 2024

Health Advisory for Travelers on Monkeypox Preparedness

On 14th August 2024, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared Monkeypox a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). In response, the Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Meghalaya, issues the following advisory:

Any person from Meghalaya who have travelled in the last 21 days from a country that has recently reported confirmed or suspected cases of Monkeypox, and develop symptoms such as fever, severe weakness, or an unexplained rash, **Immediately contact the 14410 or 108 helpline**. This will enable health authorities to provide you with appropriate guidance and ensure timely medical care.

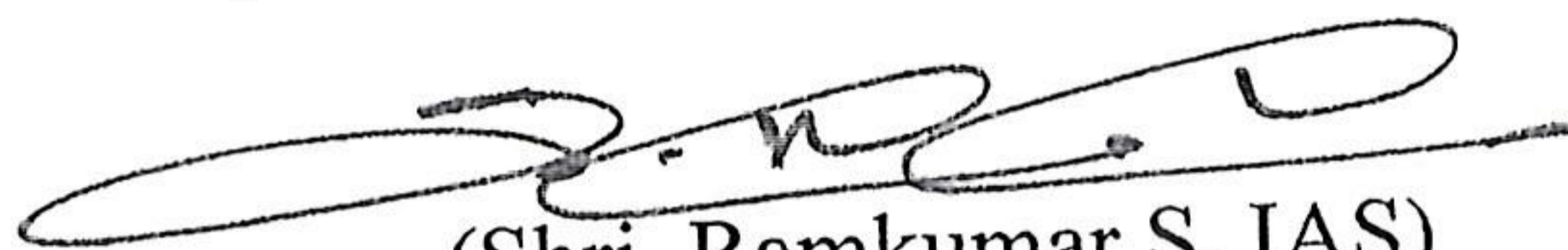
As of 18th August 2024, Monkeypox cases have been reported globally from the following countries:

- **Africa:** South Africa, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Central African Republic, Congo Brazzaville, Cameroon, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Liberia.
- **Middle east: UAE**

In India, the last reported case of Monkeypox was in March 2024, involving a person with a history of international travel. However, with the recent declaration of Monkeypox as a PHEIC on 14th August 2024, preparedness and response measures have been reviewed and strengthened at the highest level.

As per National Centre for Disease Control, the risk of a large outbreak with sustained transmission is low for India.

The public is advised not to panic and to stay informed about the situation through official channels.



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Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya
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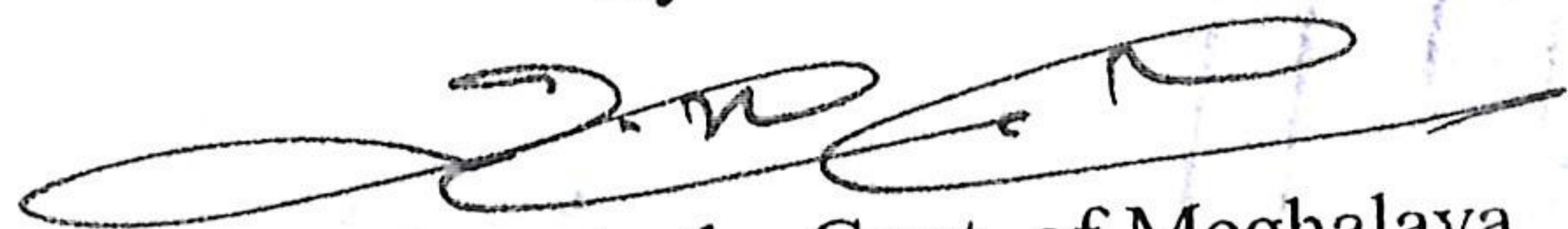
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1. The Director of Health Services (MI), Meghalaya, Shillong.
2. The Director, Information & Public Relations, Meghalaya, Shillong for wide circulation in the National Print/Electronic Media. A copy of Government Notification No.Health.21/2020/Pt.VIII/129 dated 27.8.2024 also is enclosed for information and necessary action.
3. The Senior Informatics Officer, National Informatics Centre, Meghalaya, Shillong for uploading in the Health & Family Welfare Department website.

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