

# Concern over ban

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SHILLONG, September 8: The Frontier chamber of commerce, Shillong, has expressed concern over the recent orders enforced in Gauhati, banning movement of trucks for 12 hours from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. as this was bound to affect movement of essential commodities and goods from other parts of Meghalaya.

In a statement issued here the chamber president, Mr. Washinton Marbunlang, has argued that Meghalaya is dependent on outside sources for all goods, particularly foodgrains and other essential commodities which have to be loaded in trucks at Gauhati for onward transmission. As a result of the new order, trucks would have to be loaded at night when employment of manual labour is banned by law. Thus, the order would lead to detention of trucks in Gauhati, adding to transportation costs and rise in prices.

The statement urged the authorities at Gauhati to withdraw the orders.

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