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REVENUE & DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 26th April, 2018

Sub: Constitution of Committee to systematize the management of minor minerals of the State.

The Government of India in Ministry of Mines vide letter dated the 24th January, 2018 has forwarded a draft report on review of sand policy in India and comprehensive guidelines for Sand mining. It is required to develop a sand policy for the State in line with the existing policies in different States as outlined in the above draft of the Gol.

2. There is no express provision in the OMMC Rules restricting the transport of minor outside the State /Country. However, Rule 58(3) of the OMMC Rules 2016 provides that “the Government may impose such restrictions on sale of minor minerals to places outside the state as it may consider expedient in the public interest”. On the basis of Order of Hon’ble High Court, Orissa in WP© No.12232/2012, Revenue &D.M. Department have instructed all Collectors restricting the interstate transportation of sand.

3. Against this back drop, a meeting was held on 28th February, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Minister, Revenue &D.M., where it was decided to constitute a committee under the chairmanship of Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest & Environment Department with Principal Secretaries of Steel & Mines Department, DoWR, R &D.M. to develop policy guidelines for transportation of minor minerals outside the State with restrictions.

4. Besides, in another meeting held on 11.04.2018 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary on proposed sand policy, wherein it was decided that a committee under the chairmanship of Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest & Environment Department shall be constituted with Principal Secretaries of Steel & Mines Department, DoWR, R &D.M., C & T Department and Director, Environment as members to draft the Sand policy of the State.

5. More so, instances come to the notice of Government that, damages caused to the river embankments, roads etc. due to sand mining in the river beds and transportation of minor minerals.

6. Keeping the above in view, Government, after careful consideration, have been pleased to constitute a Committee with the following composition to systematize and monitor the management of minor minerals in the State.

1	Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest & Env. Department	Chairperson
2	Principal Secretary, Steel & Mines Department	Member
3	Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department	Member
4	Principal Secretary, Revenue & DM Department	Member -convener
5	Principal Secretary, PR & DW Department	Member
6	Principal Secretary, C & T Department	Member
7	Comm-cum-Secretary, RD Department	Member
8	EIC-cum-Secretary, Works Department	Member
9	Director, Environment-cum-Special Secretary, F & E Department	Member

7. The Committee shall suggest policy guidelines in respect of all river sand mining in the State, restriction, if any including IT interventions and the mechanism for implementation of the policy guidelines. The Committee shall also suggest /take actions on the following activities:

a.	To develop a sand policy for the State
b.	To develop policy guidelines for inter-State Transportation of minor minerals including restrictions/ limitations if required any.
c.	To develop policy for prevention of damages to the river embankments, roads etc and suggest recovery module and repair strategy for the same.
d.	To suggest the strategy to monitor the materials from source to the end users.
e.	To oversee the implementation of the decisions taken by the committee.
f.	To look into the policy matters related with extraction and transportation of sand from sea-coasts and ports.
g.	Any other matter referred to the committee for guidance.

8. The committee shall meet quarterly and shall review the implementation of its own decision.

ORDER

Ordered that the Resolution be published in the Extraordinary issue of the *Odisha Gazette* and copies thereof be forwarded to Revenue & D.M. Department / Chairman and all members of the Committee for information.

By Order of the Governor

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