

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
**REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

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From

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Principal Secretary to Government

To

All Collectors,

Sub: Instructions regarding grant of Permit of minor minerals under OMMC Rules 2004

Sir,

It is learnt that the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) vide Notice No.8061 dated 12.05.2016, in compliance of the order dated 01.02.2016 of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Eastern Zone Branch, Kolkata has directed that all inor mineral mines, irrespective of leasehold area, are brought under the consent administration of the Board under the Water(PCP) Act, 1974 and Air (PCP) Act, 1981 and that for operation of any minor mineral mines in the State, consent from the SPCB shall be obtained. However, huge quantities of sand, morrum and stone aggregates are required for Government projects like Railways, National Highways, State highways and for implementation of Government schemes like IAY, RGAY etc. So, the State Agencies and Project Proponents for public purposes are demanding permit or lease of exclusive sources with permission to extract more quantity of materials for the project works.

2. In careful consideration of the facts above, Government have been pleased to issue following guidelines to streamline the procedure for grant of permits of minor mineras in favour of Government Agencies and project Proponents for public purpose as per the provisions of OMMC Rules 2004.

- i. The Government Agencies and Project proponents for public purposes may be allowed to identify the source nearest to the project and file requisition with concerned tahasildars under intimation to Collector.
- ii. The agencies may realistically assess their requirement of minor minerals.
- iii. Concerned tahasildar shall cause preparation and approval of Mining plan for total exploitable reserve of minerals in the source and obtain environmental clearance.
- iv. The cost of preparation and approval of mining plan shall be met out of contingency funds available with tahasildar, which may be recouped on collection from the lease/permit holders.

3. The sairat sources, identified for permit, shall be kept reserved for Government or public works. While reserving the source, care should be taken to reserve the sources which are not leased out. Tahasildar on approval of Collector can create new sources for this purpose.
4. For National Highways, State Highways and Railway projects, where requirement of sand, morrum etc is high and the Government agency or the project proponent for public purposes is capable to lift, the quantity of permit may be increased for Government works under rule 31 of OMMC Rules.
5. The permit holder shall have to pay in advance the surface rent, royalty, contribution to Environment Management Fund @ 5% of royalty, fees for compensatory afforestation and contribution to District Mineral Foundation @ 5% of royalty, as calculated by the Competent Authority. The cost of preparation of mining plan and obtaining EC may also be recovered from the permit holder. If two or more applicants are allowed to lift from one source, then the area shall be separately demarcated for each permit holder and the cost of mining plan shall be recovered proportionately.
6. The beneficiaries of IAY, RGAY etc, as they are executing Government schemes, may be treated as project proponents for public purpose and on production of their work order may be given permit as per their requirement.
7. The permit is non-transferable and the permit holder shall abide by all conditions prescribed in Rule 33 of OMMC Rules 2004 and the conditions given in the Environmental Clearance.
8. The vehicle transporting the minor mineral shall carry the copy of the permit as well as the transit pass in form-R with the vehicle, which shall be open for inspection/ checking enroute.
9. Before operating any source, the permit holder shall obtain the consent to operate from the State Pollution Control Board.
10. The Executing Departments and Government Agencies should advise the executants and field level officers **to verify the Form-R with the vehicle to ensure that the minor minerals used in developmental works are lifted from authorized sources.**
11. The permit holder shall maintain a register of lifting, and shall allow the competent authority or any other authority to inspect the same as well as the quarry area.
12. The concerned tahasildar shall maintain a register of quarry permits in form-P.

Yours faithfully,

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