

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

RESOLUTION

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Sub: Principles/Procedure for implementation of the scheme "Prevention of theft of Minor Minerals and eviction activities".

Minor Minerals are the gift of nature, which needs to be exploited scientifically through sustainable mining, without incurring damage to environment. Since mineral reserves is under the administrative control of the State Government, it is the primary responsibility of the Government to ensure scientific mining and to maintain continuous supply of minor minerals to all developmental projects including infrastructure and welfare scheme projects like NH, SH and Housing projects and to private projects in a transparent manner in the supply chain from the source to the end users. But it is often reported that due to unscientific mining and illegal lifting of minor minerals by unscrupulous mineral mafias, huge amount of revenue loss has been caused to the State Exchequer. Illegal lifting and theft of minor minerals has been a continuous challenge for the Revenue Administration.

2. In order to curb such illegal lifting and transportation of minor minerals, squads have been constituted at district / sub division levels. But these squads, due to lack of police assistance and lack of proper coordination, have not been very effective to face such a large challenge. In many occasions, the Tahasildars/ Addl. Tahasildars and other Revenue Officials are being manhandled by miscreants during raids. Police personnel are not being readily available at the time of need. Adequate funds for incurring expenditure for enforcement activities are not available with district administration in order to handle the situation. Allegedly, it is going on unabatedly despite all efforts to check the same. Protection of mineral reserves as well as its sustainable exploitation for developmental use is one of the concerns of the State Government. As land and the mineral reserves thereon is the most important capital asset, protection of such capital asset would be a legitimate plan activity.

3. In careful consideration of the above facts, in order to ensure scientific mining, transparent distribution system and to prevent illegal lifting/ theft of minor minerals, the State Government have been pleased to implement a new Scheme namely "**Prevention of theft of Minor Minerals and eviction activities**" from the current financial Year 2018-19 under Programme Expenditure.

4. BROAD OBJECTIVES:

The broad objectives of the scheme namely "Prevention of theft of Minor Minerals and eviction activities" are as below;

- i. To ensure adequate and uninterrupted supply of minor minerals for all infrastructure and other developmental projects
- ii. To ensure uninterrupted supply of sand to all rural housing and other welfare scheme projects
- iii. To prevent illegal lifting/ theft of minor minerals from unscrupulous mineral mafias.
- iv. To put in place robust monitoring mechanism to prevent illegal lifting of minor minerals.
- v. For optimal mobilization of revenue so that mineral revenue inflow is maintained to the State exchequer.
- vi. To induct technological intervention in every stage of process chain.
- vii. To ensure sustainable mining without compromising with environment, without damage to roads, river embankments etc.

5. ACTIVITIES TO BE COVERED UNDER THE SCHEME:

The following activities will be covered under the scheme.

- i. Demarcation of Minor mineral sources, Pillar posting on the perimeter of the sources, erection of signboards depicting the details of source, quantum of deposits, area and details of the license etc.
- ii. Implementation of all activities specifically suggested under the Odisha Sand Policy, Odisha Minor mineral Concession Rules, 2016 or any other policy decision of the Government.
- iii. Expenditure incidental to constitution of teams for survey, field survey and preparation of District Survey Reports. Remuneration and other expenditure for such survey shall be met out of this Scheme.
- iv. DGPS survey, pillar posting and web-based monitoring of the sources.

- v. Setting up of weigh bridges/ check gates at square points of Blocks/ Tahasils and at lifting point to verify the actual quantity of minor minerals.
- vi. IT intervention like installation of CCTV Camera and DGPS etc shall be made to ensure transparency in operationalisation of sources and transportation of materials.
- vii. Constitution of task force/flying squads for prevention of illegal mining at the State/sub-division/ District/Tahasil level with adequate retired police / ex-army personnel.
- viii. Remuneration of the retired personnel for squads/ survey teams etc engaged on out sourcing basis.
- ix. Hiring of equipment / machinery / private vehicles with cost of fuel to be used for survey teams/ police forces, enforcement squad and eviction activities.
- x. Real- time monitoring of the transport vehicles like trucks with GPS enabling from source to the end user.
- xi. Hosting of information regarding minor mineral quarry leases on website to make mining operations more transparent.
- xii. Purchase of IT machineries like computers & printers, consumables, development of web-based applications, mobile apps for online requisition and monitoring of delivery materials.
- xiii. Disclosure of relevant information for each lease on the State/ District website with various terms and conditions to which the lessee shall be adhered to at the time of lifting the Minor Minerals
- xiv. Implementation of futuristic technological intervention like i4MS.
- xv. Setting up State level/ District level PMUs and expenditure incidental to such PMUs including remuneration of IT professionals and other staff.
- xvi. One Deputy/ Asst. Collector in the District shall remain in charge of the District PMU, who will report to the ADM(Rev) of the District.
- xvii. Expenditure pertaining to deployment of police personnel their transportation etc.
- xviii. Online requisition and monitoring of delivery of materials to the end users.
- xix. Preparation and publication of Standard Operation Procedures & Operation Manuals for various minor minerals with safety and environmental clauses.



- xx. Expenditure incidental to seizure, disposal and eviction activities relating to minor minerals.
- xxi. Any other activity for prevention of illegal lifting or theft specifically approved by Government.

Provided that, if expenditure regarding any of the items above is borne by any other Department like the cost of pillar posting is borne by Steel and Mines Department, Deployment of Police personnel is borne by Home (Police) Department, then no funds out of this scheme shall be utilized for such items of work to avoid duplicity.

6. AREA OF OPERATION OF THE SCHEME:

- i. The scheme will be implemented in all the Districts of the State. However, more emphasis shall be given to the high value and high risk sources coming under sensitive Tahasils of the District. The Collector of the District shall identify and prioritize the high risk and sensitive sources and ensure immediate implementation of measures for prevention of theft of Minor Minerals.
- ii. District surveys shall be conducted in all districts for various minor minerals to assess the demand and supply and Gap analysis.
- iii. The Collector of the District shall prepare the list of sensitive tahasils / list of sensitive sources after realistically assessing the risk and sensitivity.

7. IMPLEMENTING AUTHORITIES:

- i. Tahasildar is the competent authority for minor minerals, who will implement the scheme under supervision of Sub-Collector and ADM(Rev) of the district. The scheme shall be implemented in the district level with approval of Collector. The execution of hardware activities like eviction, pillar posting, construction of boundary walls, fencing, erecting signboards etc for protection of valuable Government land and mineral reserves may be taken up by the Tahasildar of respective Tahasil through his field functionaries or through any other agency identified by Tahasildar following due procedure of law with prior approval of Collector and with technical support from the JE of the respective Block or RW Department, who will check measure the same.



- ii. The Collector of the respective District may issue further instruction to standardize the procedure in the matter for proper implementation of the Scheme in conformity with financial rules/instructions.
 - iii. Enforcement squads shall be formed by the Collector under the direct control of the Sub-Collector concerned. In the event of requirement, the Tahasildar/ Tahasildars concerned shall make a requisition to the sub-collector concerned specifying the date of raid/operation for arrangement of squad, who shall intimate the fact to the Collector of the District for constitution of the squad.
 - iv. The squad shall strictly follow the standard operating procedure for the purpose.
8. **MODE OF EXPENDITURE:**
- i. All financial rules and accounting procedure as provided in the OGFR, Odisha Treasury code and instructions issued by the Finance Department from time to time for incurring expenditures of Government funds shall be followed.
 - ii. All receipts and expenditure shall be entered in the Cash Book and a separate subsidiary Cash Book may be maintained for the purpose of keeping proper accounts.
 - iii. No amount should be withdrawn from the Bank if not required urgently. Drawal of money from the Bank account for keeping it in shape of cash is strictly prohibited. All expenditures should be limited to the funds available only.
 - iv. A Flexi Account shall be maintained in any eligible scheduled/ Nationalized Bank.
 - v. All expenditure shall be made with prior approval of Collector of the District as per the power delegated for incurring expenditure under Delegation of Financial Power Rules.
 - vi. For all types of unusual expenditure or new type of expenditures, approval of Government should be obtained.
 - vii. Monthly expenditure report with item-wise details shall be furnished to the District office by concerned Tahasildars by 10th of the next month. The ADM/

