

**Government of Orissa**  
**Revenue and Disaster Management Department**

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From

**G V V Sarma,**  
**Commissioner & Secretary to Government.**

To

**All Collectors.**

Sub: **Rigorous monitoring of operation of Sairat Sources.**

Sir,

It has come to the notice of the Government that there is a need to improve the supervision and monitoring of the operation of various Government Sairat Sources. This is particularly so, with reference to the aspects of workmen's safety in the quarries being operated.

Your particular attention is drawn to the following provisions:

1. As per Para 51 of the Manual of Tehsil Accounts, it is the primary duty of Revenue Inspectors to ascertain by local inquiry in course of his tour if any new sources are came into being or an existing source is became instinct. The Revenue Supervisors and Tehsildars in course of their tours are required to verify by the local inquiry if the Sairat sources are completed in all respects and whether the entries made are correct. Whenever such verification is conducted a note to that effect shall be recorded by the verifying officer in appropriate page in the register.
2. The lessee is required to ensure proper maintenance of hill slopes so as to prevent major erosion and observe all such safeguards as provided in the Mines Act,1952 and the Rules and Regulations framed thereunder and the Granite Conservation and Development Rules, 1999. (Rule 24 of the Orissa Minor Mineral Concession Rules,2004).
3. The lessee is required at his own expenses to erect and at all times maintain and keep in good condition the boundary marks and pillars necessary to delineate the leased area (Rule 56(ix). In case of a laterite quarry, the auction holder shall not use power cutter or any such machinery for excavation of laterite (Rule 56(xv). The auction holder shall not use explosive in any manner without obtaining an explosive license from the appropriate authority (Rule 56(xviii). The auction

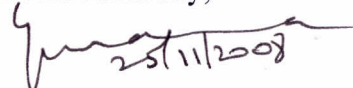
holder shall abide by the provision of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, Mines Act, 1952; Explosives Act, 1884; Explosive Substances Act, 1908. He is required to adhere to all other laws relating to the working of quarries and matters affecting the safety, health, and conveniences of persons working for quarrying operation and of general public. Penalty permissible under the Rules are provided clearly in Rule-68.

4. Rule-72 empowers to authorities concerned to enter and inspect any area, survey and take measurement, examining the registers and to weigh and take measurements of the stocks of minor minerals lying in any quarry. In case any deficiency is observed as a result of such inspection, the lessee or the auction holder shall not operate the quarry unless the deficiencies are made good. The lessee is required to pay to the Government compensation for the damages, injuries or disturbances which has been caused by him in course of operating the lease and shall indemnify Government against all claims which may be made by third party in respect of such damage, injury or disturbances.
5. The lessee is required to carry on mining in a proper, skillful and workman-like manner in accordance with the duly approved mining plan (Rule 25(4)).
6. The lessee is required to abide the provision of all laws for the time being in force, relating to the working of mines and matters affecting the safety, health and convenience of the persons employed for mining and of the public. He shall also obey all existing right of way, water and other easements and shall not use power cutter and other machinery in laterite quarries. (Rule 15).

You are therefore requested to alert all the Tehsildars to be watchful about the provisions of these rules in actual implementation. You are further requested to undertake a drive to get all the quarries of minor minerals inspected and verified through the competent authorities within a period of one month.

Action taken in this regard may be reported by 31.12.2008.

Yours faithfully,



**Commissioner & Secretary to Government.**