

ABSTRACT

Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce Department - Mines and Minerals - Minor Minerals - Amendment to the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 - Notification - Orders - Issued.

Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce(MMC.1) Department

G.O.(Ms).No.243

Dated: 14.12.2022

சுபகிருது வருடம் – கார்த்திகை 28 திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு 2053

Read:

- 1) G.O.(Ms).No.295, Industries(MMC.1) Department, dated 03.11.2021.
- 2) From the Commissioner of Geology and Mining, Letter No.5864/MM2/2021, dated 23.06.2022.

ORDER:

Consequent to the amendment issued in the Government Order first read above relating to prohibition of mining, quarrying and crushing activities within one kilometer radial distance from the boundaries of Reserve Forests, instances have come to the notice of the Government that many quarries within the 1km radial distance of reserve forests could not be operated. Further, in the letter 2nd read above, the Commissioner of Geology and Mining has reported that during the District Officers review meeting held on 16.06.2022, most of the District officials represented about the need for amendment and the Hon'ble Minister (Water Resources) has proposals instructed to send for rescinding the prohibition of quarrying/mining activity within 1 Kilometer radius of Reserve Forests so as to protect the interest of the quarry/mine lessees and to augment the revenue to the Government.

- 2. The Commissioner of Geology and Mining has sent proposal to rescind the prohibition of quarrying/mining activity within 1 Kilometer radius of Reserve Forests by making necessary amendments in the Rule 36(1-A)(e) of the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959.
- 3. The Government have examined the proposal of the Commissioner of Geology and Mining carefully and have decided to accept the same. Accordingly, Notification appended to this order will be published

in the Extra-ordinary issue of *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*. The Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai – 600 001 is requested to supply 50 copies of the Notification each to this Department, Commissioner of Geology and Mining, Chennai – 600 032 and to all District Collectors.

4. The Director, Tamil Development and Information (Translation) Department is requested to send the Tamil Translation of the Notification appended to this Order to the Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai – 600 001 for publishing in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette* and to the Collectors of all Districts for publishing it in the District Gazettes immediately.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

S.KRISHNAN ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Works Manager, Government Central Press,

Chennai - 600 001.

The Director, Tamil Development & Information (Translation) Department, Chennai – 600 009:

The Commissioner of Geology and Mining, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.

All District Collectors. (Through Commissioner of Geology and Mining).

All the Assistant Directors/Deputy Directors

(through Commissioner of Geology and Mining),

The Accountant General, Chennai –18.

Copy to:

O/o. the Hon'ble Minister (Water Resources), Chennai – 600 009.

The Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce(MMA/MMB/

MMD/MME/E/OP.II/GIM) Department, Chennai – 600 009.

The Law Department, Chennai - 600 009.

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APPENDIX. NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-sections (1) and (1A) of section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following amendment to the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959, namely:-

AMENDMENT.

In the said Rules, in rule 36. in sub-rule(1-A), in clause(e) for the expression "the National Parks, Wild Life Sanctuaries, Tiger Reserves, Elephant Corridors and Reserve Forests", the expression "the National Parks, Wild Life Sanctuaries, Tiger Reserves and Elephant Corridors" shall be substituted.

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