

ABSTRACT

Industries – Department of Geology and Mining - Announcement 2018-2019 – Upgradation of existing Museum and formation of One Stop Information Centre at a cost of Rs.50.00 lakh – Orders - Issued.

Industries (E.1) Department

G.O. (Ms.) No.15

Dated: 22.01.2020 விகாரி – தை, 8

திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு, 2051

Read:

- 1) G.O.(D) No.123, Industries (E.1) Department, Dated: 15.06.2018.
- 2) From the Director of Geology and Mining, Letter Rc.No.4629/PM2/2018, Dated: 24.07.2018 and 27.02.2019.

ORDER:

During the Budget Session of the Legislative Assembly 2018-2019, the Hon'ble Minister (Law, Courts and Prisons) has announced the upgradation of existing Museum and formation of One Stop Information Centre at a cost of Rs.50.00 lakh.

- 2) The Director of Geology and Mining in his letters second read above has stated that the Tamil Nadu is one among the 12 mineral rich States in the Country with multiple mineral resources. The main objectives of the department is to augment optimum mineral revenue to the State exchequer through mineral exploration, proper conservation by effective administration and scientific exploitation along with curbing of illicit mining, transportation and continuous monitoring and surveillances of all quarrying / mining sites to check any mining violations. He has further stated that to conserve the available mineral and its judicial use, scientific method of mining, introduction of new technology, adaptation of efficient methods and best practices are essential. Also, the availability of mineral resources of the State to industries has to be showcased to attract the investors to establish mining / quarrying units and beneficiation plants for excavation and processing of minerals for the infrastructural requirement. Further, miners are to be sensitized by creating awareness to them, to ensure compatibility of mining on par with international standards of geological factors.
- 3) The Director of Geology and Mining has stated that in order to achieve the above said task successfully, it is essential to inculcate the Miners, Entrepreneurs and Geological fraternities about developments in minor sector. Hence, upgrading existing Museum and setting up of business facilitation centre in the Department of Geology and Mining, Guindy, Chennai is felt essential. The main

objectives of the One Stop Information Centre and upgraded Museum are as follows:

i) In Tamil Nadu annually more than 500 students are graduating from Geology discipline. To equip the geology students with latest development in mining industry and to develop the skills in the field of mining, information about research activities carried out by various organizations, viz., GSI, IBM, MECL, NMET etc., and job opportunities are proposed to be displayed in One Stop Information Centre.

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- ii) To display the mineral specimens, its occurrences and utility in the society.
- iii) To display the various mining and quarrying operation carried out in the State through 3D Video mode and digitalised modelling.
- iv) To create awareness to the 3500 lessees about the existing procedures of relevant acts and rules, related judgements of Hon'ble Supreme Court and NGT to be followed / adopted in a systematic and scientific quarrying of minerals, through visual projection of video clippings by LED TV, digital displays and modelling and expertise conferences inputs.
- 4) The Director of Geology and Mining has requested the Government to sanction Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees fifty lakh only) for upgradation of the Existing Museum and formation of One Stop Information Centre at a cost of Rs.50 lakh and enclosed its cost estimation.
- 5) The Government, after careful consideration, decided to accept the request of the Director of Geology and Mining and accordingly hereby sanction a sum of Rs.49,86,103/- (Rupees Forty nine lakh eighty six thousand one hundred and three only) towards the upgradation of existing Museum and formation of One Stop Information Centre at the Directorate of Geology and Mining, Guindy, Chennai.
- 6) The amount sanctioned in paragraph 5 above shall be debited in the following head of account:-

"2853-NON FERROUS MINING AND METALLURGICAL INDUSTRIES - 02 - Regulation and Development of Mines 101 - Survey and Mapping - State's Expenditure - AA - Establishment of State Geological Department - Headquarters staff - 309 — Grants in Aid - 03 - Grants for Specific Schemes, "for upgradation of Existing Museum and formation of one stop information centre in the Department of Geology and Mining".

(IFHRMS - DPC: 2853-02-101-AA-309-03) (Old DPC = 2853-02-101-AA - 0938)

7) The expenditure of Rs.49.87 lakh (Rupees Forty Nine Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand only) sanctioned in paragraph 5 above constitute an item of "New Instrument of Service" and the approval of the Legislature shall be obtained in due course of time by an inclusion in the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2019-2020. Pending approval of the Legislature, the expenditure may be initially met by drawl of an advance from the Contingency Fund. The Director of Geology and Mining is directed to calculate the actual amount required for the period upto next Supplementary Estimates and apply for sanction of the same as advance from the Contingency Fund to Finance (BG.I) Department directly in Form "A" appended

to the Contingency Fund Rules, 1963 along with a copy of this order. Orders for sanction of an advance from the Contingency Fund will be issued from Finance (BG.I) Department. The Director of Geology and Mining shall also send necessary draft explanatory notes for inclusion of this expenditure in the Final Supplementary Estimates for the year 2019-2020 at appropriate time without fail.

8) This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide in U.O. No.60190/Fin(Ind)/2019, dated 12.01.2020 and ASL No.2817 (Two thousand Eight hundred and seventeen)

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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O/o. the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Chennai – 600 009.

O/o. the Hon'ble Minister (Law, Courts & Prisons), Chennai – 600 009.

The Finance (Industries/BG-I/BG-II) Department, Chennai – 600 009.

The Industries (OP.II) Department, Chennai – 600 009.
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