



## **ABSTRACT**

Industries – Mines and Minerals – High Level Expert and Technical Committee to study the impact of Hydrocarbon exploration and mining in areas other than the Protected Agricultural Zone – Reconstituted – To extend the time period for the Committee to submit its report – Accepted - Orders – Issued.

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### **Industries (MMA.1) Department**

**G.O.(Ms).No.17**

**Dated: 31.01.2022**

**பிலவ வருடம் – தை 18**

**திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2053**

**Read:**

1. G.O.(Ms).No.152, Industries(MMA.1) Department, dated 09.08.2019.
2. G.O.(Ms).No.195, Industries(MMA.1) Department, dated 09.08.2021.
3. From the Chairman, High Level Expert Technical Committee Letter dated 27.12.2021

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### **ORDER:**

In the Government Order first read above, the Government constituted a High Level Expert Technical Committee to study the impact of the six upcoming Hydrocarbon project proposals in Cauvery Delta region and about Hydrocarbon exploration and mining projects in general. Subsequently, the Government promulgated the Tamil Nadu Protected Agricultural Zone Development Act, 2020 and as per the Section 4(1) of the Act, no person shall undertake any new project or new activity specified in the Second Schedule in the Protected Agricultural Zone, which includes exploration, drilling and extraction of Oil and Natural Gas including Coal Bed Methane.

2. In the Government Order second read above, the Government reconstituted the High Level Expert Technical Committee and issued revised terms of reference for the study on exploration and extraction of Hydrocarbon projects in the areas other than the Cauvery Delta region. The Government also directed the Committee to submit the report on the study on exploration and extraction of Hydrocarbon projects within four months from the date of issue of the Government Order. In the letter third read above, the Chairman, High Level Expert Technical Committee has stated that the preparation of report is under progress and he has requested the Government to extend the time required to submit the report till 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

3. The Government, after carefully considering the matter, has decided to accept the request of the Chairman, High Level Expert Technical Committee. Accordingly, the Government directs that the time period for the High Level Expert Technical Committee to submit the report on the study on exploration and extraction of Hydrocarbon projects is extended till 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

4. The General Manager, TIDCO is directed to render necessary assistance for the study and submission of the report by the High Level Expert Technical Committee.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

**S.KRISHNAN  
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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The Member Secretary,  
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The Commissioner of Town and Country Planning,  
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All the District Collectors

The Industries (GIM) Department,  
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**//Forwarded by Order//**

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31.1.2022  
**Section Officer**  
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31.1.2022