



ABSTRACT

Mines and Minerals – Mining Lease – Garnet, Ilmenite and Rutile – Thoothukudi District – Formation of Special Team to inspect all the six lease areas of major minerals in Thoothukudi District – Orders – Issued.

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1. From the Commissioner of Geology & Mining letter dated 8.8.2013 addressed to the Principal Secretary, Industries Department.

ORDER:

The Commissioner of Geology & Mining in his letter first read above has informed that a report dated 6.8.2013 was received from the District Collector, Thoothukudi district informing that inspections of some of the leased areas for mining and minerals - Garnet, Ilmenite and Rutile in the district were undertaken and that instances of large scale illicit beach sand mining has been detected in respect of some of the mining leases granted in Thoothukudi district. The District Collector has also reported that detailed field inspections may be undertaken by Special Team consisting of the departments of Revenue, Police, Environment and Forests, Geology & Mining in connection with the illicit mining of beach minerals by various lessees.

The Commissioner, Geology & Mining has recommended that in view of the report of the District Collector, a Special Team may be formed by the Government consisting of officers from the departments of Revenue, Environment and Forests and Geology & Mining to inspect the mining in all the leased areas of Garnet, Ilmenite and Rutile in Thoothukudi District as per section 24 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957. The Commissioner of Geology & Mining has recommended that till the completion of the inspection by the Special Team, mining operations in respect of these leases may be directed to be stopped to facilitate inspections. The Commissioner of Geology & Mining has also recommended that the Assistant Director (Mines), Thoothukudi may be directed to stop forthwith the issuance of permits to transport the minerals.

The Government after careful examination of the report and recommendation of the Commissioner of Geology & Mining directs as follows:

- A Special Team will be formed, headed by Thiru Gagandeep Singh Bedi, IAS, Secretary, Revenue Department to inspect and verify in terms of Section 24 of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, whether there is illicit mining by the 6 lessees of minerals - Garnet, Ilmenite and Rutile in Thoothukudi district. This team will also consist of officers from the departments of Revenue, Environment and Forests and Geology & Mining. The Team members will be nominated by the respective Secretaries to Government.
- This Special Team shall exercise all the powers enumerated in section 24 of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.
- The District Collector, Thoothukudi will issue proceedings directing all lessees of minerals - Garnet, Ilmenite and Rutile in Thoothukudi district to stop the mining operations pending completion of the inspections by the Special Team.
- The Assistant Director, (Mines) Thoothukudi is directed to stop issuance of transport permits to the six lessees till the inspections are completed.

The Special Team is directed to complete the inspections expeditiously and submit its report to the Government within a month.

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