

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Mines and Minerals – Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 – Slab System for payment of Seigniorage fee - Amendment - Orders – Issued.

INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (MINES-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 97

Dated: 06-07-2016

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.1172, Industries & Commerce (B-I) Department, dated 4.9.1967.
2. G.O.Ms. No.82, Industries & Commerce (M.I) Department, dated 01.03.2009.
3. G.O.Ms. No.104, Industries & Commerce (M.I) Department, dated 15.05.2009.
4. G.O.Ms. No.105, Industries & Commerce (M.I) Department, dated 15.05.2009.
5. G.O.Ms. No.134, Industries & Commerce (M.I) Department, dated 01.10.2012.
6. G.O.Ms. No.102, Industries & Commerce (M.I) Department, dated 28.09.2010.
7. From the Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad, F.No. 45446/MR/07, dated 24.11.2015.

ORDER:

In the G.O 2nd read above, Government have issued orders introducing the Slab System for payment of Seigniorage fee by the stone cutting, polishing Industry and Napa Slab Units in the State for a period of 2 years on experimental basis.

2. In the G.O. 3rd read above, the Government have issued necessary amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 regarding slab system.

3. In the G.O.4th read above, Government have issued orders according 40% waiver in Seigniorage Fee levied in 1st year from the date of issue of order and 20% in 2nd year in respect of item No.15 i.e, Limestone slabs of all categories and item No.17 i.e. Granite useful for cutting and polishing of all categories of Schedule I of rule-10 of Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1960.

4. In the G.O.5th read above, Government have also issued orders continuing the Slab System to co-exist subject to final judgement of Andhra Pradesh High Court in pending Writ Petitions in the interest of streamlining the system, subject to certain terms and conditions mentioned therein.

5. The Director of Mines & Geology, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in the reference 7th read above, stated that implementation of Slab System did not take any momentum from Unit Holders during the 2 years experimental period as well as extended period. Now, all granite unit holders are obtaining the raw material under regular permit system only. In the year 2015-16, so far, no permits have been issued under Slab System. Further, as per GO.Ms.No.255, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Pts.III) Dept dt 02.08.2001, the Seigniorage fee collected on Minor Minerals shall be apportioned among Panchayat Raj bodies in the ratio of 25% , 50% and 25% among Gram Panchayats, Mandal Parishads and Zilla Parishads respectively. In the Slab System, the Seigniorage fee is being collected at the processing points instead of Quarry site, resulting eligible collected Gram Panchayats where actual mineral extraction has taken place is losing Seigniorage fee amounts which have to be actually apportionable as per their ratio.

6. Further, the Government recently, enhanced the Seigniorage fees for all varieties and colours of granites. Under regular system , the lease holder is getting black granite, he has to pay an amount of Rs.37,600/- towards seigniorage fee, whereas under Slab System is pay only 14,000/-. Hence, there is a loss of Revenue of Rs.23,600/-. It is applicable to all colour granites. Similarly, for Napa Slabs, there is huge loss and variation between Slab System and Regular System.

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7. The Director of Mines & Geology, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has therefore requested the Government to delete the Schedule-III , wherein the Slab rates for collection of Seigniorage fee under Slab System as per Rule-10(5) (i), (ii) & (iii) and rule 34 (3)& (4) of the Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 to prevent the loss of Revenue to the Govt., exchequer.

8. After careful examination of the matter, it is hereby decided to dispense with the slab system introduced earlier, vide Government orders issued in the references 2nd to 6th read above, to prevent the loss of Revenue to the Government exchequer.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department Dt.23.02.2016 in e-file bearing No.16380/M.II(1)/2015 of Industries & Commerce Department.

10. Accordingly, the following notification will be published in an extra-ordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette **dated. 06.07.2016.**

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 (Act 67 of 1957), the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 issued in G.O.Ms.No. 1172, Industries (B.1) Department, Dated the 4th September, 1967 as subsequently amended from time to time.

AMENDMENT

In the said rules, -

- (i) In rule-10, sub-rule (5) and SCHEDULE-III are omitted.
- (ii) In rule-26, sub-rule (5) is omitted.
- (iii) In rule-34, sub rules (3) and (4) are omitted.
- (iv) In the Forms appended to these rules,
FORM – L 1 and FORM – K1 are deleted.

[BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH]

M. GIRIJA SHANKAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (M&G and FP)(FAC)

To

The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery & Stores Purchase (Printing Wing),
A.P., Hyderabad. (He is requested to publish the above notification in the
extraordinary issue of A.P. Gazette and arrange to send 500 copies of the
same to Government, Industries & Commerce (M.II) Department).

The Director of Mines & Geology, A.P. Hyderabad.

The Director of Ground Water Department, Hyderabad.

All the Joint Directors of Mines & Geology / DDMS/ADMGs of Mines & Geology
Department. (through DM&G,A.P., Hyd.)

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The Finance Department / The Law (H) Department.

The Industries & Commerce (M.I/M.III) Department.

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The P.S. to Secy., Ind. & Com. (Mines).

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