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In the G.O. 2nd read above, Government issued Gazette Notification directing the Director of Mines & Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh to take all necessary required steps to make it mandatory to register all mineral carrying vehicles on the website (www.ap.mines.gov.in) of the Department of Mines & Geology and to install GPS-based vehicle tracking devices in these vehicles, within 120 days from the date of issue of the notification, in order to curb the illegal mining, storage and transportation of minerals.

2. The Director of Mines & Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh in the reference 3rd read above has stated that Government vide Memo.No.10183/M-II(1)/2017, dated 01.11.2017 also accorded permission to the Director of Mines & Geology to address Andhra Pradesh Space Applications Centre (APSAC) for providing technical specifications of the vehicle tracking devices (VTDs) and also to issue Request For Proposal (RFP) to select a qualified Solution Provider (SP) to 'Design, Develop & Maintain a GPS based Vehicle Tracking & Monitoring System (VTMS)' for mineral carrying vehicles and for integration with the existing e-Permit system of the Department.

3. The Director of Mines & Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh has further stated that M/s APSAC is preparing a Scientific proposal to streamline the regulation of minerals transportation and guard against illegal transportation. The proposal will include survey, mapping and geo-fencing of all the mines and destinations along with the permitted routes and prohibited areas for minerals transportation. All the mineral carrying vehicles are to be suitably equipped with the GPS devices by the vehicle owners. A web-based software is to be developed to monitor movement of vehicles along with the geo-fenced permitted routes through GPS devices installed in vehicles.

4. The Director of Mines & Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh has further stated that the time stipulated by Government in the G.O. 2nd read above to register all mineral carrying vehicles with the Department of Mines & Geology and to install GPS-based vehicle tracking devices in these vehicles, within 120 days from the date of issue of notification, is over on 01.03.2018. Further, the empanelled vendors are yet to be selected through empanelled process by the M/s APSAC.

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5. The Director of Mines & Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh has further stated that M/s. APSAC informed that they have collected the details of user requirement for developing the necessary methodology for installation of GPS based vehicle tracking devices in mineral carrying vehicles as well as development of a vehicle tracking and monitoring system and its integration with the existing e-permit system of the department. Further, as part of the development of the Mineral lease information system, an online web portal accessible to general public, with the surface area of the State classified into leased area, applied area and other area, need to be carried out by M/s APSAC.

6. The Director of Mines & Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh has, therefore, requested the Government to accord permission for further extension of time by 6 months for implementing the GPS based vehicle tracking system in the State of A.P.

7. After careful consideration of the matter, the Government hereby extend time for another three (03) months for implementing the GPS based vehicle tracking system in the State of A.P.

8. Accordingly, the following Notification will be published in the Extra-ordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated 20.04.2018.

**NOTIFICATION**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 15 and 23 (C) of the Mines & Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957), the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby extend time for another three (03) months for implementing the GPS based vehicle tracking system in the State.

9. The Director of Mines & Geology, Vijayawada, shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. SREEDHAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MINES)

To
The Commissioner of Printing, Stationary & Stores Purchase (Ptg. Wing), A.P.
(He is requested to publish the above Notification in the Extra-ordinary issue of Andhra Pradesh, and arrange to send 200 copies of the same to Government in Industries & Commerce (M.II) Department).
The Director of Mines & Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

**Copy to:**
The T.R. & B. Department / PR&RD Department/ Revenue Department.
All the JDs/DDMGs/ADMGs in the State through DM&G, GoAP
All the District Collectors in the State.
The Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Mines, New Delhi.
The P.S to Prl. Secretary to C.M.
The P.S. to M(M&G).
The P.S. to C.S. to Govt.
The P.S to Secretary (Mines)
Sf/Sc (C.No.2630/M.II(1)/2018).

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