

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Mines & Minerals – Levy of Consideration amount on all Minor Minerals in Addition to the Seigniorage Fee, DMF and MERIT– Orders – Issued.

INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 42

Dated: 07-06-2021

Read the following;

1. G.O.Ms.No.29, Ind. & Com. (Mines-II) Dept. dated 15.02.2017
2. G.O.Ms.No.21, Ind. & Com. (Mines-III) Dept. dated 25.03.2021
3. From the Director of Mines & Geology, single file No: 4072/P/2021

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ORDER:

Government, vide G.O.1<sup>st</sup> read above, have included a pre-emption clause to direct the lessees to sell minerals to the processing industries duly paying the Consideration Amount in addition to Seigniorage Fee, Contribution to DMF and MERIT to the State Government.

2. In the G.O., 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, Government have ordered that the Silica Sand lease holders shall also pay Consideration Amount of Rs.212/- per ton to the State Government in addition to the Seigniorage Fee, DMF and MERIT and to use the collected fund for the purposes as specified therein.

3. The DM&G, AP., in the single file 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, while referring to the recommendations of the State Level Core Committee and keeping in view the suggestions made during review meetings on Mineral Revenue receipts and Policy aspects of Department of Mines & Geology, has requested the Government to issue of necessary orders for levy of consideration amount, on the similar lines of Silica Sand orders issued vide GO 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, on the lease holders in addition to the Seigniorage Fee, DMF and MERIT, duly fixing it as one time of Seigniorage fee for all minor minerals other than granite and 0.5 time of Seigniorage fee for granite, since it is high value mineral (Seigniorage fee ranges from Rs.3,452 to Rs.4,600 per cum) irrespective of the mode of grant of leases.

4. Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the DM&G, AP, in terms of orders issued vide GO 1<sup>st</sup> read above, and on the similar lines of the orders issued vide GO 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, hereby levy consideration amount, on the lease holders, in addition to the Seign.Fee, DMF and MERIT, @ one time of Seigniorage fee for all minor minerals except granite and @ 0.5 time of Seigniorage fee for granite, irrespective of the mode of grant of leases. The fund so collected shall be used for the following purposes:

- i. to mitigate the impact of disaster and epidemic;
- ii. to provide the rehabilitation/ employment of informal workforce;
- iii. to create all such infrastructures in the field of Cottage / village Industries, MSME generating employment and mitigating the hardships caused due to loss of jobs due to the pandemic;

- iv. to augment the existing health infrastructures;
- v. to establish the community shelters/dormitories/kitchens/food securities etc;
- vi. to provide all such necessary help/logistic support for proper cultivation to the Agriculturist;
- vii. to provide necessary logistic support for marketability of Agriculture produces;
- viii. to provide all necessary assistance/support to all such informal workforce, casual/migrant workforce, persons, who suffered loss of employment or suffered pecuniary losses during the epidemic;
- ix. to augment other welfare schemes in the State or and for all such other purposes as the Government may specify, from time to time in the State.

5. The Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., shall take necessary action accordingly in the matter.

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

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The PS to Prl.Secy. to Hon'ble CM  
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