

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Mines & Minerals - Collection of Seigniorage fee on Granite on tonnage basis throughout the State instead of the existing volumetric basis - Orders - Issued.

INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (MINES-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 47

Dated: 23-06-2021.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No. 11, Industries & Commerce (M.II) Dept., dt: 11.02.2020.
2. From the DM&G single file C.No:1136691/2020, Dt:28.05.2021.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. 1st read above, the Government have enhanced the rates of Seigniorage fee in respect of minor minerals in the State as required under Section 15 (3) of MM (D&R) Act, 1957, wherein the rates of seigniorage fee on different varieties of granite per cum(M3-volumetric) as well as per MT(tonnage) are also notified.

2. In the single file 2nd read above, the DM&G, AP has stated that seigniorage fee on various varieties of granite is being collected on volumetric basis since inception which is causing huge revenue loss to the State Exchequer for the reasons mentioned therein. Therefore, he, while giving proper justification and modalities to be adopted has requested the Government to accord permission to switch over from the system of collection of Seigniorage fee on Granite on volumetric basis to tonnage basis at the existing rates of Seigniorage fee, so as to minimise the illicit transportation of granite thereby increasing revenue to State Exchequer.

3. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby accord permission to collect Seigniorage fee on Granite on tonnage basis throughout the State at the existing rates instead of volumetric basis, with the following modalities:

- a. To modify the existing the transit form for Granite by adding provision to enter Net Weight of the block.
- b. To modify the existing online system of collection of Seigniorage fee on measurement (volume) basis to collection of Seigniorage fee on tonnage basis duly ascertaining size of the block and application of appropriate rate of Seigniorage fee based on the measurements captured.
- c. To install CC cameras in all the existing leases and integrate them to the nearest weighbridges and all these weighbridges shall be integrated with a Centralized Command Control System (Mineral Vehicle Tracking System).
- d. All such weighbridge agencies shall be empanelled by the Department.

- e. Every vehicle loaded with Granite shall be weighed at the nearest empanelled weighbridge.
- f. Every Granite carrying vehicle shall be fitted with VTDS instrument and shall be monitored through a Centralized Command Control System (Mineral Vehicle Tracking System).

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

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

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(MINES)

To

The Director of Mines and Geology, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada, A.P.

The Chief Executive Officer, SERP, Vijayawada.

All the District Collectors in the State.

The VC&MD, APMDC, Kanuru, Vijayawada

All the Joint Director/ Deputy Director/Assistant Director of Mines & Geology through the DM&G, AP, Vijayawada.

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The Finance Department.

The OSD to M(M&G)

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