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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

(MINES AND GEOLOGY)

NOTIFICATION

The 24th August, 2022

PUNJAB STATE SAND AND GRAVEL MINING POLICY, 2022

No. 11/4/2022-PJ-6/338.—With the objective to bring transparency, boost government revenue and to stop illegal mining in the State of Punjab, Governor of Punjab as per powers conferred under Punjab Minor Mineral Rules, 2013 read with section 15 and Section 23-c of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, is pleased to approve the Punjab State Sand and Gravel Mining Policy, 2022:-

1. (1) This policy may be called the Punjab State Sand and Gravel Mining Policy, 2022.
- (2) This policy shall come into force with immediate effect.
2. (i) The royalty, Environment Management Fund, District Mineral Foundation Fund shall be kept at the same level as it was prior to the notification dated 10.11.2021 i.e. Rs. 60 per tonne, Rs. 6 per tonne and Rs. 20 per tonne. No other changes are to be made in notification dated 10.11.2021.
- (ii) Revenue collected under the Information and Technology and Weigh Bridge Head which is 10 paise per cubic feet as per notification dated 10.11.2021, shall be deposited in the State exchequer which is presently being retained by the contractor. However the Department will make the payment of the bills raised by the contractors at the weigh bridge as per terms of the agreement. These funds shall be utilized to computerize the entire operations of weigh bridge by the Department. This will further reduce the scope of illegal mining.
- (iii) The Department shall prepare a mobile app connecting transporters and consumers. The rates shall be fixed by the Department of Transport.
- (iv) Rs. 5 per sq. ft. shall be charged by the Town Planning Authority or any Authority duly authorized by the department, approving the building plans where construction of basement is proposed. This shall not be applicable for residential houses of any size or for any other building on a plot size upto to five hundred square yards. The revenue collected shall be collected by respective local bodies/ Town Planning authorities and deposit it in the appropriate Receipt Head of the Department.
- (v) The royalty rate of ordinary clay and ordinary earth is fixed at Rs. 2.00 per cubic feet for use in construction of Commercial Infrastructure Projects except brick kilns. Further, no royalty rate shall

be imposed on excavation of ordinary clay and ordinary earth which is to be used by farmers for activities other than commercial infrastructure projects.

- (vi) Sand and Gravel Mining Policy, 2021 issued vide PB/OFC/2021/6271 dated 13.12.2021, is modified to allow mechanical excavation by tyre mounted excavator of upto 0.9 cum bucket capacity for excavation of ordinary earth in area up to 2 acres or upto depth of 3 feet with the condition that whenever manual or mechanical excavation is intended to be done, the land owner shall obtain prior permission of the department.
- (vii) All mining dues on the pit head of sites shall be collected by the department and no one else shall be allowed to collect these dues to ensure Govt. revenue. The dues of land owners and concessionaire shall be paid by the department on weekly basis in their authorized accounts. No expenditure of departmental officers posted on the sites shall be charged from the concessionaire.
- (viii) State Govt. shall collect royalty and penalty at the rate of Rs. 7 per cft. from all the vehicles carrying processed or unprocessed minor minerals across the interstate borders into the State of Punjab. If any such vehicle produces any document issued by any competent authority outside the State of Punjab, then a copy of such documents shall also be collected along with the royalty and penalty. These documents will be got verified by the office of Director Mines and Geology Punjab from respective State government within a period of one month of production of such document by the driver or owner of the vehicle. Once these documents are verified and found to be true, the royalty and penalty paid by the vehicle shall be reimbursed on a demand made by such owner. Further, confirmation receipt in a form to be prescribed by the govt. will be issued immediately to all such vehicles.

3.0 The Policy dated 10.11.2021 stands amended to the extent as mentioned above.

Chandigarh
The 23rd August, 2022

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