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(Development Section)

Subject:-Curbing of illegal Mining (River Bed Mining/Stone Quarrying) using Heavy Machinery equipment Meeting thereof

Minutes of Meeting

A meeting was convened by the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir on 06.02.2021 in his office Chamber regarding Curbing of illegal Mining (River Bed Mining/Stone Quarrying) using Heavy Machinery equipment. The meeting was attended by the following Officers:

1. Additional Commissioner, Kashmir.
2. Sr. Superintendent of Police Srinagar.
3. Regional Director Pollution Control Board Srinagar.
4. Joint Director (K), Geology & Mining Deptt.
5. Deputy Director (MI & EG), Geology & Mining Deptt.
6. District Mineral Officer, Srinagar
7. District Mineral Officer, Anantnag.
8. District Mineral Officer, Kulgam.
9. District Mineral Officer, Shopian.
10. District Mineral Officer, Pulwama.
11. District Mineral Officer, Baramulla.
12. District Mineral Officer, Kupwara.
13. District Mineral Officer, Budgam.
14. District Mineral Officer, Ganderbal and
15. District Mineral Officer, Bandipora.

At the outset, the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, welcomed and impressed upon all to check and curb the menace of illegal Mining activity in the Kashmir Valley so that public exchequer and environment could be safeguarded. The Joint Director (K), apprised chair about status of mining activities and progress in the Mining Plans, Environmental Clearance, and Consent to Operate from JKPCB of the already e-auctioned Minor Mineral Blocks in the Kashmir Province.

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After threadbare deliberations and discussion following directions were given:

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1.	Issuance of Environmental Clearance	The Divisional commissioner, directed all the concerned quarters to expedite the process of issuance of Environmental Clearance and CTO.	Dir. Pollution Control Board SGr /JD, Geology & Mining/All Distt. Mineral Officers
2.	Preparation of Mineral Inventory	The Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir directed that district wise Mineral Inventory be prepared so as to assess the mineral wealth potential of each district which can be regulated in planned manner.	JD Geology & Mining/All Distt. Mineral Officers
3.	Identification of 05 appropriate places for seized vehicles.	It was realized that there is a need of identifying five (5) appropriate locations in each District with atleast one location in each Tehsil where seized vehicles can be kept in safe custody for compounding of offence under rules.	All Deputy Commissioners /JD Geology & Mining/All Distt. Mineral Officers
4.	Barcoded Transit challans	The Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir directed that the transit challans of vehicles should be properly Barcoded for easy tracking and funds for the Barcoding and allied equipments shall be allocated from DMFT.	Dir. Pollution Control Board./JD Geology & Mining.
5.	Publicity of Minor Mineral rates	The Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir directed that the rates of Minor Minerals approved by the competent authority must be published in the local newspapers, social media, and awareness among the masses be created through installation of sign boards at different locations/public places.	JD Geology & Mining/All Distt. Mineral Officers

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6.	Encouragement of ancestrally occupied quarry holders	The Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir emphasised that the ancestrally occupied quarry holders should be encouraged and allowed to work in their ancestrally occupied quarries so that their livelihood is not snatched.	All Deputy Commissioners/Dir. Pollution Control Board /JD Geology & Mining/All Distt. Mineral Officers
7.	Deployment of staff for night duty with Police	The Police administration nullified sparing of any contingent exclusively at the disposal of Geology & Mining in each district given their own commitments. However, proposed that initially in district Srinagar, the Department of Geology & Mining can deploy 5 employees every night at identified nakka posts in consultation with the SSP Srinagar.	IGP Kashmir /JD Geology & Mining/All Distt. Mineral Officers
8.	Enhancement of penalty	It was recommended that revision/amendment in SRO-105, dated; 31 March 2016, must be done, and the retention time of the seized vehicles should be enhanced. Moreover, the penalty for the offences should be enhanced manifold.	Dir, Pollution Control Board./JD Geology & Mining/All Distt. Mineral Officers
9.	Auction of seized material	The Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir directed that a committee be framed and a uniform format be developed for auctioning of seized material in the Kashmir Province.	JD Geology & Mining/All Distt. Mineral Officers
10.	Assessment of utilization of manpower	All the District Mineral Officers were directed to devise formats for the assessment of utilization of the manpower and submit the performance report to the Joint Director office.	JD Geology & Mining/All Distt. Mineral Officers

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The meeting ended with vote of thanks and hope that all efforts should be taken by the department for curbing of illegal mining of Minor Minerals.



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With Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir

Dated: 13/02/2021.

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Copy to the:-

1. Commissioner Secretary to Govt. Industries and Commerce Deptt. J&K, Jammu.
2. All concerned for information and necessary action.
3. District Informatics Officer, NIC C/o DC Office, and Srinagar with the request to upload the minutes on the official website of this office.
4. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary for information of worthy Chief Secretary.