



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Abstract

LSGD-Quarrying operations in Kerala-Lack of co-ordination among related Government Departments and Agencies-Constitution of a Committee to suggest long term measures-Sanctioned - Orders issued.

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (RC) DEPARTMENT

G.O (Rt) No.890/2010/LSGD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 17.03.2010.

ORDER

The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala has observed that there is a lack of co-ordination among different Government Departments in regulating quarrying operation, the rate of royalty now being paid is very low and required Government to sort out the matter and inform the measures proposed to be taken.

Based on the consultations with the concerned Departments namely, Local Self Government Department, Mining & Geology, Revenue, Environment and Pollution Control Board, various short term and long term measures were identified to improve co-ordination and create a more effective and transparent regulatory regime for quarrying operations in the State.

A circular has been issued designating the Local Self Government Institutions as the terminal nodal point for ensuring compliance with relevant rules and regulations of all departments and a check list has been prescribed for this purpose.

Further, in order to suggest long term measures Government hereby constitute a committee comprising of the following officers:-

- 1) Sri.T.Rajendran, Deputy Director of Mining & Geology
- 2) Dr.Thomas Varghese, Joint Director, Health Directorate of Urban Affairs.
- 3) Sri.S.Sudheer Babu, Sr.Environmental Engineer, Kerala State Pollution Control Board.
- 4) Sri.D.Sajith Babu, Assistant Commissioner, Commissionerate of Land Revenue

The Committee will study the different statutes of concerned Departments that govern quarrying operations in the State and the internal procedure being currently followed in each Department, and recommend long term measures to improve co-ordination among the various departments and aspects such as procedure for grant of quarrying premises, clear demarcation of jurisdiction among different delegated authorities, ensuring compliance with conditions of licenses, schedule of inspections, securing of abandoned quarries etc. The committee will also prepare a draft hand book/guidelines that can be used by various concerned Departments, and other stakeholders in the field of quarrying to get a clear picture of statutory provisions, procedures and requisites for granting licenses and measures for safety.

The Committee will furnish its report within a month.

By Order of the Governor,

Rajesh Kumar Singh
Secretary to Government

To

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Dr. Thomas Varghese, Joint Director, Health Directorate of Urban Affairs, Trivandrum

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Land Revenue, Trivandrum.

The Industries Department

The Revenue Department

The Health department

The Environment Dept

The Chairman, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Trivandrum

The Director of Urban Affairs, Trivandrum.

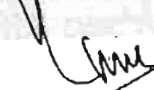
The Director of Panchayats, Trivandrum.

The Commissioner, Land Revenue, Trivandrum.

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