



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Revenue (P) Department

CIRCULAR

No. 84339/P1/2005/R.D.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 30th September, 2005.

Sub:—Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1967—Issue of quarrying permit and issue of quarrying leases clarification issued.

Ref:— Circular No. 32621/P1/2000/R.D. dated 10-5-2000.

Vide Circular read above directions were issued to Tahsildars, Revenue Divisional Officers and District Collectors that no quarrying permit shall be issued for a period exceeding one year to any one at a time.

The matter has been examined again and the following revised directions are issued.

According to the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1967 'Quarrying permit' means a permit granted under Chapter II of these rules to extract and remove any minor mineral in specified quantities and within a specified time.

'Quarrying lease' means a 'mining lease' for minor minerals.

In Chapter II of KMMC Rules, in Rule 8 (1) (b), it has been prescribed that the permit shall be valid only for a maximum period of one year.

In Chapter V of KMMC Rules, the procedure for grant of quarrying leases are prescribed. Rule 28 provides that the period of lease shall not exceed 12 years except in the case of Cement manufacturers in which case the maximum period shall be 20 years.

It has come to the notice of Government that many Revenue authorities are not giving NOC for quarrying leases for more than one year mistaking the issuance of quarrying leases with quarrying permit. Quarrying permits are being issued generally by Revenue authorities and the period can be only maximum one year. But in the case of quarrying leases for minor minerals, which is issued by the Mining and Geology Department, NOC has to be given by Revenue authorities and this can be for a period up to 12 years, and not one year.

Therefore it is ordered that all Tahsildars/Revenue Divisional Officers and District Collectors are to issue NOC for quarrying leases up to 12 years according to the period requested by an applicant.

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To

The Land Revenue Commissioner, Thiruvananthapuram.

All District Collectors.

Revenue Divisional Officers

Tahsildars, etc.

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