



Natural Resources (MMC.2)
Department, Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009.

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From

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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.(w.e)

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.(w.e)

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Housing and Urban Development Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.(w.e)

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.(w.e)

The Secretary to Government,
Highways & Minor Ports Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.(w.e)

The Commissioner of Geology and Mining,
Guindy, Chennai-600 032.(w.e)

Madam/Sir,

Sub: Natural Resources - Mines and Minerals - Minor minerals - Request for issuance of Instructions to release payments on production of transit pass / transport permit - Meeting held on 2.05.2025 - Minutes of the meeting - communicated - Circular mandating to insist for production of transport permit/transit pass issued by the Geology and Mining Department in proof of payment of seniorage fee for ensuring the accountability of mineral used for projects - Communicated.

Ref: 1. From the Commissioner of Geology and Mining, letter Rc.No.11621/MM2/2024, dated 28.04.2025 and 9.05.2025.

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Sub: Mines and Minerals Minor Minerals and its products viz M.Sand P.Sand and Jelly etc - Release of payments only on production of transit pass/transport permit - to prevent illegal quarrying and pilferage of revenue by way of non-payment of seigniorage fee etc. - Circular - Issued.

Department of Geology and Mining has been issuing transport permits for the transport of minerals viz. rough stone, gravel, earth, granite etc. from the lease hold areas on payment of seigniorage fee as prescribed in Appendix II to Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959. Secondary transportation of minerals/size reduced minerals viz. M.Sand, P.Sand and Jelly etc. from the crusher units or stockyards are being permitted on submission of such transport permits in proof of the payment of due seigniorage fee to the Government.

2. The quarrying of minerals without a valid quarrying lease or permit and the transportation of minerals without a valid transport permit or transit pass are illegal and hence punishable offences as per Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.

3. The State Government and Central Government Departments/Agencies undertaking public works viz. Public Works Department, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Housing and Urban Development Department, Highways Department, Port Trusts in Chennai and Tuticorin, Railways, National Highways Department and National Highway Authority of India have to verify the legal status of the minerals/size reduced minerals viz. rough stone, Jelly, M.Sand, P.Sand, earth, gravel, granite and sand used for their projects. In this connection, before honouring the bills/releasing payments for the procurement of minerals/size reduced minerals used for the projects, the Contractors of the projects shall be insisted to submit transport permit/transit pass issued by the Department of Geology and Mining in proof of payment of seigniorage fee to the Government, in order to prevent the illegal quarrying and transportation and to account for all the minerals used for infrastructure development and construction activities in the State and thus arrest any pilferage of revenue due to the Government.

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