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REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
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From

Shri Pradeep Kumar Hota,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To

All Collectors.

Sub: Clarification on Environmental clearance of Sairat sources/minor mineral leases of an area of less than 5 hectares- regarding.

Sir,

In continuance to this Department Letter No.50361 Dtd.17.11.2012, I am directed to say that in view of the orders dtd.27.02.2012 in IA No. 12-13 of 2011 in SLP © No. 19628-19629 of 2009 in the matter of Deepak Kumar etc. Vrs State of Haryana and others, certain guidelines are now required to be followed for lease out Sairat sources/ minor minerals including their renewal for an area of less than five hectares.

1. The lessee shall submit application in the prescribed format at Annexure-I in place of Form-I of EIA Notification, 2006 and Pre-feasibility report in MoEF format for all projects of minor mineral with mining lease area of less than 5 hec.
2. The lessee shall deposit the scrutiny fee of Rs. 1000/- per application for sand lease area of less than 5 hec. For lease area of minor mineral other than sand in less than 5 hec, the lessee shall deposit scrutiny fee of Rs. 5000/- per application. The prescribed scrutiny fee shall be furnished in shape of BD in favour of 'Chairman', SEIAA payable at Bhubaneswar and to be enclosed with the application.
3. Duly filled in format given in Annexure-I with requisite enclosures shall be furnished by the applicant to the Tahasildar concerned. Tahasildar shall take up the initial scrutiny at his level within 7 days in order to check the correctness of the entries and send the proposal to SEIAA for their consideration.
4. On receipt of application from Tahasildar, the SEIAA may consider forwarding the application to SEAC immediately and SEAC may, as far as possible furnish its views to SEIAA within 15 days so that entire process of EC by SEIAA & SEAC is completed within a month.

5. For implementation of Environment Management Plan/ environmental restoration measures in case of minor mineral leases up to 5 hectares, 25% of the auction bid amount, royalty and surface rent paid or payable from the minor mineral extracted or to be extracted should be collected to be deposited with the relevant authority. The officer of Revenue & Disaster Management, Forest & Environment or Steel & Mines Department authorized to settle the source and collect the royalty, surface rent and auction bid amount will be responsible for collecting the contribution to the Environment management by way of bank draft and to remit it to the Odisha Environment Management Fund Trust at Bhubaneswar and send periodical returns for such collection. The amount realized on this account will be utilized for appropriate environmental conservation measures as per MoEF guidelines and subsequently as per the program/plan drawn by the Collector concerned.

The guidelines/ new procedures communicated above should be explained to the concerned Tahasildars so as to avoid delay and confusion while processing the case.

Yours faithfully,

10.12.2012

Additional Secretary to Government

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