

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

MINES & MINERALS –Sand - Upgradation of existing Sand Policy, 2019-  
Orders-Issued.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.78

Dated:12.11.2020

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.70, I.I.I&C (M-II) Dept, Dt. 04.09.2019.
2. G.O.Ms.No.71, I.I.I&C (M-II) Dept, Dt. 04.09.2019.
3. G.O.Ms.No.72, I.I.I&C (M-II) Dept, Dt. 04.09.2019.
4. G.O.Ms.No.73, I.I.I&C (M-II) Dept, Dt. 04.09.2019.
5. G.O.Ms.No.31, Ind.&Com. (M-III) Dept, Dt. 09.06.2020.
6. G.O.Ms.No.32, Ind.&Com. (M-III) Dept, Dt. 09.06.2020.
7. Govt. Memo No.MGOSAND/63/2020/M.III, Dt:17.07.2020.
8. Report of the Group of Ministers, Dt:29.10.2020.

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ORDER:

In the G.O 1<sup>st</sup> read above, Government have introduced the New Sand Mining Policy-2019 for the State of Andhra Pradesh.

2. In the G.Os 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> read above, Government have issued necessary orders and amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966, accordingly.

3. Based on the detailed review of the implementation of the New Sand Mining Policy 2019 over the last One (1) year, it was found that in order to serve the customers better, certain upgradations are required in the existing policy.

4. In the Memo 7<sup>th</sup> read above, Government have constituted a committee with the Group of Ministers to study and analyse all the relevant parameters with reference to existing Sand Policy and suggest required modifications/amendments etc.

5. Accordingly the Group of Ministers, after detailed deliberations and consultations with general public, made certain recommendations to the Government for the upgradation of the existing sand policy vide their report 8<sup>th</sup> read above.

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6. Government, after careful examination of the recommendations of the Group of Ministers, have decided to further upgrade of New Sand Policy, 2019 issued in the G.O. 1<sup>st</sup> read above as follows:

- i. Sand excavation, storage and sale operations shall be undertaken by the Central Government Agencies / Central Govt. PSUs (CPSUs) appointed on nomination basis on terms & conditions as prescribed by the State Government.
- ii. The Central Govt. Agencies / CPSUs shall be appointed with a premium amount as fixed by the State Government, which is payable to GoAP, in addition to Seigniorage fee and other applicable levies.
- iii. In case, no response is received from Central Govt. agencies / Central Govt. PSUs, Sand operations shall be entrusted to a technically experienced, competent and financially strong agency(ies) selected through two (2) bid system i.e., Technical and Commercial bids, with a minimum auction premium fixed by the GoAP, in addition to Seigniorage fee and other applicable levies.
- iv. Detailed RFP conditions shall be worked out with due legal vetting to achieve the stated objectives.
- v. All the Reaches across the State shall be classified into the following 3 packages:
  - a) Package 1: Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam & East Godavari districts
  - b) Package 2: West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur & Prakasam districts
  - c) Package 3: Nellore, Anantapur, Chittoor, Kurnool & YSR Kadapa districts
- vi. 1st to 3rd order streams shall also be granted, along with higher order streams, to a competent agency for excavation, storage and sale. The relevant Rules (WALTA Rules, APMMC Rules etc.) shall be suitably amended.
- vii. Sand Reaches in Scheduled areas will continue to be granted & operated by Tribal Societies in accordance with Panchayats Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA) Rules, 2011.
- viii. Appointed agency may explore to employ "Boatsmen Societies" for sand excavation from specific notified Reaches through desiltation, as per the procedure in vogue.
- ix. To ensure quality of sand, production from pattalands shall be discontinued. Sand production shall be allowed only from Open

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Reaches. Further availability of sand will be ensured by dredging of Irrigation barrages, such as Prakasam Barrage, Dowaleswaram Barrage etc. Dredging operations will be undertaken by the Mines & Geology and Irrigation Departments in consultation with each other and following the due procedures.

- x. Agency (ies) shall be required to comply with the Sale price of Sand as fixed by GoAP at all the stockyards and at specific cities in the state.
- xi. Further, the Agency (ies) shall also be required to meet the prescribed minimum production, storage and sale obligations, as well as comply with all other conditions, as may be prescribed by the State Government.
- xii. The appointed Agency (ies) shall be required to comply with all statutory provisions and shall indemnify the State Government against all liabilities, costs, expenses, damages and losses (including but not limited to any interest, penalties and legal costs) arising out of or in connection with breach or non-compliance with applicable laws.
- xiii. Consumers shall make own transportation arrangements from Stockyard/Reach. However, Agency (ies) shall also engage & keep standby vehicles (~20 vehicles per Stockyard/Reach) for transportation of sand to consumers as and when required.
- xiv. Agency (ies) shall be required to deposit prescribed Performance Security Deposit (PSD) which will be liable to be forfeited in case of any default in timely payments or non-compliance with its obligations.
- xv. Sand booking shall be permitted through offline mode. Any consumer can go to the Stockyards/Reaches of their choice directly and after verifying the quality of sand and making necessary payments there itself can procure the sand in offline mode.
- xvi. "Free of Cost" sand shall be permitted through bullock carts as per existing mechanism.
- xvii. Sand shall be supplied "Free of Cost" for self-consumption of villages abutting the Reaches, Government sponsored Weaker Section Housing schemes and Government R&R packages Housing, through a coupon system. The subsidy towards the same shall be borne by the State Government.

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- xviii. Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) shall be authorized to file cases related to Sand as per APMDC Rules, 1966 to curb illegal mining, storage and transportation of sand.
- xix. It shall be ensured that all sand operations, including appointment of agencies, excavation and storage activities, sale of sand, transportation etc. are done duly ensuring transparency & accountability at all stages.

7. The Director of Mines and Geology, Andhra Pradesh, Ibrahimpatnam shall submit necessary proposals for amendments to Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules (APMMC Rules), 1966.

8. The Director of Mines & Geology, Andhra Pradesh and the Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Ltd., Vijayawada Shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MINES)

To

The Director of Mines & Geology, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.  
The VC&MD, APMDC Ltd., APMDC Ltd., Kanuru, Vijayawada.

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All the District Collectors in the State of A.P.

All the Superintendents of Police in the State.

The Commissioner Special Enforcement Bureau, Vijayawada.

The Revenue/Home/Water Resources/Finance/Law Dept.

All the District Treasury Officers in the State of A.P.

The Director, Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Vijayawada.

The Pay and Accounts Officer, Vijayawada.

The Accountant General of Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The GA(SEB) Dept.

The P.S. to Addl. CS to CM/CS.

The P.S. to Hon'ble Minister for PR&RD and M&G

The P.S. to Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Planning & Legislative Affairs

The P.S. to Hon'ble Minister for Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs

The P.S. to Hon'ble Minister for Transport and Information & Public Relations

The P.S. to Hon'ble Advisor to Govt. Of A.P. (Public Affairs)

The P.S. to Secy.(M)

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