



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Environment (A) Department

No.1982/A3/2015/Env.

Thiruvananthapuram,
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CIRCULAR

Sub : Environment Department – Mining/Extraction of ordinary sand
(കരണൽ) - Environmental Clearance made mandatory –
instructions issued- reg.

Ref : 1) G.O.(MS)No.02/14/Env. Dated 21.2.2014.
2) Letter No.4798/EC3/2014/SEIAA dated 13.5.2015 from
Member Secretary, State Environment Impact Assessment
Authority, Kerala.

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As per the letter under reference, Member Secretary, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) reported that river sand deposit from river banks and former river courses are being extracted in large scale as 'ordinary earth' without Environmental Clearance; as ordinary sand (കരണൽ) is not included in the guidelines on mining of minor minerals contained in O.M.No.L11011/97/2011-IA(M) dated 24.06.2013 of Ministry of Environment & Forest. Therefore, the Member Secretary, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) requested State Government to give instructions to all concerned not to permit mining of ordinary sand or to extract and wash sand without prior Environmental Clearance from SEIAA.

2) Government have examined the matter in detail. The mining/ extraction of ordinary sand without prior Environmental Clearance is against the true spirit of Environment Impact Assessment notification 2006 and the Government Order referred above. Hence no Government authority will issue any permit to mine/extract and wash ordinary sand without prior Environmental Clearance from SEIAA.

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3) Application for Environmental Clearance can be submitted for mining/extracting ordinary sand in the same format used for extraction of ordinary earth (sand) which is available in the website of SEIAA (www.seiaa.org) and following the same procedure.

P. MARA PANDIYAN

Additional Chief Secretary to Government

To

All District Collectors.

The Director, Mining & Geology, Kesavadasapuram, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Member Secretary, SEIAA, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Secretary, State Level Expert Appraisal Committee, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Member Secretary, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology & Environment, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Commissioner for Land Revenue, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director, Directorate of Environment & Climate Change, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director of Panchayats, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director of Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director, CWRDM, Kunnammangalam, Kozhikode.

The Director, NCESS, Akkulam, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (Roads, Bridges, Admn.), Thiruvananthapuram.

The Chief Engineer, Irrigation (I&A), Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram.

Industries Department.

~~Revenue Department.~~

Local Self Government Department.

Science & Technology Department.

Public Works Department.

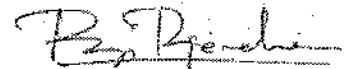
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