



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department – stopping of unauthorized quarrying -measures to be taken- State , District and Divisional Level Committees constituted- orders-issued.

Local Self Government (RC) Department  
G.O. (Rt) No. 1824 /2011/LSGD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram.2.8-2011

Read: Circular No:78372/RC3/09/LSGD dated 15-3-2010

ORDER

Based on various direction of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala of Government held a series of interdepartmental consultations and meetings with a view to eliminate the menace of illegal quarrying in the State. After consultations, the Circular read above was issued to streamline the issuance of licenses and strict compliance of conditions therein. Some progress has been made in stopping illegal quarrying and compliance of the conditions imposed. To further strengthen the surveillance and enforcement mechanism for preventing illegal quarrying the following Vigilance and Monitoring Committees are constituted at the State , District and Divisional level .

State Level Monitoring Committee

1. Additional Chief Secretary ( Industries) - Chairman
2. Additional Chief Secretary ( Revenue)- Member
3. Secretary (LSGD) - -Member
4. Director of Panchayats - Member
5. Chairman, Kerala State Pollution Control Board - Member
6. Director of Mining and Geology Member
7. Commissioner ,Land Revenue Member

The State Level Committee will examine the policy aspects with regard to quarrying operations to ensure greater transparency and accountability while enforcing the various statues and rules for regulating quarry operations in the State. The Secretary ,LSGD will be the Convenor of the State Level Committee.

District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee

1. District Collector -Chairman
2. District Police Chief- Member
3. District Officer of State Pollution Control Board- Member
4. District Officer of Mining and Geology Dept- Member
5. Deputy Director of Panchayats-Member

6. Joint Director Urban Affairs- Member

The District Level Vigilance Monitoring Committee will oversee the working of Divisional Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee and the all the field officers and evaluate the progress made in stopping all illegal quarrying in the District and send monthly report to Government. The Committee will monitor the action taken to redress complaints raised by the public about illegal quarrying. The District Officer of the Mining & Geology will be the Convenor of the District Level Committee.

Divisional Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee

1. Revenue Divisional Officer- Chairman
2. Deputy Superintendent of Police - Member
3. Representative of State Pollution Control Board - Member
4. Representative of Mining and Geology Department- Member
5. Deputy Director/ Assist Director of Panchayats- Member

The Divisional Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee will formulate an inspection schedule for visiting all working quarries under their jurisdiction. The Committee will redress complaints raised by the public about illegal quarrying with out delay and report the action taken in stopping all illegal quarrying in the Revenue Division to the District Level Vigilance and Monitoring committee. The Deputy/Assistant Director of Panchayats will be the Convenor of the Committee.

By Order of the Governor,  
Rajesh Kumar Singh  
Secretary to Government

To

The Director of Panchayats , Thiruvananthauram  
The Chairman, Kerala State Pollution Control Board ,Thiruvananthauram  
The Director of Mining and Geology Thiruvananthauram  
All District Collectors  
District Police Chiefs of all Districts  
The Director of Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram  
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