



D.O.Letter No.2890/SGS-2(2)/2024-1, dated. 26.06.2024

Dear Collector,

- Sub: Desilting of Minor Irrigation (MI) tanks and Ponds and Ooraries
– List of Water Bodies to be desilted – Notification to be issued
– Instructions - Regarding.
- Ref: 1. G.O (Ms) No.50, Industries (MMC.1) Department, Dated 27.04.2017.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.244, Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce (MMC.1) Department, dated 14.12.2022.
3. Chief Secretary's meeting held on 07.05.2024.
4. Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Letter No.30966/2024/MGNREGS 3.1, Dated: 13.05.2024.
5. G.O (Ms) No.14, Natural Resources (MMC.1) Department, Dated 12.06.2024.
6. Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Letter No.30966/2024/MGNREGS 3.1, Dated: 21.06.2024.
7. Letter received from Natural Resources (MMC-1) Department Letter No.590/MMC.1/2024-1, Dated: 25.06.2024 with Standard Operating Procedure.

I am to invite your attention to the references cited.

In G.O.(Ms) No.50, Industries (MMC.1) Department, Dated 27.04.2017, G.O.(Ms) No.244, Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce (MMC.1) Department, dated 14.12.2022 and in G.O(Ms) No.14, Natural Resources (MMC.1) Department, Dated 12.06.2024, Amendment to Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 has been issued to notify the list of M.I tanks, Ponds and Ooraries to be desilted in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette for removal of clay and silt from ponds / tanks and increase the storage capacity of the tanks.

In the reference 7th cited, Natural Resources Department has issued Standard Operating Procedure to be followed by the Stake holder Departments for Desilting of Water Bodies.

As per the above Government Orders, District Collectors have to issue notification and may adopt the following procedures:

1. Collector to convene co-ordination meeting with all the stake holder Departments.
2. Identification and finalization of the list of M.I tanks / Ponds and Ooraries proposed for removal of clay / silt / earth.

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3. Care should be taken not to damage the bund during the removal of clay and silt.
4. In the case of M.I Tanks which are utilised for irrigation, the level should be maintained to ensure smooth flow of water to the fields. It should not go below Sill Level of the tank.
5. An official to be nominated to monitor the desilting of water bodies at the village panchayat level.
6. Assistant Project Officer (Infra) to overlook the compilation of the list of M.I tanks / Ponds and Ooraries belongs to Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.
7. Executive Engineer / Assistant Executive Engineer / Assistant Engineer to ensure that the guidelines mentioned in the SoP is followed during desilting of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj M.I Tanks /Ponds and Ooraries.

In the reference 4th cited, Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has issued the technical procedure for desilting.

Hence, I am to request you to convene co-ordination meeting with all the stake holders departments and to issue Gazette Notification regarding the list of Minor Irrigation Tanks, Ponds and Ooraries to be desilted by **01.07.2024**.

Yours sincerely,


(H. Senthilkumar)

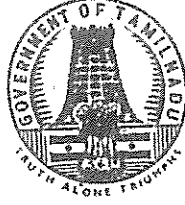
To:
All District Collectors. (except Chennai)

Enclosure:

1. G.O (Ms) No.50, Industries (MMC.1) Department, Dated.27.04.2017.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.244, Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce (MMC.1) Department, dated 14.12.2022.
3. G.O (Ms) No.14, Natural Resources (MMC.1) Department, Dated 12.06.2024.
4. Standard Operating Procedure.

Copy to:

1. The Director of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj,
Panagal Maaligai, Saidapet,
Chennai – 600 015.
2. The Additional Collector (Dev) / Project Director,
District Rural Development Agency,
All Districts.(except Chennai)



ABSTRACT

Industries - Mines and Quarries - Minor Minerals - Amendment to Rule 12(2) and 12(2-A)(a) to the Tamil Nadu Minor Minerals Concession Rules, 1959 - Notification - Issued.

Industries (MMC.1) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 50

Dated: 27.04.2017

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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு -2048

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms.) No.233, Industries (MMC.2) Department, dated 23.09.2015.
2. From the Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board, Letter Rc.No.8198/V2(3)/2016, dated 09.07.2016 and 20.01.2017.
3. From the Commissioner of Geology and Mining, Letter No.7925/ LC/ 2016, dated 28.12.2016, 18.4.2017, 21.4.2017, 24.4.2017 and 27.4.2017.

ORDER:

In the letters third read above, the Commissioner of Geology and Mining has stated that the Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board in his letter second read above has submitted that as per rule 6(2) of the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959, 800 cart loads of clay and sand or a mixture of both per annum is allowed to be quarried free for bona fide pot or brick making purposes by pottery and brick manufacturers from the premises of the village or neighbouring villages and that as per the new rules 41 and 42 introduced in Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 vide G.O.Ms.No.79, Industries (MMC1) Department, dated 06.04.2015, Rule 6 grantees have to remove the mineral only after getting the Environmental Clearance and hence, he has requested to provide exemption for obtaining Environment Clearance for the potters.

2. The Commissioner of Geology and Mining has further stated that the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification S.O.No.141(E), dated 15.1.2016 have already granted exemption for ordinary sand and clay from the purview of District Environmental Impact Assessment Authority which has virtually neutralized or made redundant rule 6 and rules 41 & 42 of the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959.

3. Further, the Commissioner of Geology and Mining has stated that in the letter dated 20.4.2017, the Engineering in-Chief, Water Resources Department & Chief Engineer (General), Public Works Department has stated that de-silting the water bodies in order to increase the storage capacity is one of the mission envisaged during the launching of the Kudimaramathu works of the irrigation tanks and channels in Tamil Nadu during March, 2017. At present, storage in the tanks and reservoirs are only 10% of their original capacity and the water holding capacity have diminished by about 20% on an average due to silting up over the years. The silt deposited in the water bodies are rich in nutrients and can be applied as a good natural manure to the agricultural fields by the farmers. Hence, allowing the farmers to take earth from the beds of tanks and reservoirs freely to the requirement for the fields would be beneficial to them and also the restoration of the lost capacities of the water bodies can also be achieved indirectly. Thus, the Engineering in-Chief, WRD & Chief Engineer (General) Public Works

Department has suggested for modifying the rule 12(2) of Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1959.

4. The Commissioner of Geology and Mining has further stated that in the meeting convened on 24.4.2017, the matter was discussed by the Principal Secretary of Industries Department with the concerned departments.

5. Based on the outcome of the discussion, the Commissioner of Geology and Mining has sent a proposal to the Government for amending Rule 12 (2) and 12(2-A)(a) of Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959.

6. The Government have examined the above amendment proposal of the Commissioner of Geology and Mining and have decided to amend rule 12(2) and 12(2-A)(a) to the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 and ordered accordingly. Further, the Government order that for desilting of tanks, reservoirs and other water bodies in Chennai, Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram Districts, concerned departments (PWD and RD&PR) will issue appropriate instructions not to operationalize the above amendments to these districts.

7. The Notification appended to this Order will be published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary. The Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai-79 is requested to supply 25 copies of the Notification to this department, Commissioner of Geology and Mining, Chennai-32 and to all District Collectors.

8. The Director, Tamil Development and Information (Translation) Department is requested to send the Tamil Translation of the Notification appended to this Order to the Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai-79 for publishing in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette and to the Collectors of all Districts for publishing it in the District Gazettes immediately.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

ATULYA MISRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Works Manager,
Government Central Press, Chennai-79.

The Director,

Tamil Development & Information (Translation) Department, Chennai-9.

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,

Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai-9.

The Principal Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Chennai-9.

The Principal Secretary to Government, HHT&K Department, Chennai-9.

The Agriculture Production Commissioner/Principal

Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, Chennai-9.

The Commissioner of Geology and Mining, Guindy, Chennai-32.

The Chief Executive Officer, Khadi and Village Industries Board, Chennai-108.

All District Collectors.

The Accountant General, Chennai-18.

Copy to:

O/o. Hon'ble Minister (Industries), Chennai-9.

The Law Department, Chennai-9.

All Sections in Mining Wing, Industries Department, Chennai-9.

The Industries (OP.II) Department, Chennai-9.

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Under Secretary to Government

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APPENDIX
NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (1-A) of section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulations) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following amendments to the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959, namely:-

AMENDMENT

In the said Rules, in rule 12, --

(1) for sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:-

“(2) (a) Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, for quarrying clay, silt, savudu and gravel from the beds of tanks, channels and reservoirs in the State (except Chennai, Kancheepuram and Tiruvallur Districts) under the control of Public Works Department or Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department or the Executive Engineer of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, as the case may be, shall prepare the list of tanks, channels and reservoirs and submit their proposal to the District Collector for removal of clay, silt, savudu and gravel from the beds of tanks, channels and reservoirs with demarcation of eligible areas and the estimation of quantum of such mineral to be removed in respect of each area along with the conditions to be stipulated for removal of such mineral from the tanks, channels and reservoirs. The District Collector shall notify the said list in the District Gazette.

(b) Any person engaged in the making of pots or any registered Pottery Labourers Co-operative Society registered under the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Act, 1983 (Tamil Nadu Act 30 of 1983) for making pots, the public for bonafide domestic purpose and the farmers for agriculture purpose be allowed to quarry clay, silt, savudu and gravel, on free of charges from the beds of tanks, channels and reservoirs under the control of the Public Works Department or Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department which are notified by the District Collector in the *District Gazette* under this rule after obtaining permission from the District Collector for quarrying:

Provided that the dwelling place or agricultural land of the person concerned and the quarrying place shall be in the same revenue village or in the adjoining revenue village. For removal of the above said minerals by any person for agricultural purpose shall produce a certificate issued by the Village Administrative Officer to the effect that they are holding lands in their name or a cultivating tenant as per Adangal Register:

Provided further that the quantity of silt and clay proposed to be removed for agricultural purpose from the beds of tanks, channels and reservoirs shall not exceed 75 Cubic meters per acre (185 Cubic meters per Hectare) for wet lands and a quantum not exceeding 90 Cubic meters per acre (222 Cubic meters per Hectare) for dry lands once in two years. The quantity of earth, savudu and gravel proposed to be removed for other domestic purposes shall not exceed 30 cubic meters. The quantity of clay proposed to be removed for making pots shall not exceed 60 cubic metres:

Provided also that prior permission shall be obtained from the District Collector for removal of such quantity of minerals from the tanks, channels and reservoirs and the period of permission shall not exceed 20 days :

Provided also that quarrying shall be permitted only in the area demarcated by the Public Works Department or Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, as the case may be, and the minerals shall be loaded in the vehicles brought by the applicant by the Public Works Department or Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, as the case may be.

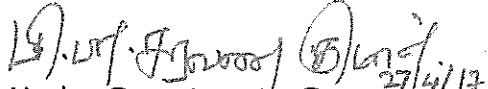
(c) Any removal of mineral from these lands shall be subject to the following restrictions, namely :—

- (i) Pits shall be at a distance of at least twice the height of the bund from the toe of the bund and they shall not be more than one metre in depth (the depth shall be less, if pits one metre deep are likely to expose porous strata) ;
- (ii) Clay, silt, savudu and gravel shall not be carted along the tank bund unless the bund is a recognized road or cart-track ;
- (iii) Bunds shall not be cut to enable to pass ;
- (iv) Clay, silt, savudu and gravel removed should not be stacked on tank beds, sluice or any other masonry works of the tanks and causeways or slopes of the bunds ; and
- (v) Vehicles and carts shall not touch any portion of the revetment, sluice or any masonry works of the tanks and cause damage to them.”; and

(2) in sub-rule (2-A), in clause (a), for the expression “30 cubic meters”, the expression “222 cubic meters” shall be substituted”.

ATULYA MISRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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Under Secretary to Government



ABSTRACT

Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce Department - Mines and Minerals – Minor Minerals – Amendment to the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 – Notification – Orders - Issued.

Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce (MMC.1) Department

G.O.(Ms).No. 244

Dated: 14.12.2022

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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2053

Read:

1. From the Water Resources Department Letter No.OT1/AE3/Vandal/ Dated 25.03.2022.
2. From the Commissioner of Geology and Mining, Letter No.7925/MM1/2016, dated 01.08.2022 and 26.08.2022.
3. From the Commissioner of Geology and Mining, Letter No.5864/MM2/2021, dated 01.08.2022.
4. From the Commissioner of Geology and Mining, Letter No.7925/MM1/2016, dated 19.10.2022.

ORDER:

In the letters 2nd to 4th read above, the Commissioner of Geology and Mining has sent proposals to amend the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959. The details of proposals are as follows:

- i. The Hon'ble Madurai Bench of Madras High Court under para 59(ii) of the Common Order dated 12.02.2021 in W.P.(MD)No.20903 of 2016 etc., directed that there shall not be any quarry operation in the name of colloquial terms / local terms and any lease shall be in accordance with minerals notified under Section 3 of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957. Hence, amendments are needed for removal of the terms "savudu" appearing in Rule 12 of the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 and replacing the term "earth" appearing in sub rule (5) of Rule 7, sub rule (1) of Rule 36-A etc., by the term "ordinary earth" in the said Rules.
- ii. To delete the expression "(except Chennai, Kancheepuram and Tiruvallur Districts)" in rule 12 (2) (a) of the said Rules in order to

permit the above Collectors of the above Districts to de-silt the beds of tanks, channels and reservoirs in these three districts.

- iii. To amend the prohibited area for the grant of lease from the archaeological sites and remains/ancient monuments within the safety distance of 500 meter from the boundary of such site by reducing the radial safety distance to 300 meter in consonance with the Ancient Monuments and Archeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 by making necessary amendments to the Rule 36 (1-A)(d) of the said Rules.

2. Accordingly, the Notification appended to this Order will be published in the Extra-ordinary issue of *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*. The Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai – 600 001 is requested to supply 50 copies of the Notification each to this Department, Director of Geology and Mining, Chennai – 600 032 and to all District Collectors.

3. The Director, Tamil Development and Information (Translation) Department is requested to send the Tamil Translation of the Notification appended to this Order to the Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai – 600 001 for publishing in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette* and to the Collectors of all Districts for publishing it in the District Gazettes immediately.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**S. KRISHNAN
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Works Manager, Government Central Press,
Chennai – 600 001.
The Director, Tamil Development & Information (Translation) Department,
Chennai – 600 009.
The Commissioner of Geology and Mining, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.
All District Collectors. (through Commissioner of Geology and Mining)
All the Assistant Directors/Deputy Directors
(through Commissioner of Geology and Mining)
The Accountant General, Chennai – 18.
Copy to:
O/o. the Hon'ble Minister (Water Resources), Chennai – 600 009.
The Law Department, Chennai – 600 009.
The Industries (MMA/MMB/MMD/MME/E/OP.II/GIM)
Department, Chennai – 600 009.
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J. Kelam 14.12.22
SECTION OFFICER
14/12/2022

APPENDIX.**NOTIFICATION.**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (1A) of section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following amendments to the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959, namely:-

AMENDMENTS.

In the said Rules,-

(1) in rule 7, in sub-rule (5), for the expression "Earth commonly called as savudu", the expression "ordinary earth which is used for filling or leveling purpose in construction work, embankments, roads, railways and buildings" shall be substituted;

(2) in rule 12,--

(a) the expression "savudu" wherever it occurs shall be omitted;

(b) in sub-rule(2),-

(i) in clause (a), the expression "(except Chennai, Kancheepuram and Tiruvallur Districts)" shall be omitted;

(ii) in the second proviso to clause (b), for the expression 'earth', the expression "ordinary earth" shall be substituted;

(c) in sub-rule (2-A), in clause (a), for the expression "earth", the expression "ordinary earth" shall be substituted;

(d) in sub-rule (4), for the expression "earth", the expression "ordinary earth" shall be substituted;

(3) in rule 36, in sub-rule (1-A), in clause (d), for the expression "500 meters", the expression "300 meters" shall be substituted;

(4) in rule 36-A, for the expression "earth", wherever it occurs, the expression "ordinary earth" shall be substituted;

(5) in rule 36-B, in the proviso to sub-rule (1), for the expression "earth", the expression "ordinary earth" shall be substituted; and

(6) in APPENDIX II, under the heading "A. SEIGNIORAGE FEE", in the tabular column, in column (2), against Serial Number 4 in column (1), for the expression "Earth", the expression "Ordinary earth" shall be substituted.

S.KRISHNAN
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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SECTION OFFICER
14/12/2022



ABSTRACT

Natural Resources – Mines and Minerals – Minor Mineral – Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 – Amendment to clauses (a), (b) and (c) of sub rule(2) of rule 12 - Orders - Issued.

NATURAL RESOURCES (MMC.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No.14

Dated: 12.06.2024.

**குரோதி வருடம், வைகாசி-30
திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2055**

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms) No.50 Industries (MMC1) Department, dated 27.04.2017.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.74 Industries (MMC1) Department, dated 21.06.2017.
3. G.O.(Ms) No.314, Industries (MMC1) Department, dated 25.11.2021.
4. From the Commissioner of Geology and Mining, Letter Rc.No.4141/MM2/2024, dated 23.05.2024.

ORDER:

In the letter 4th read above, the Commissioner of Geology and Mining has stated that the present Rule 12(2)(a) and (b) of Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 stipulates that the District Collector is empowered to grant permission for removal of clay, silt and gravel from the beds of tanks, channels and reservoirs under the control of Public Works Department or Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department for the agricultural purpose. Some of the provisions in the said rules are reported to be causing undue delay in issuing permissions for farmers to avail the facility and take silt from the tanks. Therefore, in order to simplify the process by delegating powers vested with District Collector to the Tahsildars of concerned jurisdiction, to provide for granting a longer period i.e., 30 days for removal of silt etc. to ensure effective de-silting, to reduce the time in processing the genuine requests of the farmers for enriching their agricultural fields, improvement of the storage capacity of the tanks, and to make the process of application and verification online, amendments to Rule 12(2) (a) and (b) of the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 has been proposed.

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2. The Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Commissioner of Geology and Mining, in order to help farmers and to desilt the tanks before the onset of the monsoon, hereby accord permission to amend the clauses (a), (b) and (c) of sub rule (2) of rule 12 in the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 and order that the entire process will be in online, i.e. starting from receiving application, verification and to till issue order.

3. The Government also direct that the District Collector concerned to co-ordinate the activity with the assistance and supervision of the Water Resources Department, Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department and Agriculture Engineering Departments.

4. Accordingly, the Notification appended to this Order will be published in the Extra-ordinary issue of *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*. The Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai – 600 079 is requested to supply 50 copies of the Notification each to this Department, Commissioner of Geology and Mining, Chennai – 600 032 and to all the District Collectors.

5. The Director, Tamil Development and Information (Translation) Department is requested to send the Tamil Translation of the Notification appended to this Order to the Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai – 600 079 for publishing in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette* immediately.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**K. PHANINDRA REDDY
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FAC).**

To

The Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai – 600 079.
The Director, Tamil Development and Information (Translation) Department,
Chennai – 600 009.

The Commissioner of Geology and Mining, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.

All District Collectors. (Through Commissioner of Geology and Mining)

All the Assistant Directors/Deputy Directors (through Commissioner of
Geology and Mining)

Copy to:

O/o. Hon'ble Minister (Water Resources), Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

The Law Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

The Water Resources Department, Chennai-600 009.

The Natural Resources (MMA/MMB/MMD/MME/E/OP.II) Department,
Chennai – 600 009.

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APPENDIX.

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (1-A) of section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulations) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following amendments to the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959, namely:-

AMENDMENTS.

In the said Rules, in rule 12, in sub-rule (2),

(1) in clause (a),-

(a) for the expression "for quarrying clay, silt and gravel", the expression "for removal of clay and silt" shall be substituted;

(b) for the expression "clay, silt and gravel", the expression "clay and silt" shall be substituted;

(2) in clause (b),-

(a) for the expression "clay, silt and gravel", the expression "clay and silt" shall be substituted;

(b) for the expression "after obtaining permission from the District Collector", the expression "after obtaining permission from the Tahsildar" shall be substituted;

(c) for the first proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:-

"Provided that the dwelling place or agricultural land of the person concerned and the place of removal shall be in the same Taluk. For removal of the above said minerals by any person for agricultural purpose shall submit application online and the same shall be verified through the online land records data base maintained by the Revenue Department";

(d) in the second proviso, the words "and gravel", shall be omitted;

- (e) in the third proviso, for the expression "20 days", the expression "30 days" shall be substituted;
- (f) in the fourth proviso, for the word "quarrying", the word "removal" shall be substituted;
- (g) after the fourth proviso, the following proviso shall be added namely:-

"Provided also that the removal of clay and silt shall be monitored by the District Collector with the assistance of Water Resources Department, Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department, Agriculture Engineering Department, etc., as the case may be:";

(3) after clause (b), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

"(bā) The removal of clay and silt for free of cost for agricultural purpose from the beds of tanks, channels and reservoirs shall be a non-mining activity.";

(4) in clause (c), for the expression "clay, silt and gravel", occurring in two places, the words "clay and silt" shall be substituted.

K. PHANINDRA REDDY
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC).

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12.6.2024
SECTION OFFICER



**Natural Resources (MMC.1) Department
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.**

Letter No.590/MMC.1/2024-1, dated 25.06.2024

From

Thiru. K. Phanindra Reddy, I.A.S.,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government (FAC)

To

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

Sir,

Sub: Natural Resources - Mines and Minerals - Minor Mineral -
Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 -
Desilting of the irrigation tanks in the interest of public -
Amendment issued to Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral
Concession Rules, 1959 - Delegating powers to the
Tashildar to grant permission for removal of Clay, Silt and
Earth from tanks under the control of Rural Development
and Panchayat Raj Department and Water Resources
Department for the pottery and agriculture purpose -
Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) - Regarding.

Ref: 1. G.O.(Ms).No.14, Natural Resources (MMC.1)
Department, dated 12.06.2024.
2. Your Letter Rc.No.4141/MM2/2024, dated 18.06.2024.

I am directed to invite your attention to the references cited. Based on the amendment issued in the G.O in the reference first cited, you have sent the draft Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) relating to grant of permission for removal of Clay, Silt and Earth from tanks under the control of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department and Water Resources Department for the Agriculture and Pottery purpose, for approval of Government.

2. Accordingly, the Standard Operating Procedure has been scrutinized and approved by the Government. The approved Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is enclosed herewith. I am therefore to request you to issue the approved Standard Operating Procedure at once.

Yours faithfully,

சி.க.ப.ரெட்டி
25.6.2024

for Additional Chief Secretary to Government (FAC).

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Standard Operating Procedure for Grant of permission for removal of Clay, Silt and Earth from tanks under the control of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department and Water Resources Department for the Agriculture & Pottery purpose.

➤ **Action to be taken by the Executive Engineers of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj/Water Resources Department.**

- Identify and list the tanks/reservoir proposed for removal of clay/silt/earth.
- The area and its dimension proposed for the removal of clay/silt/earth should be marked in the sketch of the tank/reservoir.
- The entry and exit point for the vehicle should be mentioned in the sketch.
- The quantity of clay/silt/earth available for removal may be assessed for the Maximum depth, of one meter.
- After completion of all, the Executive Engineers of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj/Water Resources Department shall submit a proposal to the Assistant Director, Geology and Mining/District Collector for notification with all necessary details viz. name of the tank/reservoir, survey number, extent, quantity of clay/silt/earth to be removed etc.

➤ **Action to be taken by the Assistant Director of Geology and Mining.**

- On receipt of the proposal from the Executive Engineers of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj /Water Resources Department, the Assistant Director of Geology and Mining will prepare the comprehensive list of tanks/reservoir in the district and submit it to the District Collector for notification in the District Gazette.
- On notification of the list of tanks/reservoir and the quantity proposed to be removed, etc in the District Gazette by the District Collector, the Assistant Director of Geology and Mining will upload the details of notified tanks/reservoir along with details of the officer in-charge of the Tank, like name and mobile number etc in the web portal.
- Marking of the area for removal of earth and the pathway:
To be marked by the Executive Engineer, Water Resources Department/ Executive Engineer, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.
- All applications to be submitted online.

➤ **Action to be taken by the Tahsildar.**

- Applications for pottery purpose to be referred to the VAO and for agriculture purpose to be verified with online land records.
- On receipt of the online application, the Tahsildar shall verify the following:
 - i) Agricultural purpose: Survey No, Extent, classification of land
 - ii) Pottery purpose: The genuineness of the pottery industry of the applicant certified by VAO and residential proof of the applicant.
- If the information furnished by the applicant is satisfactory, the Tahsildar, may grant permission to remove the Clay/silt/earth from the respective Tank/reservoir within 10 days from the date of receipt of the application.
- Permission shall be granted for the removal of clay/silt/earth by specifying the quantity.
- If the information furnished by the applicant is not satisfactory, the application may be rejected and the reason for the rejection shall be informed to the applicant.

➤ **Action to be taken by Village Administrative Officer(VAO)**

- Applications shall be processed by VAO within 7 days, on first come first served basis.
- The genuineness of the pottery industry of the applicant, to be verified and certified by VAO.
- The village and taluk of the place where the clay to be transported and used for pottery works, to be verified and certified.
- After completion of verification process, the VAO shall recommend the application to the Tahsildar for grant permission/rejection.

➤ **Action to be taken by the Tank In-charge.**

- On receipt of the order issued by the Tahsildar, the In-charge of the Tank/reservoir will verify the identity of the applicant's image in the proceeding of the Tahsildar.
- Tank in-charge to ensure that quantum taken does not exceed approved quantity.
- The In-charge of the Tank/reservoir will issue despatch slip for the quantity approved in the said order and loaded into the vehicle of the beneficiary/hired by him.
- The excavation place shall be at a distance of, at least twice the height of the bund from the toe of the bund and depth shall not exceed more than one metre.
- The clay/silt/earth should be removed only from the place demarked in Tank/Reservoir, by the Executive Engineer of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj/Water Resources Department.

- Separate pathway should be laid for transporting clay/silt/earth from Tank/Reservoir. At any circumstances the tank bund shall not be used as a pathway for transportation of earth.
- Vehicles and carts shall not touch any portion of the revetment, sluice or any masonry works of the tanks and cause damage to them.
- The removal of clay/silt/earth from the tank and reservoir should be done from 07.00 AM to 6.00 PM only.
- The in-charge of the Tank/reservoir should send a report on daily basis to District Collector, in which the quantity removed from the tank/reservoir should be mentioned.

➤ **Action to be taken by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and Water Resources Department.**

- Report on the quantity taken on daily basis to be furnished to Block Development Officer (Block Panchayat) concerned for Rural Development tank and the Assistant Engineer concerned for the tank belonging to Water Resources Department.
- Block Development Officer (BP), Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department and Assistant Engineer, Water Resources Department to update quantum provided to the beneficiaries on the portal, on daily basis.

➤ **Action to be taken by the District Collector.**

- District Collector to convene special meetings of the farmers to bring awareness of the scheme.
- On receipt of comprehensive list of eligible tanks/reservoir compiled by the Assistant Director/Deputy Director of Geology and Mining, the District Collector shall notify the same by publishing in the District Gazette.
- The District Collector shall appoint the officer in-charge of the Tank/reservoirs from the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department/ Water Resources Department/Agricultural Department (Or)
- The District Collector shall facilitate the officer in-charge of the tank with temporary shed with necessary infrastructure viz, table, chair, etc.
- Revenue Divisional Officer or an officer not below the rank of Tahsildar shall be appointed by the District Collector for monitoring the entire process.

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