

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Mines & Minerals - Carrying of prospecting operations through investigation for re-assessment of Iron Ore in and around Bayyaram, Khammam & Warangal Districts, under collaborative project between the Geological Survey of India and Department of Mines & Geology, Telangana for a period of five (5) years under Rule 74 of Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 - Notification - Issued.

INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 14.

Dated:12-02-2015
Read the following:

1. A.P. Reorganization Act, 2014 (Act No.6 of 2014 of GOI).
2. From the Director of Mines & Geology, Telangana, Hyderabad Lr.No. 2613/P/2014, dated.06.01.2015 and 12.01.2015.
3. Govt. Memo No.149/M.II(2)/2015-1, dated 30.01.2015.
4. From the Director of Mines & Geology, Telangana, Hyderabad, Lr.No. 2613/P/2014, dated 05.02.2015 and 09.02.2015.

ORDER :

As per Section 93 of the A.P. Reorganization Act, 2014 (Act No.6 of 2014 of Government of India) the Central Government shall take all necessary measures as enumerated in the Thirteenth Schedule for the progress and sustainable development of the successor States within a period of ten years from the appointed day. The Thirteenth Schedule of the said Act under the heading of "Infrastructure" at item No.(2) specifies that "Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) shall examine, within six months from the appointed day, the feasibility of establishing an integrated steel plant in Khammam District of the successor State of Telangana".

2. Accordingly, a team of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) officials visited Khammam District and studied the feasibility of establishing an integrated steel plant. After survey shortlisted (3) locations viz., Vulvanur Village, Paloncha Mandal, Kuranam Village, Kothagudem Mandal & Bayyaram Village & Mandal for establishment of steel plant. Further, the SAIL team sought information regarding availability of Iron Ore, Water, Power, Transmission lines etc. to prepare the feasibility report.

3. In the reference 2nd read above, the Director of Mines & Geology has informed that as per Geological Survey of India (GSI) reports the occurrence of Iron Ore is reported in and around Bayyaram, Khammam District, Gudur, Warangal District & Yerraballi, Karimnagar District. However, detailed investigation is required to update the resources into reserves for obtaining prior approval from the Central Government before grant of a Mining Lease for exploitation of Iron Ore deposits by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).

4. State Government held meetings with Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), Geological Survey of India (GSI) & Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) & Director of Mines & Geology to workout the modalities for taking up detailed investigation of Iron Ore deposits in and around Bayyaram, Khammam & Warangal Districts. After deliberations, it was decided to have a collaborative project between the GSI and the Department of Mines & Geology, Telangana to take up the investigation under "Reassessment of Iron Ore deposits in and around Bayyaram area, Khammam & Warangal Districts" by entering into an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

5. In the reference 3rd read above, the Government has accorded permission to the Director of Mines & Geology to enter into an MoU with Geological Survey of India for conducting joint detailed investigation for reassessment of Iron Ore deposits in and around Bayyaram, Khammam and Warangal Districts by issue of notification under Rule 74 of Mineral Concession Rules, 1960, subject to final outcome of the orders of the Hon'ble High Court in the WAMP.No.2958/2014 in WA No.298/2013 and batch filed by M/s Rakshana Steels Pvt. Ltd. and also subject to outcome of W.P.No.486, 493 & 499/2015 filed by Sri J.Markraju against the determination of (3) Mining Leases for Iron Ore held in (1) Sy.No.45/1 of Motlathimmapuram Village, Bayyaram Mandal, (2) Sy. No.202/1 of Bayyaram Village & Mandal and (3) Sy.No.74/1 of Ramachandrapuram Village, Bayyaram Mandal, Khammam District over an extent of 8.00 Hectares each or any other directions in the writ petitions / writ appeals filed and pending over the area.

6. In the reference 4th read above, the Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad submitted proposals for notification of the area as per Rule 74 of Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 so as to enter into MoU with GSI and commence the joint detailed investigations.

7. Further, as per Rule 74(1) of Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 where a prospecting operation is to be undertaken by the GSI, IBM, AMD of the Central Government, the Directorate of Mining & Geology of any State Government or MECL, the State Government shall issue a notification of the Official Gazette giving details of the area, and the period for which prospecting operations are to be undertaken.

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8. The Government, after careful consideration, hereby notify the Iron Ore bearing areas initially covering an extent of 100 Sq. Km in and around Bayyaram, Khammam & Warangal Districts for taking up investigation for reassessment of Iron Ore deposits by the Department of Mines & Geology, Telangana under MoU with the GSI for a period five (5) years, as per Rule 74 of Mineral Concession Rules, 1960.

9. Accordingly, the following Notification shall be published in Extraordinary issue of the Telangana Gazette dated the 12th February, 2015.

NOTIFICATION

Under Rule 74 of Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 the Government accord permission for undertaking joint detailed investigation and exploration for reassessment of Iron Ore deposit in and around Bayyaram area, Khammam & Warangal Districts for a period of five (5) years as per boundaries covered by geo-coordinates and the extent of area under first phase as specified in the table below by the Department of Mines & Geology and as per the details specified in the Memorandum of Understanding with the Geological Survey of India, Hyderabad, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The joint detailed investigation and exploration would not be applicable in case the area is already held under any prospecting license or mining lease.
- (ii) Final outcome of the orders of the Hon'ble High Court in the WAMP.No.2958/2014 in WA No.298/2013 and batch filed by M/s Rakshana Steels Private Limited.
- (iii) Final outcome of W.P.No.486, 493 & 499/2015 filed by Sri J.Markraju against the determination of (3) Mining Leases for Iron Ore held in (1) Sy.No.45/1 of Motlathimmapuram Village, Bayyaram Mandal, (2) Sy. No.202/1 of Bayyaram Village & Mandal and (3) Sy.No.74/1 of Ramachandrapuram Village, Bayyaram Mandal, Khammam District over an extent of 8.00 Hectares each.
- (iv) Any other writ petitions / writ appeals pending, if any over the area in the Court of Law.

Nature of Investigation	Map/Toposheet and period of Investigation	Extent with geo-coordinates
A collaborative project between GSI and DM&G Telangana to carryout Large Scale Mapping (1:12500 scale); detailed mapping (1:2000 scale); surveying, drilling (10 boreholes @ 60 Mts each total : 600 Mts)	Toposheet No.65C/1,2 (5) years	100 sq. km, 17 ⁰ 36' to 17 ⁰ 45' N 80 ⁰ 05' to 80 ⁰ 08' E

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

K. PRADEEP CHANDRA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT &
COMMISSIONER FOR INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION

To
The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery & Stores purchase (Ptg wing), Hyderabad. (with a request to publish the above Notification in the Extra Ordinary Gazette of Telangana Gazette and furnish 100 copies to Government.)

Copy to:

The Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad.
The Geological Survey of India, Hyderabad.
The Executive Manager,
Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL),
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The District Collector, Khammam District.
The District Collector, Warangal District.
The P.S. to Hon'ble Minister for Mines and Geology.
The P.S. to Special Chief Secretary to Government & CIP.
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