Mines & Minerals – Exploitation of Iron Ore blocks by M/s Telangana State Mineral Development Corporation Limited for Supply to integrated steel plant to be established by Steel Authority of India Limited at Khammam - Declaration of M/s Telangana State Mineral Development Corporation Limited as Nodal Agency for taking up Mineral Exploration by calling private exploration agencies - Notification - Issued.

**ORDER:**

As per Section 93 of the A.P. Reorganization Act 2014 read with Schedule 13th of the Act under Infrastructure development, the Central Government shall take all necessary measures for establishment of an integrated steel plant in Khammam, Telangana State by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad has stated that a team of Steel Authority of India Limited officials visited Khammam in May, 2014 for short listing area for establishment of steel plant. Further, Steel Authority of India Limited have requested the State Government for furnishing the details on availability of 200 Million Tons of specified grade Iron Ore in addition to other raw materials, subsidies and concessions. As per preliminary reports from Geological Survey of India, about 302 million tons of various grades of Iron Ore is available in the State. However, it needs a systematic resource evaluation about suitability for Steel Authority of India Limited requirement of 200 MT of Iron Ore.

3. The Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad further stated that a Task Force has been constituted at Ministry of Steel, New Delhi to review the establishment of Steel Plant at Khammam. In the Task Force meetings, Steel Authority of India Limited requested the State Government to come up with specific details on the availability of Iron ore. In this regard, the Government held a review meeting with Geological Survey of India, Indian Bureau of Mines, Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited, Singareni Collieries Company Limited, M/s Telangana State Mineral Development Corporation Limited and Department of Mines & Geology. After detail discussions, it was decided that the Geological Survey of India shall arrange the details on the availability of Iron Ore blocks and M/s Telangana State Mineral Development Corporation Limited shall prepare a road map for systematic resource evaluation.

4. The Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad therefore recommended the Government for declaration of M/s Telangana State Mineral Development Corporation Limited (TSMDC) as Nodal Agency and also to take up exploration by calling private exploration agencies for all Iron Ore blocks falling in Adilabad, Karimnagar, Warangal, Khammam and Nizamabad Districts, since these blocks are being reserved for M/s Telangana State Mineral Development Corporation Limited for exploration and exploitation.

5. Government, after careful consideration of the matter, hereby notify M/s Telangana State Mineral Development Corporation Limited as Nodal Agency for Iron Ore blocks to take up exploration by calling private exploration agencies, since all Iron Ore blocks are being reserved for M/s Telangana State Mineral Development Corporation Limited for exploration and exploitation duly evolving and following a transparent procedures in this regard.

**(P.T.O.)**
6. Accordingly, the following Notification shall be published in an Extraordinary Issue of the Telangana Gazette dated the 5th November, 2015.

**NOTIFICATION**

The Government hereby declares M/s Telangana State Mineral Development Corporation Limited as Nodal Agency and also to take up exploration by calling private exploration agencies for Iron Ore blocks falling in Adilabad, Karimnagar, Warangal, Khammam and Nizamabad Districts wherever necessary.

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

ARVIND KUMAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT & CIP

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 20 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),
R.D.C.I.S.Lab Building (4th Floor),
P.O.-Doranda, Ranchi -834 002.
The P.S. to Hon’ble Minister for Mines and Geology.
The P.S. to Secretary to Government & CIP, Ind.& Com. Dept.
Sf/sc.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

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