ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Ministry of Law & Justice issued Gazette Notification on the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Amendment Act, 2015 enacted by the Parliament which envisages exploitation of minerals after exploration in terms of the Mineral (Evidence of Mineral Content) Rules, 2015.

2. In order to promote mineral exploration in respect of notified and non-notified major minerals, the Central Government in the reference 2nd read above issued notification for National Mineral Exploration Trust Rules, 2015 as per Sub-sections (2), (3) and (4) of Section 9C and Section 13 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015. As per Section 9C (4) the holder of a mining lease or a prospecting license-cum-mining lease shall pay to the Trust, a sum equivalent to two percent, of the Royalty paid in terms of the Second Schedule, in such manner as may be prescribed by the Central Government.


4. In the reference 4th read above, the Ministry of Mines, Government of India issued notification under clause(e) of Section 3 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 declaring 31 minerals as minor minerals in addition to the existing minor minerals bringing them in the State Governments domain for regulation.

5. In the reference 5th read above, the Director of Mines and Geology, Hyderabad proposes to take-up mineral prospecting and exploration for resource evaluation in terms of grade and mineral reserves as per United Nations Framework Classification in the free-hold areas by the Department for allotment of such areas through auction in tune with the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015. To take-up mineral prospecting and exploration, the Director of Mines and Geology proposed for establishment of State Mineral Exploration Trust for payment of two percent on Seigniorage Fee (p.t.o)
payable by quarry lease holders as per Rule 10, Schedule-I of the Telangana State Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 towards State Mineral Exploration Trust Fund and the constitution of Governing Body and Executive Committee for management of the State Mineral Exploration Trust Fund.


7. Therefore, the following notification shall be published in the Extraordinary Issue of Telangana State Gazette dated the 29.02.2016.

**NOTIFICATION**

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 15(1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 the Governor of Telangana hereby accord permission for constitution of the Governing Council and Managing Committee for implementation of State Mineral Exploration Trust:

The composition of Trust consists of:

(I) The Governing Body shall consist of the following, namely:

| (a) | Minister In-charge of the Mines & Geology | Chairperson |
| (b) | Minister In-charge of the Revenue Dept. | Member, ex-officio |
| (c) | Minister In-charge of Environment, Forest, Science and Technology. | Member, ex-officio |
| (d) | Secretary, Industries & Commerce (Mines) Dept. | Convener, ex-officio |
| (e) | Special invitees having experience in the relevant field to be invited by the Chairperson of the Governing Body of the State Mineral Exploration Trust. | |

(II) The Executive Committee shall consist of the following, namely:

| (a) | Secretary, Industries & Commerce (Mines) Dept. | Chairperson |
| (b) | Secretary, Revenue Dept. | Member, ex-officio |
| (c) | Secretary, Environment, Forest, Science and Technology Dept. | Member, ex-officio |
| (d) | Deputy Director General, GSI, Operations: Telangana State. | Member, ex-officio |
| (e) | Regional Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines. | Member, ex-officio |
| (f) | Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Telangana State Mineral Development Corporation | Member, ex-officio |
| (g) | Nominee from Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. | Member, ex-officio |
| (h) | Joint/Deputy Secretary, Industries & Commerce (Mines) Dept. | Member, ex-officio |
| (i) | Three persons, from among persons with experience in exploration or in research in a related field at least for a period of two years, to be nominated by the Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the State Mineral Exploration Trust. | Nominated Members |
| (j) | Director of Mines and Geology | Member-Secretary |

(p.t.o)
8. This notification shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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

ARVIND KUMAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT & CIP

To
The Commissioner of Printing, Stationary & Stores Purchase (Ptg. Wing)
Hyderabad. (He is requested to publish the above Notification in the Extra-
Ordinary issue of Telangana Gazette, and arrange to send 2500 copies of
the same to Government in Ind & Com (M.I) Dept.,).
The Director of Translation, Telangana, Hyderabad(He is requested to furnish
the Telugu version of the Notification direct to the Commissioner, Printing,
Stationary & Stores Purchase (Ptg. Wing), Hyderabad)
The Director of Mines and Geology, Telangana State, Hyderabad.
The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Telangana State Mineral Development
Corporation Ltd., Hyderabad.
The Revenue Department.
The Environment, Forest, Science and Technology Dept.
All the Departments of Telangana Secretariat.

Copy to:
P.S. to Principal Secretary to the Hon’ble Chief Minister.
P.S to Hon’ble Minister for Mines and Geology.
P.S. to Hon’ble Minister for Revenue.
P.S. to Hon’ble Minister for Forest.
P.S. to Chief Secretary to Government.
P.S. to Secretary to Government & CIP, Ind. & Com Dept.
The Joint Directors/Deputy Directors/Assistant Directors of Mines and
Geology Dept., through the Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad.
The Law (A) Department.
Sf/Sc.(C.No.8674 /M.I(1)/2015)

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