

POLICY INITIATIVES:

State Government introduced 'One -Time Settlement Scheme (OTS)' for realizing mineral revenue dues with regard to Seigniorage fee payable by builders/realtors on consumption of minor minerals in civil works.

Introduced collection of Environment Impact Fee @Rs.3/- per square feet from realtors/builders (exclusively commercial activity) above 10,000 square feet of built up area to realize Seigniorage fee at source.

Considering the recession in domestic & international market and with an overall view to encourage Granite Industry in the State, announced concession in levy of Seigniorage fee with respect to Granite cutting & polishing units and Limestone slabs polishing units in the State.

Ministry of Mines, GoI declared (31) major minerals as minor mineral. Accordingly, State Government is formulating amendments to the existing Minor Mineral Concession Rules for regulation of minor minerals including newly added (31) minor minerals.

On formation of State of Telangana and as per the recent enactment of Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act 2015 and related Rules, the State Government duly considering the priorities for development of mineral sector is formulating 'Telangana State Mineral Policy' in tune with National Mineral Policy,2008 with special focus on swift clearance, speedy grant of mineral concessions with prioritization for captive industry; incentives as applicable under TS-iPASS (new Industrial Policy); good infrastructural facilities; pronouncing entrepreneur friendly initiatives' emphasis on environmental aspects; initiatives for conservation of minerals & waste management; identification & assistance in establishing auxiliary industry for better utilization of by-product generated from mining & mineral industry etc.

The mineral concession applications in the State are being received through on-line service.

State Government introduced 'Online Mineral e-payment & e-permit System' facilitating online services viz., statutory payments, filing, processing, issue

of dispatch permits & generation of transit forms (by leaseholders) through user friendly online service totally avoiding manual intervention.

OTHER INITIATIVES

- ❖ In the light of urbanization in and around major cities, the State Government introduced new concept of 'Mining Zones' away from habitation. Already declared 'Mining Zone' in Rangareddy District for extraction of building stone & road metal. More areas are being identified for declaring as 'Mining Zones'.
- ❖ State Government carrying out 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 for a period of five (5) years under Rule 74 of Mineral Concession Rules, 1960.
- ❖ MoM, GoI declared M/s Singareni Collieries Company Ltd and M/s TSMDC Ltd as Exploration Agencies as per the proviso under Section 4(1) of MM(D&R) Act, 1957 for exploration of mineral deposits in the State.