



ABSTRACT

Industries – Mines and Minerals – Installation of CCTV Cameras in all the State and District borders of Tamil Nadu – Amendments to the Tamil Nadu Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation and Storage of Minerals and Mineral Dealers Rules, 2011 – Notification - Orders – Issued.

Industries (MMD.1) Department

G.O. (Ms.) No.205

Dated: 25.08.2021

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Read:

1. G.O.Ms.No.19, Industries (MMD.1) Department, dated 25:01.2011.
2. G.O.Ms.No.234, Industries (MMD.1) Department, dated 09.11.2020.
3. Orders of Hon'ble High Court of Madras dated 09.10.2020 and 09.11.2020 in the Public Interest Litigation Writ Petition No.16841 of 2014 filed by Thiru. K.R.Ramasamy alias Traffic Ramaswamy.
4. Orders of Hon'ble High Court of Madras dated 30.11.2020 in the Public Interest Litigation Writ Petition No.16841 of 2014 filed by Thiru.K.R.Ramasamy alias Traffic Ramaswamy.
5. Government Letter No.8835/MMB.1/2014-1, dated 27.10.2020.
6. From the Director of Geology and Mining letter No.6843/MM2/2012-2, dated 04.12.2020.

ORDER:

In the G.O. first read above, the Government of Tamil Nadu have framed and notified the Tamil Nadu Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation and Storage of Minerals and Mineral Dealers Rules, 2011 under section 23 (C) (1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957) to curtail the illegal transportation of minerals by any carrier from the place of raising or from the place of stockyard or from one place to another without valid transit pass.

2. In the G.O. second read above, orders have been issued for amending rule 4(1) and 5(3) of the said rules for increasing the registration fee from Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) to Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) and the validity period of Registration Certificate of Mineral Dealers from 5 years to 10 years and the same has been notified in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary in No.SRO A-38(b)/2020 dated 09.11.2020.

3. In the Order third read above, the Hon'ble High Court of Madras has directed the Chief Secretary of the State Government to instruct all the District Collectors in the State to ensure the installation of CCTV cameras in all the State and District Borders, if not so far installed. In the letter 5th read above, the Chief Secretary to Government has instructed all the District Collectors (except Tiruvallur) to install the CCTV cameras in all the State and District Borders for ensuring the prevention of illegal transportation of minerals, utilizing 5% of District Mineral Foundation Trust fund earmarked for administrative expenditure. Further, the Chief Secretary to Government has instructed the District Collectors (except Tiruvallur) to procure the Cameras through Tvl.ELCOT Limited or by following Tender Transparency Act provisions.

4. In the Order fourth read above, the Hon'ble High Court of Madras has directed among others that if the Tamil Nadu Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation and Storage of Minerals and Mineral Dealers Rules, 2011 do not contain robust provisions with regard to CCTV camera installation, the Chief Secretary may propose to make necessary amendments in the rules for incorporating such provisions.

5. In the letter sixth read above, the Director of Geology and Mining has sent necessary proposal for making amendments to the Tamil Nadu Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation and Storage of Minerals and Mineral Dealers Rules, 2011 as per the powers vested with the Government under section 23-C of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.

6. The Government have examined the proposal of the Director of Geology and Mining carefully and have decided to accept the same with partial modification. Accordingly, the Notification appended to this order will be published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette, Extraordinary. The Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai – 600 079 is requested to supply 50 copies of the Notification each to this Department, Director of Geology and Mining – 600 032 and to all the District Collectors.

7. 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 Extraordinary and to the Collectors of all Districts for publishing it in the District Gazettes.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**N.MURUGANANDAM
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Works Manager, Government Central Press,
Chennai-600 079

The Director of Geology and Mining, Guindy,
Chennai-600 032.

The Director, Tamil Development & Information (Translation) Department,
Chennai - 600 009.

All District Collectors (through the Director of Geology and Mining).

The Accountant General,
Chennai- 600 018/600 035.

Copy to:-

The Senior Assistant/Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister for
Water Resources, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

The Industries (OP.II/MMA/MMB/MMC/MME/E) Department,
Chennai-600 009.

The Law Department, Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009.

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APPENDIX.

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 23(C) 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 Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation and Storage of Minerals and Mineral Dealers Rules, 2011.

2. It shall come into force on the date of publication in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette.

AMENDMENTS.

In the said rules,

(1) in rule 2,

(i) after clause (iii), the following clause, shall be inserted, namely:-

"(iii-a). "CCTV" means a Closed Circuit Television system involving one or more cameras connected to one or more monitors for surveillance and monitoring of illegal transportation of minerals";

(ii) after clause (iv), the following clause shall be inserted namely:-

"(iv-a) "Control room" means a protected room in the premises of District Collectorate wherein the CCTV cameras are monitored twenty-four hours by establishing sufficient monitors and manpower by the District Collector";

(2) after rule 9, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-

"9A Installation of CCTV Cameras.- (1) If the District Collector considers it necessary with a view to prevent the illegal transportation of minerals across the borders of the District, he may, install CCTV camera units at any place, in consultation with Superintendent of Police of the district concerned by an order in writing.

(2) All such CCTV units established shall be monitored by establishing a centralised control room at the premises of the District Collectorate by the District Collector or any other officer authorized by him in this behalf for live streaming of videos from the CCTV.

(3) The officials in-charge of the control room, shall monitor the videos and identify transportation of minerals, if any. In all such cases of transportation of minerals identified or suspected as illegal, the officials in-charge of the control room shall inform such incident to the enforcing officials authorized under sub-section (4) of sections 21 and 24 of the Act for immediate action and record that for future purpose. All the data received through live streaming shall be stored in the server for future reference.

(4) The Enforcing Officials shall take immediate action and furnish the action taken report to the District Collector within twenty four hours from the time of receipt of the information from the centralised control room.

(5) The District Collector shall establish a robust customer care centre which is functional twenty four hours at the centralized control room".

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