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NOTIFICATION

Sub: Instructions regarding Sand extraction in the State of Goa.

This department has taken various measures to streamline Sand extraction activities in the State of Goa.

The department in this endeavour has started giving sand extraction permits in zones identified for such extraction activities after obtaining necessary environmental clearance in this behalf.

In order to protect the eco-sensitive zones, so also the river banks, islands, bridges etc, the installation of GPS system on Canoes is mandated. So as to crew for movement of canoes and identification of sand extraction site.

Despite our efforts for regulation of sand extraction activities in the State of Goa, some illegal sand extraction activities are carried out unabatedly and department along with other concerned departments is conducting raids etc. on such illegal activities. Duty is also cast on permit holder of sand extraction to report such illegal acts to the department. In some instances, the matter is taken up by locals before National Green Tribunal, Pune.

In order to strictly enforce legal sand extraction activities and prohibit illegal sand extraction activities, the following is brought to the notice of persons involved in sand extraction for strict compliance.

- 1) Sand extraction activities within the State of Goa, shall be carried out only under an extraction permit granted by the department.
- 2) All Canoes used by such sand extraction shall invariably be fitted with GPS devices latest by 30th April 2016.
- 3) All Canoes and other material used for sand extraction by any extractor other than permit holder shall be confiscated by the department after 01/04/2016.
- 4) The department also reserves right to destroy any such Canoe used for illegal sand extraction with the cooperation of other departments such measures include burning or otherwise disposal of canoe at site as a deterrent to such illegal activity apart from imposition of exorbitant fines.
- 5) All illegal sand extractors including their family members shall be permanently debarred from grant of sand extraction licence for five years and incase of repeated offences, criminal prosecution shall be initiated against such persons.
- 6) It shall be presumed that canoe holder is also responsible for such illegal sand extraction activity, irrespective of the fact that whether he was involved in such activity directly or otherwise.
- 7) No sand extraction activity shall be carried out between 6.00 p.m to 6.00 a.m.

This Notification is issued for strict compliance and for information of public.


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