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Minutes of Meeting concerning implementation of decision of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India order dated 07/02/2018.

A short notice meeting was conveyed by Shri P. Krishnamurthy, Pr. Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister holding charge of the Chief Secretary today i.e 16/03/2018 at 10.00 a.m. to take stock of situation after closure of mining operations from 15/03/2018.

The meeting was attended by following.

- 1) Dr. Muktesh Chander IPS, Director General of Police, Panaji - Goa.
- 2) Shri Daulat Hawaldar IAS, Secretary (Mines),
- 3) Smt. Nila Mohanan IAS, Collector, North Goa District, Panaji - Goa.
- 4) Smt. Anjali Sehrawat IAS, Collector, South Goa District, Margao - Goa.
- 5) Shri Chandan Chaudhary IPS, Superintendent of Police(North), Panaji - Goa.
- 6) Shri Arvind Gawas, IPS, Superintendent of Police (South), Margao - Goa.
- 7) Shri Prem Kumar, Dy. Controller, Indian Bureau of Mines, Margao - Goa.

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8) Shri Prasanna A. Acharya, Director Mines and Geology,
Panaji – Goa.

The Chief Secretary initially took stock of Law and Order situation in the State of Goa after closure of mining operations since today 16/03/2018 and expressed his happiness that situation on ground is peaceful.

Chief Secretary then took stock of the details of production till 15/03/2018 and the stacks which are already moved out of Lease Hold Areas. He also asked Director, Mines and Geology as to how interest of the truckers, barge owners etc could be protected till further necessary course of action is initiated. He also desired that the transportation of royalty paid ore taken out of lease hold areas could continue as Ld. Adv. General has already opined that the transportation of royalty paid ore situated outside the Lease Hold areas can be carried out beyond 16/03/2018.

The Director informed that his Office was ready to allow transportation of ore beyond leasehold area infact the barges loading from jetties is going on. However, the leaseholders themselves are in the process of filing submissions etc because of which no transportation was carried out today on road.

Director assured Chief Secretary that a most transparent mechanism shall be put in place and use of dynamic website of the department shall be used to provide real time information with regards the details of stock extracted/produced, the details of ore dispatched outside leasehold areas till 7.00 p.m of 15/03/2018, so also the ore lying with the lease hold area as on 15/03/2018.

The details of permits issued and other details shall also be made available to general public so that the ongoing transportation activities are seen to be carried out in conformity with order of Hon'ble Apex Court dated 07/02/2018.

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Chief Secretary was briefed about the letter sent to both the Superintendent of Police by Director, Mines and Geology requesting for helping the department in security of ore which is stacked within the leasehold area and the ore lying in mining pits.

The Director General of Police along with both the Superintendents of Police sought to know the exact requirement of the department from the police administration and assured necessary assistance though posting of Police Personnel at each minehead may not be possible.

Chief Secretary sought the details of safety measures and the demand for pumping which has come from various sectors demanding continuance of such activities beyond 15/03/2018.

The Dy. Controller of Mines, explained the requirement of safety measures like pumping of water, protection of dumps, safety measures for avoiding possibility of collapse of dumps, trenching etc which are required to be carried out by the respective lease holder. He also mentioned that Indian Bureau of Mines has sought legal opinion on this issue.

The Chief Secretary instructed Director of Mines and Geology to issue necessary directions to respective lease holders mentioned in Order date 07/02/2018 to continue such safety measures under guidance of Director General of Mines Safety and not to stop pumping of water for drinking, agriculture and horticulture etc.

Chief Secretary after discussion with both the Collectors have made it clear that incase lease holders failed to comply with the directions, both the Collectors shall invoke powers vested in them under Disaster Management Act or Criminal Procedure Code 1973 entirely at the cost of Lease Holders.


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The Director of Mines and Geology informed that since water pumping will be for public purpose at cost of holders, they may not be subjected to water cess imposed by Water Resources Department to which Chief Secretary has asked Director of Mines and Geology to move formal proposal in this behalf to be Government for consideration.

Chief Secretary also instructed both the Collectors to nominate one Jt. Mamlatdar who shall through Talathis from respective saza where mining leases are situated shall supervise, inspect the activities of continuance of pumping of water and other safety measures by leaseholders.

The meeting ended with thanks to chair.




21/3/18
(Prasanna A. Acharya)
Director of Mines & Geology

Copy of the Minutes of the Meeting for information to:

- 1) Pr. Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Secretariat, Porvorim Goa.
- 2) PA to Chief Secretary, Secretariat, Porvorim Goa.
- 3) PA to Secretary (Mines), Secretariat, Porvorim Goa.
- 4) PA to Dr. Muktesh Chander IPS, Director General of Police, Panaji – Goa.
- 5) PA to Smt. Nila Mohanan IAS, Collector, North Goa District, Panaji – Goa.
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- 9) Shri Prem Kumar, Dy. Controller, Indian Bureau of Mines, Margao – Goa.
- 10) The Superintendent of Police, North Goa District, Panaji – Goa.
- 11) The Superintendent of Police, South Goa District, South Goa Collect orate, Margao – Goa.
- 12) The Regional Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines, Fatorda, Margao – Goa.
- 13) The Director, Directorate of Mines & Safety, Goa Region, Fatorda – Goa.