

**Dated: 24/09/2014**

**Sub:- Clarification regarding storage charges etc. claimed by previous lease holders, interested parties and others for e-auctioned ore.**

It has been brought to my knowledge that the bidders in e-auction are put to hardships by unnecessary claims raised by the previous lease holder, owners of jetties, Port Authorities and interested parties, thereby not allowing the successful bidders from moving/lifting their ore resulting in huge financial losses to them.

As e-auction is conducted as per Supreme Court Order dated 11/11/2013 and 21/04/2014 in Writ Petition (C) 435/2012 no bidder is required to pay storage charges to any Authority or person except for the services utilized by such bidders for processing or transportation of mineral in the State.

Such unreasonable claims of storage charges from successful bidders is neither allowed by Supreme Court of India nor by the State Government. As such, it is hereby clarified that no unreasonable claim including claim for storage charges etc. shall be made with successful bidders. In case such a claim is made by lease holders or interested parties, the same shall be viewed adversely against them while entertaining claim for extraction cost etc.

**By Order & in the name of  
Governor of Goa**

**Sd/-  
(Prasanna A. Acharya)  
Director of Mines & Geology &  
Ex-Officio Joint Secretary,  
Government of Goa**

Place:-Panaji – Goa.

Date:- 24-09-2014