

PRESS NOTE

- THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER CONVEYED AN EMERGENCY MEETING CONCERNING ISSUE OF TRANSPORTATION OF ORE FROM SONSHI VILLAGE IN PRESENCE OF THE LEASE HOLDERS REPRESENTATIVES AND THE DIRECTOR OF MINES & GEOLOGY AND PRINCIPAL CHIEF ENGINEER (PWD) AT HIS ALTINHO RESIDENCE ON 18/04/2017.
- THOUGH AFTER HEARING ALL, HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER EXPRESSED THAT PRIMA FACIE WHILE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO MINIMISE POLLUTION CAUSED DUE TO TRANSPORTATION ENROUTE SONSHI VILLAGE ARE IN PLACE FROM THE MINES SITUATED IN ADJACENT VILLAGES, FURTHER REDUCTION OF POLLUTION LEVELS AS ALSO MORE MITIGATIVE MEASURES IN THE INTEREST OF VILLAGERS RESIDING ALONG THE TRANSPORTATION ROUTE ARE REQUIRED.

FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS WERE ISSUED FOR IMPLEMENTATION FROM TOMORROW ONWARDS I.E. 19/04/2017:

- 1) IMMEDIATE STEPS TO BE TAKEN FOR GEONET FENCING ALONG THE ROAD IN VICINITY OF RESIDENTIAL AREAS IN SONSHI VILLAGE.
- 2) WHILST VEHICLES PASS ON UNTARRED SHOULDERS, THERE IS SMALL AMOUNT OF DUST GENERATION AND AS SUCH THE SHOULDERS OF THE EXISTING ROAD ARE TO BE TARRED IMMEDIATELY WITH NECESSARY COOPERATION FROM PWD AT THE COST OF MINING COMPANIES.
- 3) INSTALLATION OF CAT-EYE AND OTHER ROAD DELINEATION MEASURES ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT ALONG MINING ROUTE PASSING THROUGH SONSHI VILLAGE.
- 4) AT THE COST OF LEASE HOLDERS, RUMBLERS ARE TO BE INSTALLED ON TOP PRIORITY AT STRATEGIC PLACES SO AS TO REPLACE THE EXISTING SPEED BREAKERS/HUMPS WITH DUE NOC FROM PWD.
- 5) THE LEASE HOLDERS HAVE TO INSTALL WHEEL WASHING SYSTEM AT STRATEGIC PLACES ON TOP PRIORITY.
- 6) FROM TOMORROW ONWARDS (I.E. 19/04/2017) THERE SHALL BE TEMPORARY DIVERSION OF THE TRANSPORTATION OF ORE FROM MINES BEARING TC NO'S: 55/51, 110/53, 70/51, 5/54 , 6/55 & 16/55 BYPASSING THE RESIDENTIAL AREA OF SONSHI VILLAGE WHICH SHALL JOIN THE PUBLIC ROAD AT THE ENTRY/EXIT GATE OF T.C. NO 16/55, SO THAT TILL FURTHER MITIGATIVE MEASURES ARE TAKEN TO REDUCE THE POLLUTION LEVEL THOUGH AT PRESENT IT IS WELL WITHIN THE PERMISSIBLE PARAMETERS.
- 7) THE LEASE HOLDERS WERE ALSO DIRECTED TO CONTINUE EMPLOYMENT OF 108 VEHICLES BELONGING TO VILLAGERS FROM SONSHI.

