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ORDER

Whereas, Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Goa in WP No. 312/2022 has taken serious cognizance of illegal and unauthorized excavation and quarrying operations in the State of Goa.

Whereas, vide Order dated 17-8-2022 directions have been issued the Hon'ble High Court in the said matter to the undersigned to inquire into the matter.

And whereas, it is revealed that presently various departments and authorities who are empowered to look into such illegalities are acting independently and there is no coordination amongst them, which has led to delays in acting on complaints received.

And whereas, in case of sand mining, taluka level flying squads set up under Mamlatdars/Jt. Mamlatdars of respective taluka vide order No. 04/8/3/2018/Minor/ Mines/6412 dated 11/09/2018 has been found to be effective in monitoring and controlling of illegal activities in sand mining.

And whereas, in order to set up an effective enforcement mechanism for controlling illegal and unauthorized excavation and quarrying taluka-wise flying squads are hereby constituted under Mamlatdar of respective taluka consisting of the following officials:-

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1	Mamlatdar & Executive Magistrate of respective taluka
2	Police Inspector of concerned Police Station or any Police Officer authorized by him not below the rank of Asst. Sub-Inspector
3	2 Police Constables
4	Official as authorized by the Directorate of Mines and Geology
5	Assistant Engineer or any such Officer as authorized by the Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department
6	Asst. Motor Vehicle Inspector or any such officer as authorized by the Transport Department.
7	DSLIR survey staff attached to the office of the Mamlatdar

And whereas, the standard operating procedure to be followed by the flying squad is as follows.

1. Complaints received by any Department/Offices pertaining to illegal quarrying shall be referred to the respective flying squad.
2. The flying squads shall inspect and initiate action within 48 hours of receipt of the same/intimation thereof. FIR shall be filed against the person/s found carrying illegal extraction/transportation and the respective landowners. Action taken report shall be forwarded to the Collector and District Magistrate with copy to Director of Mines.
3. The machinery, equipment and vehicles used in extraction and transportation shall be seized and kept in the custody of Police Department.
4. The PWD shall make necessary arrangement to carry the seized machinery, vehicles and other equipment to the respective police station.
5. The District level 24X 7 helpline set up for sand extraction complaints shall also be extended for receiving complaints of illegal quarrying. Proper records of complaints received by the help lines shall be maintained by the Collectors of the respective districts and the complaints shall be immediately communicated to the flying squad.
6. The Department of Mines and Geology shall compile action taken reports on a monthly basis and forward the same to Secretary Mines.

All the above directions shall be strictly followed and enforced upon.

By order and in the name of
Governor of Goa


(Puneet Kumar Goel)
Chief Secretary

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