



Government of West Bengal
Department of Industry, Commerce & Enterprises
Mines Branch
4, Abanindranath Tagore Sarani ((Camac Street). Kolkata-700016

No 100-ICE-12011(99)/8/2022-MINES-SEC-Deptt. of ICE

Dated: 22.02.2022

ORDER

Whereas the Govt. of this Department has received several representation through West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Ltd and other statutory organisations for grant of approval for dredging/desilting operations in rivers/water bodies for the purpose of extraction of silt/earth/soil as filling materials for the linear projects.

AND WHEREAS, Land & Land Reforms & Refugee, Relief& Rehabilitation Department and this Department have approved the proposal.

AND WHEREAS, a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in this regard has been prepared (enclosed herewith) and approved by this Department.

Now the Government of this Department has been pleased to Order that henceforth West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Ltd. will act as State Nodal Agency for carrying out dredging/desilting operations in rivers/water bodies to extract silt/earth/soil for filling materials for all linear projects, guided by Standard Operating Procedure(SUP) stated above.


By order of the Governor,
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Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

Dated: 22.02.2022

- 1) The Principal Secretary, Irrigation and Water ways Department, Govt. of West Bengal ,Jalasampad Bhawan, Bidhannagar ,kol-91
- 2) The Principal Secretary Public Health Engineering Department , Govt. of West Bengal, New Secretariat Building,kol-1
- 3) The Principal Secretary, Public Works Department, Govt. of West Bengal. Khadya Bhavan, kol-87
- 4) The Chairman cum Managing Director
West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Ltd.
WBIIIDC Building, 3rd Floor, DJ 10, DJ Block, Sector-II, Bidhannagar,
Kolkata-700091 for kind information and necessary action.
This has a reference to his Memo No.MDTC/SAND/002/150 dt. 18.01.2022.
- 5) The Chief General Manager (Tech), RO, Kolkata,
- 6) The General Manager, West Bengal High way Development Corporation Ltd. HRBC
Bhawan, Munsii Premchand Sarani, kol-21
- 7-29) The District Magistrate(all) for kind information.
- 30-51) The ADM & DL & LRO (all) for kind information.


Deputy Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal

SOP for Dredging/Desilting/Extraction of Silt/Earth/Soil for filling material

Whereas Department of Industry, Commerce and Enterprises, GoWB and WBMDTCL have been receiving the representation for grant of approval for dredging/desilting in rivers/water bodies to obtain silt/earth/soil as filling materials mainly for the linear projects of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), West Bengal Highway Development Corporation and other statutory bodies/organisations.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE has published Gazette NOTIFICATION New Delhi, the 28th March, 2020 S.O. 1224(E) regarding exemption of Environment Clearance for purpose of "Extraction or sourcing or borrowing of ordinary earth for the linear projects such as roads, pipelines, etc". (Copy enclosed)

Thus in order to expedite the projects, the following SOP maybe adopted:

1. The government organization through its Project Implementing Unit/authorized agency shall identify the stretch of river/dam/water body/area for dredging/desilting/extraction of silt/earth/soil and conduct sample analysis of the material from an accredited lab for the purpose. Only those projects/areas having silt/earth/soil which is only fit for filling purpose and cannot be used for construction purpose shall be considered.
2. An application with the sample analysis report has to be submitted by the Project Implementing Unit/ authorized agency to Executive Engineer, Irrigation & Waterways Department/ Concerned authority under whose jurisdiction the stretch of river/dam/water body/area falls. Executive Engineer/ Concerned authority shall verify the details, peruse the sample report and if that the area has silt/earth/soil which is only fit for filling purposes (not construction purpose) will grant the NoC for such projects .
3. An application along with sample analysis report and with the NoC so obtained shall be submitted by the Project Implementing Unit/authorized agency duly forwarded by government organization to Department of Industry , Commerce and Enterprises with the copy to WBMDTCL.
4. Department of Industry , Commerce and Enterprises may directly or through its authorized agency i.e. WBMDTCL grant permission to carry out the work.
5. A copy of the said permission shall be sent to DLLRO of concerned district and Irrigation & Waterways Department/ concerned department.
6. WBMDTCL may directly or through concerned DLLRO of the district shall create a profile for the said agency in the centralized e-challan portal.
7. WBMDTCL may directly or through concerned DLLRO of the district shall grant excavation permit against payment of royalty, Cess , DMF and other charges for the maximum quantity as shall be intimated by the permission granting authority.
8. The role of the WBMDTCL/ concerned DLLRO of the district is restricted to , approval of excavation permit up to the maximum quantity as shall be intimated by the permission granting authority and facilitating the generation of road e-challan through online central portal for transportation of silt/earth/soil . However, the entire technical supervision of dredging/desilting/extraction of silt/earth/soil is responsibility of the parent department under whose jurisdiction the stretch of river/dam/water body/area falls.