



Government of West Bengal  
Irrigation & Waterways Department  
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From:

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To:

The Superintending Engineer  
North East Irrigation Circle – I/ North East Irrigation Circle – II/ North Irrigation Circle– I/ North Irrigation Circle – II/ Mayurakshi Canal Circle/ SE & PA to Chief Engineer (West)/ Subarnarekha Barrage Circle/ Western Circle – I/ Western Circle – II/ Greater Calcutta Drainage Circle/ Eastern Circle/ Superintending Engineer-II (Kangsabati Circle)/ Officer on Special Duty, Purulia.

Sub: Functioning of Check Posts, Enforcement etc. in respect of riverbed minor minerals.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this department letter no. 148 – IRC-IE-2L-303/15 dt. 06.09.2016 and to reiterate that a set of new Rules - West Bengal Minor Minerals Concession Rules-2016, West Bengal Minor Minerals Auction Rules-2016 & West Bengal District Minerals Foundation Rules- 2016 has been promulgated in connection with mining of Minor Minerals including riverbed materials.

As a consequence of this, the I & W Department will no longer be issuing Short Term Quarry Permits. In the new Rules, the onus of issuance of lease of Long Term duration has solely been vested upon the District Land & Land Reforms Authority under the supervision of the respective District Magistrates.

Accordingly, the scope of work of this department, in regard to management of extraction of riverbed materials, under the present rules, is now limited to the following:

- (a) Recommendation of Environmental Clearance by DEAC, in which the Executive Engineers of this Department will act as the Chairman of the Committee and
- (b) Rendering necessary assistance to the District Authorities in preparation of the District Survey Report and functioning of Assistant Engineers of this Department as Members of the Sub-Divisional Committees.

Consequently, the field officials of I & W Department will no longer be involved with issue/ enforcement of Short Term Permits. However, such field officers of I & W Department should be vigilant about the rivers/ embankments etc. under their jurisdiction to prevent any illegal encroachment, damage to embankments, inspection paths, irrigation structures and other departmental assets as usual and will take suitable follow up action in this regard.

  
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