Government of West Bengal partment of Industry, Commerce and Enterprises Mines Branch 4, Camac Street, Kolkata-700 016

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Date: 29.05.2025

ORDER

WHEREAS, Sand Mining operation remains strictly prohibited during monsoon season in the districts across the State,

AND WHEREAS, MDOs/Lessees are allowed to maintain sand stock during the monsoon to ensure smooth supply of sand required for developmental/infrastructural works,

AND WHEREAS, it has been reported by districts that during measurement of monsoon stocks by field level officials, it is noticed that some excess quantity of sand stock is found over the permissible and declared limit,

AND WHEREAS there is no uniform and established practice across the state to dispose such petty excess sand stocks,

AND WHEREAS, vide notification bearing No. 920-M&M/LR/A-II/M&M-8/2014 dated 23.03.2018 issued from the end of Department of L&LR & RR&R, it was fixed that price equivalent to 1.5 times the royalty shall be collected for disposal of any minor mineral(s) extracted without any lawful authority,

AND WHEREAS, for extraction of permissible quantity of sand, the MDOs/Lessees pay the bid premium along with statutory fees,

NOW THEREFORE, it is decided that the penalty to be paid by existing MDOs/Lessees having valid lease/agreement period, for disposal of such petty excess quantity of sand (per cft) should be the prevailing rate of sand notified by Public Works Department in the concerned District or the sum of the bid premium of that sand block plus 1.5 times the royalty, whichever is higher. Any sand stock for which no claim is submitted by MDOs/Lessees shall be disposed of through auction by the district authority following due procedure.

This is issued with the approval of the competent authority of this Department

to the Goyt, of West Bengal

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Copy forwarded for kind information and necessary action to:

- 1) The Chairman and Managing Director, WBMDTCL, 3rd Floor, WBIIDC Building, Kol-91
- 2) The Director of Mines and Minerals, West Bengal, 4 No Camac St., Kol-16
- 3) The Special Secretary, Department of L&LR&RR&R, Nabanna, Howrah
- 4) The District Magistrate(All)
- 5) The ADM&DL&LRO(ALL)
- 6) Sr. P.S. to Pr. Secretary, Department of Industry, Commerce and Enterprises Department with request to place it before the authority for her kind perusal
- 7) Guard file

Additional Secretary