

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Mines & Geology – Online issue of Dispatch Permits- Collection of user charges and Utilization – Permission accorded – orders – issued.

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (MINES.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 54

Dated: 09-03-2026

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No:203, Industries & Commerce (M.IV) Department, Dt:10.12.2014
2. G.O.Ms.No:43, Industries & Commerce (M.III) Department, Dt:08.07.2024
3. G.O.Ms No.49, Industries & Commerce (M.III) Department, Dt:02.09.2024
4. G.O.Ms.No.57, Industries & Commerce (M.II) Department, Dt: 18.04.2025
5. G.O.Ms..No:100, Industries & Commerce (M.II) Department, Dt: 26.06.2025
6. From the C&DMG, e-File No.INC04/839/2025-MN REVSEC-DMG. (Computer No. 2958840)

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ORDERS:

In the reference 4th read above, the Director of Mines and Geology, Andhra Pradesh has informed that the Government in the G.O. 1st read above, permitted the Director of Mines and Geology, Andhra Pradesh for collection of user charges, on Tonnage/Cubic meter basis to meet the expenditure to be incurred for maintenance of software and hardware for the online issue of permits from the lease holders. Since then, the user charges are not enhanced.

2. The Director of Mines and Geology, Andhra Pradesh has also informed that the Government in the G.O. 2nd & 3rd read above, have issued the guidelines for Free Sand Policy, 2024 and in the G.O. 4th & 5th read above, has introduced the Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Policy 2025 and implemented the Minor Mineral Policy, 2025, respectively.

3. The Director of Mines and Geology, Andhra Pradesh has also informed that as per the directions of the Government in the G.O. 2nd & 3rd read above, the Department has developed and maintaining the Sand Portal i.e., AP Sand Management System (APSMS) for implementation of Free Sand Policy by digitizing all the sand related processes from registration to delivery tracking. It is the Government prestigious programme.

4. The Director of Mines and Geology, Andhra Pradesh has stated that in addition to the already existing online services incorporated more services under the OMEPS system, there is a need to increase the capacity of the existing software and hardware infrastructure to meet the impending demand and the services are digitized to enhance ease of doing business, transparency and traceability. To support these initiatives, the department must invest in data analytics, reporting tools, and call centre infrastructure.

5. The Director of Mines and Geology, Andhra Pradesh has also stated that over the years the scope and scale of online services have increased significantly, necessitating robust IT infrastructure, secure hosting, continuous system enhancements, real-time monitoring, and integration with other government platforms. The volume of dispatch permits, complexity of services offered, and increasing user base have collectively led to an increase in operational and maintenance expenditure.

6. The Director of Mines and Geology, Andhra Pradesh has also stated that the Department is also planning to conduct periodic drone surveys for which an automatic analysis tool is to be developed to reconcile permit quantities with actual dispatches. Department also need to conduct workshops and investment road shows to attract private and institutional investors to the mining sector, showcasing the digitized systems, ease of doing business, and opportunities for sustainable mineral development.

7. The Director of Mines and Geology, Andhra Pradesh has also stated that at the time of Review of Budget Estimates 2026-27 Meeting, the Secretary (B&IF) has reviewed the budget proposals submitted by the department on 29.01.2026 and advised to meet the office expenses, PoL charges, Maintenance of Office Vehicles and other office expenses from the User Charges Collected by the Department.

8. The Director of Mines and Geology, Andhra Pradesh has stated that the enhancement of user charges is necessary to meet the expenditure from user charges, without imposing any additional financial burden on the

Government and requested to accord permission to the Director of Mines and Geology, to collect the user charges and utilization, as mentioned below so as to ensure the continued efficiency, transparency and sustainability of the department's digital infrastructure, service delivery and investment promotion efforts:

I) COLLECTION OF USER CHARGES

S.No	Minerals	Unit	Proposed Levy
1	Limestone	% of Royalty	0.50%
2	Major Minerals other than Limestone	% of Royalty	1%
3	Granite (Permit & Slab)	% of Seig Fee	1.25%
4	Minor Minerals other than Granite	% of Seig Fee	1%
4	Transit Passes	Rs. per Pass	5
5	Allotment of leases on nomination basis	Rs. Per Hect	100

Other Service.			
Application-level Services	i. Allotment of lease on a nomination basis	Rs. per Service	100
6 Lessee Level Services	i. Extension of time for execution of lease deed		
	ii. Issuance of MDCC		
	iii. Rectification of the leased sketch		
	iv. Condonation of delay in filing of Renewal application		
	v. Amalgamation of Leases		
	vi. Issuance of installments for arrears		

	vii. Filing of appeal	
	Viii. Filing of Revision	
	ix. Recognition of changes in partnership firm	
	x. Application for allotment of additional area for dumping	
Mineral Dealers	i. Delay in the condonation in the filing of Renewal of MDL	
Temporary permits	i. Permission for transportation of mineral from expired /determined leases	
	ii. permission for the transportation of seized mineral	
	iii. Permission for transportation of canal spoil/earth	

II) LIST OF SERVICES FOR UTILIZATION OF COLLECTED FUNDS

S. No	Component
1	Software Development and Maintenance of E-Permit System and AP Sand Management System
2	Software Licenses, Internet Bandwidth & SMS Charges
3	Operational Expenditure
4	Conduct of Workshops, Roadshows & Seminars
5	DGPS/ Drone Surveys
6	Director of Mines & Geology Office, Infrastructure and Maintenance
7	Any other incidental Expenditure

9. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby permit the Director of Mines and Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh for collection of user charges as mentioned in the table (I) of para (8) above

and to utilize the collected user charges towards to meet the expenditure to be incurred for services mentioned in the table (II) of para (8) above.

10. The Director of Mines and Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh is requested to take necessary action accordingly.

11. This order issues with the concurrence of **Finance (FMU. I&I, Energy, I&C) Department**, vide their U.O.No. FIN01-FMU0PC(IC)/32/2025-FMU-IC-IIE, dated.24.02.2026. (Computer No.2969564)

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MINES)(FAC)

To

The Director of Mines & Geology, Andhra Pradesh, Ibrahimpatnam.

All the Joint Directors, Mines and Geology/Deputy Directors, Mines and Geology/Assistant Directors, Mines and Geology through Director Mines and Geology, A.P.

Copy to:-

The Finance (FMU. I&I, Energy, I&C) Department.

OSD to Hon'ble Minister (Mines & Geology).

PS to the Prl. Secretary (Mines)

The Account General, A.P., Vijayawada.

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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER