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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE DEPARTMENT
(MINES-II)

AMENDMENT TO APMMC RULES, 1966 - PREFERENTIAL GRANT OF QUARRY LEASES
TO REGISTERED VADDERA COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

[G.O.Ms.No.126, Industries & Commerce (Mines-II), 23rd June, 2026.]

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957), as amended from time to time, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 issued in G.O.Ms.No.1172, Industries & Commerce (B.I.) Department, 4th September, 1967 as subsequently amended:

AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules

- I. In Rule 4 (Definitions), after clause (nn), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:

“(oo) “Registered Vaddera Cooperative Society” means a cooperative society composed exclusively with the persons belonging to the Vaddera community, registered under the Andhra Pradesh Cooperative Societies Act, 1964 or any other law for the time being in force for engagement in quarrying of minor minerals.”

“(pp) “Vaddera Quarry Pool” means the notified pool of one hundred (100) Hectares area of mineral-bearing Government land identified and reserved exclusively for preferential allotment to registered Vaddera cooperative societies.”

“(qq) “Evaluation Slot” means each of the eight fixed time windows of forty-five (45) days into which the calendar year is divided under Rule 12(1)(d) for the purpose of batch-wise scrutiny and disposal of applications for quarry leases for Part C(2) minerals, as specified in sub-clause (iv) of Rule 12(1)(d).”

II. In Schedule IV appended to Rule 10, Part C shall be sub-divided as follows:

1. The existing Part C shall be re-designated as Part C(1) and shall contain the following minerals, namely:

“Part – C(1)

- i. Chalcedony Pebbles
- ii. Fullers Earth/Bentonite
- iii. Limeshell
- iv. Limestone Slabs (Colour/White/Black)
- v. Manufactured Sand
- vi. Mosaic Chips
- vii. Rehmati
- viii. Shingle”

2. After Part C(1) as so re-designated, the following shall be inserted as Part C(2), namely:

“Part – C(2)

- i. Building Stone
- ii. Dimensional Stone used for Kerbs & Cubes
- iii. Morrums/Gravel & Ordinary Earth
- iv. Road Metal & Ballast
- v. Rough Stone/Boulders
- vi. Slate”

“Explanation — For the removal of doubt, wherever in these Rules reference is made to 'Part C of Schedule IV' or 'minerals listed in Part C of Schedule IV', such reference shall be construed as referring to both Part C(1) and Part C(2) of Schedule IV, unless the context of the specific rule expressly restricts it to one part only.

III. In Rule 10, after sub-rule (9), the following sub-rule shall be inserted as sub-rule (10), namely:

“(10) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rules (1) and (7) of this Rule, where a quarry lease for any mineral listed in Part C(2) of Schedule IV is granted on preferential basis to a registered Vaddera

Cooperative Society under Rule 12(1)(d), such lessee shall be eligible for a concession of fifty percent (50%) on the Seigniorage Fee payable to Government under Schedule I, for the duration of the lease and subject to the limit of twelve (12) Hectares per society prescribed under Rule 12(1)(d)."

IV. In Rule 12, in sub-rule (1), after clause (c) (Minerals listed in Part C of Schedule IV), the following clause shall be inserted as clause (d), namely:

“(d) Minerals listed in Part C(2) of Schedule IV

- i. An application for grant of quarry lease for the minerals listed in Part C(2) of Schedule IV shall be submitted in Form B to the Assistant Director/Deputy Director of Mines & Geology concerned, as the case may be, and each such application shall be accompanied by a plan drawn to the Scale with DGPS reading for each corner or angle termination while demarcating the boundaries and incorporating the DGPS readings (Geo Co-ordinates) duly signed by the applicant and by a qualified Surveyor, along with payment of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) towards non-refundable application fee and one time of Annual Dead Rent for every hectare or part thereof towards security amount.
- ii. The security amount shall be refundable when the application is rejected on technical grounds such as non-availability of area or rejection of No Objection Certificate (NOC) and shall be forfeited when the applicant fails to attend Survey and Inspection, withdraws the application, fails to execute the lease, or for any other lapse on the part of the applicant.
- iii. The calendar year shall be divided into eight Evaluation Slots of approximately forty-five (45) days each (*January 1 to February 15, February 16 to March 31, April 1 to May 15, May 16 to June 30, July 1 to August 15, August 16 to September 30, October 1 to November 15, and November 16 to December 31*). All applications received during an Evaluation Slot shall be taken up for scrutiny together on the expiry of the slot.
- iv. **Scrutiny at end of Evaluation Slot:** On expiry of each Evaluation Slot, the District Mines & Geology Officer concerned shall scrutinize all applications received during that slot and shall:
 - (a) examine each application for completeness, absence of overlap with existing leases or applications, and availability of the area;
 - (b) identify the total allottable quarry parcels and the total allottable area for that slot;

- (c) classify the applications into applications from registered Vaddera Cooperative Societies and other applications, in strict chronological order of date of filing; and
 - (d) determine the priority applicant for each allottable parcel in accordance with sub-clause (v) below.
- v. **Determination of Priority Applicant:** From the total allottable area identified under sub-clause (iv), a maximum of thirty-three percent (33%) shall be earmarked for preferential allotment to registered Vaddera Cooperative Societies within the concerned district. The priority applicant for each parcel shall be determined as follows:
- (a) If a registered Vaddera Cooperative Society is the first applicant for a parcel in chronological order of filing, the said society shall be the priority applicant on merit under First Come First Served (FCFS) principle, and the concerned parcel shall not be counted towards the 33% earmark.
 - (b) If a registered Vaddera Cooperative Society has applied for a parcel but is not the first applicant in chronological order, such society shall be the priority applicant for that parcel to the extent of the 33% earmark of the total allottable area for that slot.
 - (c) Priority among multiple Vaddera Cooperative Societies for the same parcel shall be: first, the society registered in the same village; next, the society registered in the same mandal; thereafter, the earliest-filed application.
 - (d) The remaining sixty-seven percent (67%) of allottable area, and any area within the 33% earmark for which no Vaddera Cooperative Society has applied, shall be disposed of on FCFS basis in chronological order of filing among all eligible applicants.
 - (e) If no Vaddera Cooperative Society applies in an Evaluation Slot, 100% of the allottable area for that slot shall be disposed of on FCFS basis.
 - (f) Each registered Vaddera Cooperative Society shall be eligible for preferential allotment under this clause up to a maximum of twelve (12) Hectares per society. Both the 33% slot earmark and the 12 Hectares per society limit shall be applied together.
- vi. **Forwarding for NOC:** After determining the priority applicant under sub-clause (v), the District Mines & Geology Officer (DMGO) shall forward the proposal to the Revenue Department for obtaining No Objection Certificate (NOC).
- vii. On receipt of NOC, the Deputy Director concerned shall communicate to the priority applicant with a request to pay the

1st instalment of premium amount of 3 times of Annual Dead Rent within fifteen (15) days for issue of LOI.

Provided that the Deputy Director concerned may condone the delay on a case-to-case basis and issue an extension of 15 days for payment of the 1st instalment of premium amount with reasons to be recorded in writing.

Provided further that the security amount paid by the applicant shall be adjusted towards the 1st instalment of premium amount. The Deputy Director concerned shall issue LOI along with a copy of the surveyed sketch showing the area on which the Mining Plan has to be prepared, on receipt of the 1st instalment of premium amount.

- viii. Non-priority applications shall be kept in abeyance until the LOI is issued to the priority applicant. Non-priority applications parked pending LOI shall be taken up for disposal in FCFS order if the priority applicant fails to pay the 1st instalment of premium amount or fails to attend the survey & inspection or any other default on the part of the applicant.
- ix. The LOI Holder shall submit Mining Plan, Environmental Clearance (EC) issued by the competent authority and Consent for Establishment (CFE) issued by the competent authority of APPCB along with payment of 2nd instalment of Premium Amount equivalent to 2 times of Annual Dead Rent within two (2) years for issue of grant for the proposed lease area.
Provided that the Deputy Director concerned may allow a further period of two (2) years, provided that the applicant applies for extension of time along with AMP, acknowledgement in token of filing application for grant of EC, and payment of Rs. 1,000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) in the Head of Account prescribed by the Government, before expiry of the period stipulated for submission of AMP, EC and CFE.
Provided further that after expiry of such period, no further extension shall be considered, and the Deputy Director concerned shall revoke the LOI and the deposit, premium amount and any other payments made so far shall be forfeited.
- x. Registered Vaddera Cooperative Societies allotted quarry leases on preferential basis under this sub-rule shall be eligible for fifty percent (50%) concession in the Premium Amount payable to Government.
- xi. Commencement of Preferential Allotment: The 33% preferential allotment to registered Vaddera Cooperative Societies under this sub-rule shall commence after the successful disposal of the

- Vaddera Quarry Pool of One Hundred Hectares notified by Government.
- xii. Notwithstanding anything contained in this rule, till the date on which preferential allotment under this rule is commenced, all applications for grant of quarry leases for minerals listed in Part C(2) of Schedule IV shall continue to be processed and disposed of in the normal manner on First Come First Served (FCFS) basis, without applying the preferential allotment framework.
- xiii. With effect from the date of commencement of preferential allotment under this rule, all applications pending disposal as on that date shall be treated as applications of the first Evaluation Slot and disposed of strictly in accordance with the provisions of this rule."
- v. In Rule 12, in sub-rule (5), in clause (a), in sub-clause (i), after the words "without obtaining the previous sanction in writing from the Director/Deputy Director concerned, as the case may be", the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:
- "Provided that where a quarry lease has been granted on preferential basis to a registered Vaddera Cooperative Society under Rule 12(1)(d), such lease shall not be assigned, sub-let, transferred or otherwise disposed of in favour of any entity other than a registered Vaddera Cooperative Society, notwithstanding anything contained in this clause. Any breach of this condition shall render the lease liable to cancellation by the Deputy Director concerned after giving the lessee a reasonable opportunity of stating its case."

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