

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Industries & Commerce - Mines Department - Compliance Reduction and Deregulation- Exemption of Pre-operative Licenses/Permissions to all Industrial, IT & Electronics Projects (Except Red Category) - Operationalization of a Self-Certification Based Temporary Permit Mechanism under APMMC Rules, 1966 for Excavation and Transportation of Minor Minerals – Orders - Issued.

INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 236

Dated: 11-09-2026

1. Compliance Reduction and Deregulation exercise notified by Cabinet Secretariat, Govt of India.
2. Minutes of the Group of Ministers (GoM) Meeting held on 23.07.2026.
3. Proposal from ITE&C Department, File No. ITC01-ITOPROM(ITPR)/72/2026-Promotions (efile no.3345995)

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, has initiated the exercise of Compliance Reduction and Deregulation across all States/UTs in India with the objective of reducing the regulatory burden on businesses, simplifying procedures and facilitating Ease of Doing Business.

2. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has been actively implementing key policy reforms to improve the Speed of Doing Business (SoDB) and accelerate project implementation across the State. In the Group of Ministers (GoM) meeting read above, the Information Technology, Electronics & Communications (ITE&C) Department highlighted concerns regarding procedural delays in obtaining statutory clearances and mining permissions for site preparation, land development, and excavation work by IT & Electronics units.

3. The matter was thus brought to the notice of the Mines Department wherein it was discussed that Excavation of Ordinary Earth, Gravel, Morrum, Road Metal, and Building Stone for site levelling and construction falls under the purview of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and the Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 (APMMC Rules, 1966).

4. To eliminate human interface, avoid physical verification delays, and accelerate project grounding, Government hereby orders the implementation of a **Self-Certification based Temporary Permit Mechanism** under Rule 9(iii) of APMMC Rules, 1966, specifically tailored for all eligible Industrial, IT & Electronics Projects (Except Red Category).

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5. Key features:

a. One-Time Digital Registration:

All eligible Industrial projects approved by the competent authority shall undergo a one-time registration on the Single Desk Portal (SDP). The project proponent shall declare the total estimated quantity of minor minerals (Ordinary Earth/Gravel/Road Metal) available or required to be excavated over the project lifecycle. The SDP shall route the registration seamlessly to the Online Mineral Revenue & Transport Permit System (OMEPS) via APIs to issue a unique Registration Number and user credentials.

b. Self-Certification & Instant Generation of Temporary Permits:

Based on the registration, the project proponent may apply for a Temporary Permit (valid up to 120 days) on SDP/OMEPS as needed. The application shall clearly bifurcate total excavated quantity into:

- i. Quantity used within the project premises: Exempted from Seigniorage Fee, DMF, and MERIT contributions under Rule 9(iii).
- ii. Quantity transported outside the project premises: Subject to advance payment of Seigniorage Fee, DMF, and MERIT contributions as per Schedule-I of APMMC Rules, 1966.

Upon self-certification and upfront payment of applicable levies for outside-transportation quantities, the Temporary Permit shall be generated instantly without prior physical site verification.

C. Phasing & Extensions:

Permits may be drawn in phases based on realistic 120-day requirements. If the sanctioned quantity is unutilized within the 120 days, an extension of up to another 120 days may be sought online for approval by the Director of Mines & Geology as provided under Rule 9(iii).

d. Digital Dispatches via e-Passes:

Transportation of mineral outside the site shall be executed using auto-generated digital e-Passes through the SDP/OMEPS login within the sanctioned limit for outside dispatch.

e. Post-Verification & Closure:

Upon exhaustion of the permit quantity or expiry of the 120-day period, the proponent shall submit an online Compliance/Closure Report. Post- verification site inspections shall be conducted by the Mines & Geology Department officials **only after** submission of the Closure Report, ensuring zero physical interference during active construction/pre- operative stages.

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f. Penalties & Statutory Enforcement:

Any mis-declaration, excess excavation/transportation beyond self- certified limits, or transportation without valid e-Passes shall attract strict penal actions under Rule 26 of APMMC Rules, 1966, including recovery of levies, fines, and cancellation of exemption benefits.

g. Inter-Departmental Coordination:

In case of operational bottlenecks or grievances during implementation, the matter shall be brought to the notice of the Secretary, Mines & Geology by the Secretary, Industries & Commerce or Secretary, ITE&C for administrative resolution.

6. The Director of Mines & Geology and the Director of Industries are directed to ensure necessary API integration between SDP and OMEPS immediately to operationalise this mechanism.

7. The operational guidelines shall be notified separately.

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

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To:

The Secretary to Government, I&C Department.

The Secretary to Government, ITE&C Department.

The Director of Industries, Andhra Pradesh.

The Director of Mines & Geology, Andhra Pradesh.

The Chief Executive Officer, AP Real Time Governance Society (RTGS)

All District Collectors in Andhra Pradesh.

All Deputy Directors / Assistant Directors of Mines & Geology.

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The PS to Chief Secretary to Government.

The PS to Hon'ble Minister for IT, E&C.

The PS to Hon'ble Minister for Mines & Geology.

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