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COMMISSIONERATE OF GEOLOGY AND MINING

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To
The Member Secretary,
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Chennai - 600 008.

Rc.No.1086/MM10/2022, dated 13.10.2022

Sub: Mines and Minerals - Development of Single
Window Portal for planning permission in Tamil
Nadu - Meeting conducted by CMDA on
12.10.2022 - details called for from the
Department - furnished regarding

Ref: 1. Lr. No. E2/7765/2022, dated 06.10.2022.

2. Meeting conducted by CMDA on 12.10.2022.

Kind attention is invited to the reference cited above.

2. As requested in during the meeting conducted by CMDA on
12.10.2022 the following details are furnished herewith:

S.No.	Details requested	Remarks
1.	The guidelines issued by the Department for granting NOC.	The draft proposal on the guidelines for issuing NOC by the department officials for constructions / conversion of land use etc., activities in Hill Areas submitted to Government vide this office letter no.6582/MM10/2021, dated 19.11.2021 is under the consideration of the Government. However, a copy of the draft proposal is enclosed herewith.
2.	Timelines for issuing NOC	As per the proposed guideline, the timelines for issuing NOC are as follows: I. On receipt of applications, for issuing demand notice - 3 days. II. Remitting of the investigation charges by the applicant - 30 days.

		III. On receipt of investigation charges, conducting field inspection – 7 days. IV. Issuing NOC after field inspection – 15 days.
3.	Nodal Officers of the Department	Tmt. K. Deepa, Deputy Director, Commissionerate of Geology and Mining, Guindy, Chennai – 32. Dr. D. Gnanavel, Assistant Director, Commissionerate of Geology and Mining, Guindy, Chennai – 32.
4.	User credentials required	The two user credentials each, i.e., one for initiator and one for approver are required for all district offices in the State and for the Commissionerate as NOCs for constructions / conversion of land use etc., are issued by all the district officers for the areas situated above 300m radial distance from quarries / areas situated at hill areas and by the Commissioner for the areas situated below 300m radial distance from quarries.

2. Further, the CMDA is hereby requested to communicate the user credentials for utilizing the Single Window Portal for planning permission in Tamil Nadu for issuing NOCs by the department.

Encl: As above

Sd/-J. Jayakanthan
Commissioner of Geology and Mining

Forwarded/By Order

Deputy Director

13/10/2022

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DIRECTORATE OF GEOLOGY AND MINING

From
Thiru. L. Nirmal Raj, I.A.S.,
Director of Geology and Mining,
Guindy, Chennai-32.

To
The Additional Chief Secretary to
Government,
Industries Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
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Letter No.6582/MM10/2021 dated.19.11.2021

Sir,

Sub: Department of Geology and Mining - Hill areas - Construction, development, land use conversion, etc. activities -Land slide -Geotechnical studies -Fixation of "Investigation Charges" for applications for Commercial purposes and Guidelines for issuing "No Objection Certificate"/ Geo-Technical Report - proposal send- Regarding.

Ref: Department review meeting conducted by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 24.07.2021.

Kind attention is invited to the references cited above.

2. The hill areas of the Nilgiris District and the Kodaikkanal area of Dingidul District are prone to landslides triggered by rainfall during the monsoons as the same are erosional residual mountains with high angle of slope. The district offices / Geo-Technical Cell of the Department of Geology and Mining in these districts are entrusted to conduct mapping of the hill areas for identification of weak zones susceptible for landslides and suggest remedial measures to the District administration to mitigate the natural hazards. Further, they are entrusted to provide technical feasibility report on the applications made by individuals and Government bodies for any construction, development, land use conversion and such other activities in the areas, after conducting necessary field studies.

3. In this connection the following are submitted:

i) In order to protect the Hill areas and restrict the development activities in the Hill areas, the Government created the Hill Area

Development Authority vide Go.Ms.No.44 Finance and Development (TC II) Department, dated 02.04.1990 and notified the Hill areas falling under the Hill Area Development Authority. The Department of Geology and Mining is also one of the members of the Hill Area Conservation Authority (HACA).

ii) The "No Objection Certificate"/ Geo-Technical Report from the Department of Geology and Mining/ the Geo Technical Centre is mandatory for commencing construction and other development activities in the hill areas as per the guidelines / master plans/ instructions issued by the HACA, the Directorate of Town and Country Planning and the District Collector in the Hilly areas.

iii) In this connection, in the Nilgiris District, the District Collector, after receiving the applications/ proposals in respect of any area for any construction, development, land use conversion and such other activities, directs the Deputy Director/ Assistant Director of Geology and Mining to furnish No Objection Certificate/ geo-technical report for the activities. In Kodaikkanal area, after receiving such applications/ proposals, the local bodies/administration requests the Deputy Director/ Assistant Director of Geology and Mining to furnish No Objection Certificate for the activities, if the area applied for is above 2500Sq.ft. Accordingly, the Deputy Director/ Assistant Director of Geology and Mining inspect the areas, conduct necessary geo-technical studies from the landslide point of view and provides "No Objection Certificate"/ Geo-Technical Report. Based on the "No Objection Certificate"/ Geo-Technical Report, the authority concerned disposes the application / proposal for construction of building, land use conversion, etc., in such areas. At present there is no application fee for preferring applications for such approval in the State.

iv) In respect of the Nilgiris, around 1500 application are received every year for No Objection Certificate/ geo-technical report, out of which an average of 85-100 applications are related to commercial construction. Further, in respect of Geo Technical Centre, Kodaikkanal, an average of 10 applications are received for "No

Objection Certificate"/ Geo-Technical Report for commercial construction.

v) In order to conduct geo-technical studies in the much difficult rugged hilly terrains of the Nigiris and Kodaikkanal area, the department is exerting its men and machinery, without collecting any specific fee or charge for the expenses incurred in this regard. Therefore, during the department review meeting conducted by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, it has been decided, in principle, to fix and collect the fees/ charges for conducting field inspection and offer "No Objection Certificate"/ Geo-Technical Report for the construction of commercial buildings, land use conversion, etc. on landslide point of view for clearance in the hilly regions.

vi) Accordingly, in order to meet out the expense for the geo-technical studies in the area and generate considerable revenue to the State Exchequer, it is proposed that the Government may issue necessary administrative orders with guidelines/instructions fixing specific fees/charges for conducting field inspections and issuing "No Objection Certificate"/ Geo-Technical Report for commercial construction/conversion of land use, etc. on the landslide point of view for the clearance in the said hill areas as follows:

- (i) On receipt of request for "No Objection Certificate"/ Geo-Technical Report from the District Collector/ Local Administration in respect of the applications preferred for the approval/clearance for construction of buildings, development, land use conversion and such other activities, by the Deputy Director/Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining in the Districts concerned or by the / Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Geo Technical Centre Kodaikkanal area of Dindigul district shall examine whether the application contains the following documents:
 - a. Location map of the area with latitudes and longitudes of the four corners of the proposed area in Degrees-Minutes-Seconds with decimals format.

- b. Original copies / extracts of village accounts viz. Chitta/Patta , Adangal and "A" register, FMB and combined Sketches
 - c. Detailed plan/ blue print of the construction, conversion of land use, etc. activities with necessary sketches.
 - d. In case the applied area is covered in the "Master plan" copy of the relevant portion of "Master plan".
 - e. Self certified statement of the applicant (in the application) on whether the application is for domestic or commercial purpose.
- (ii) If any of the documents is found not submitted along with the application, the applicant shall be instructed to submit the same within 30days from the date of receipt of such communication.
- (iii) In all cases of applications for commercial purpose, the Deputy Director/Assistant Director of Geology and Mining shall request the applicant to pay **"Investigation charges"** at the rate specified by the Government from time to time.
- (iv) Further, Any person who have applied for approval/clearance for the construction of commercial buildings/conversion of land use, etc. in the hilly areas shall remit **Rs.10 per square feet and part thereof**, to the Department of Geology and Mining, in the following head of the account as prescribed by the Government as **"Investigation charges"** for conducting field inspection for geo-technical studies and issuing "No Objection Certificate"/ Geo-Technical Report from the landslide point of view:

Head of Account:

- "0853 Non-Ferrous and Metallurgical Industries - 00Non-Ferrous and Metallurgical Industries - 501 Service and Service fees - AA-Professional and Special Services - 233 04 Geology (**D.P.Code: 0853-00-501-AA-233-04**)"
- (v) The Deputy Director/Assistant Director, as the case may be, on scrutiny of the applications shall send the demand notice on the basis of the area proposed for construction meant for Commercial purpose to the applicant within 3 days from the date of application.
- (vi) The applicant for the approval/clearance for the construction of buildings, development, land use conversion and such other

activities for commercial purpose shall submit the remittance challan to the Deputy Director/Assistant Director of Geology and Mining within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of such communication.

- (vii) On submission of remittance challan, in original, for the **“Investigation charges”** by the applicant for the area applied for, if the application is complete with all necessary documents, Deputy Director/Assistant Director / Assistant Geologist, of the Department of Geology and Mining shall conduct field inspection for detailed geo-technical studies in the area within seven days of receipt of remittance challan and issue “No Objection Certificate”/ Geo-Technical Report to the Authority Concerned within 15 days from the receipt of the application.
- (viii) All such “No Objection Certificate”/ Geo-Technical Report by the Deputy Director/Assistant Director / Assistant Geologist, of the Department of Geology and Mining shall essentially contain the following details of area:
 - a. Slope - Slope angle, Grade of Slope
 - b. Land use-land cover
 - c. Soil type and thickness of soil cover
 - d. Drainage pattern
 - e. Palaeo scars, if any
 - f. Recent landslides
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 - h. Classification of the “Zone” and
 - i. Specific remarks/recommendation
- (ix) All such “No Objection Certificate”/ Geo-Technical Report shall be duly authenticated by Deputy Director/ Assistant Director, Department of Geology and Mining, or else the certificate /report shall be invalid.
- (x) The details of receipts of “Investigation charges” shall be submitted to the Director of Geology and Mining on monthly basis.
- (xi) The District Collectors of the concerned districts shall periodically preview the progress made in this regard, atleast on a monthly

basis and send a comprehensive report to the Government through the Director of Geology and Mining.

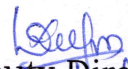
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In view of the above, it is hereby requested that the Government may issue necessary administrative orders with guidelines/instructions fixing "Investigation charges" for conducting field inspections and issuing "No Objection Certificate"/ Geo-Technical Report for construction of buildings, development, land use conversion and such other activities for commercial purposes from the landslide point of view, on the above lines, for issuing approval by the authorities concerned in the districts having hill areas, especially in the Nilgris district and the Kodaikkanal area of Dindigul district, with effect from the date of notification of the same and publish the same in the Government Gazette. In this connection, a draft guidelines for issuing No Objection Certificate/ geo-technical report for construction/ conversion of land use, etc. activities in Hill Areas is enclosed herewith.

Encl: As above

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Director of Geology and Mining

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Deputy Director

Draft Guidelines for issuing No Objection Certificate/ geo-technical report for construction/ conversion of land use, etc. activities in Hill Areas

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