

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING REGARDING SHARING OF INFORMATION ON EXPORT OF MINERALS FROM DIFFERENT PORTS HELD ON 25.10.2011 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA.**

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The meeting was chaired by the Chief Secretary to Government of Odisha. The list of participants is annexed.

Initiating the discussion, the mineral movement system to different ports by truck and by rail from different sources was explained by the Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, Department of Steel & Mines, Odisha. He stated that while transporting the minerals such as iron ore, chrome concentrate etc., the carrier obtains transit passes for each truck load. When the mineral is transported by a mine owner/trader from the lease the carrier obtains transit pass in Form 'M' of the O.M.Rules, 2007. Likewise when the licensee carries mineral from sources other than the lease area, each truck carries transit pass in Form 'G' of the O.M.Rules, 2007.

In both types of transit passes all the details about the name of the consignor, name of the consignee, truck no., mineral, grade, quantity etc. are recorded with the source of mineral and destination (where the mineral is to be delivered). Copies of the transit passes in Form 'M' & 'G' are enclosed herewith for reference.

The Chief Secretary desired to be apprised of the systems of allotment of plot in different port areas by the port authorities. In this regard the representative of the Paradip Port authority intimated that they have the system of allotment of plots in favour of lessees, exporters and stevedores for storing and exporting of minerals. Details of accounts are also maintained after the mineral is received within the port area.

Shri D. Nayak, Manager (Shipping & Cargo Handling) of Haldia Dock Complex informed that in all they have 1.5 lakh square meter area for the purpose of storage of minerals for export. The said area has further been divided into smaller plots of 2000 and 3000 square meters sizes. Out of these plots, 20 plots are given to exporters on license for a period of 11 months each. The remaining plots are called "Transit Plots". These are allotted to exporters for an initial period of one month as and when the ship arrives. Extension of period of allotment for another month is permissible if the exporter is able to load a minimum quantity of 8000 tonnes during the first month. Similarly, there is provision for second and third renewal of the period of

allotment depending on successful loading of different quantities of minerals during the specified periods.

Dr. K. Satyanarayan Rao, Traffic Manager, Visakhapatnam Port Trust indicated that they have allotted plots to 43 stevedores covering 2,66,000 square meter area for manual loading and an area of 1,40,000 square meter for mechanical loading.

The Chief Secretary opined that in order to check the illegal transportation and export of minerals from the State, a system is to be developed by keeping intelligible accounts on mineral transportation and export at port areas by the port authorities and communicate such reports to the Government of Odisha to cross check with the permission availed by the lessees, traders and stevedores.

1. The cross checking shall be made reconciling the quantity of mineral transportation from source to the destination by using the transit passes in Form 'M' & 'G'. In this regard the format was prescribed is to be maintained at the destination points i.e., at port area (consignee wise) showing the receipt of minerals at port (enclosed). The said information has to be furnished by the Traffic Manager to the Director of Mines, Odisha by the 15<sup>th</sup> of succeeding month.

Similarly, another format prescribed is to be maintained at the port area (consignee-wise/exporter-wise) sharing the quantity of mineral exported with bill of lading. The above information should also find place in the web-site for immediate viewing by all concerned.

It was also decided that on receipt of the information from the port authorities, the procurement details (source-wise), transportation, T.P. number, quantity, grade etc. shall be cross examined and in case of any discrepancy noticed, necessary steps shall be taken by the concerned competent authority under O.M.Rules, 2007 to cancel the license and file P.R. case against the consignor or consignee as the case may be. The competent authority shall also intimate the concerned port authorities to blacklist the trader/ exporter found involved in such activity.

2. The port authorities were requested to ensure checking of transit passes/ Railway receipts of each consignment being exported from the port. The exporter should produce before the port authorities the permits and passes/RRs against which transportation of ore has been made and the source of the ore. In case any doubt clarification may be sought from the Director of Mines.

3. Under the provisions of Rule 45 of M.C.D.R., 1988 ( central rule) any person/firm willing to trade & export the mineral in any State should get themselves registered with I.B.M.

and obtain a registration number. Likewise State Government under the provisions of O.M.Rules, 2007 allows the traders, exporters to deal with the mineral with a valid license number. As on date only end users outside the State were registered under OMPTs Rules, 2007 whereas exporters outside the State were not being registered. It was decided that all such exporters/ agencies procuring ore from Odisha should obtain a license from the concerned mining circle under OMPTS Rules, 2007 to ensure end to end accounting of minerals.

The Port authorities were requested to ask the traders, exporter and stevedores to obtain the registration number from IBM and also obtain license from the State Government to deal with the mineral. After submission of such registration number and license copy, the traders/exporters may be allowed to store mineral at the allotted plot and export through the concerned ports.

4. As authorities from Gangavaran and Kakinada ports were not present in the meeting it was decided that exports should not be allowed through these ports unless the ports put in place credible systems for undertaking verifying consignments of ores and sharing the information with the State.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
Chief Secretary