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## Part III—Section 1(a)

**General Statutory Rules, Notifications, Orders, Regulations, etc.,  
issued by Secretariat Departments.**

### NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

#### INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

AMENDMENT TO THE TAMIL NADU MINOR MINERALS CONCESSION RULES, 1959.

[G.O. (Ms.) No. 50, Industries (MMC-1), 27th April 2017, சித்திரை 14, ஹேவிளம்பி,  
திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு-2048.]

#### No. SRO A-19(a)/2017.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (1-A) of Section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulations) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following amendments to the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959, namely:-

#### AMENDMENT

In the said Rules, in rule 12, —

(1) for sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:-

“(2) (a) Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, for quarrying clay, silt, savudu and gravel from the beds of tanks, channels and reservoirs in the State (except Chennai, Kancheepuram and Tiruvallur Districts) under the control of Public Works Department or Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department or the Executive Engineer of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, as the case may be, shall prepare the list of tanks, channels and reservoirs and submit their proposal to the District Collector for removal of clay, silt, savudu and gravel from the beds of tanks, channels and reservoirs with demarcation of eligible areas and the estimation of quantum of such mineral to be removed in respect of each area along with the conditions to be stipulated for removal of such mineral from the tanks, channels and reservoirs. The District Collector shall notify the said list in the District Gazette.

(b) Any person engaged in the making of pots or any registered Pottery Labourers Co-operative Society registered under the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Act, 1983 (Tamil Nadu Act 30 of 1983) for making pots, the public for bonafide domestic purpose and the farmers for agriculture purpose be allowed

to quarry clay, silt, savudu and gravel, on free of charges from the beds of tanks, channels and reservoirs under the control of the Public Works Department or Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department which are notified by the District Collector in the *District Gazette* under this rule after obtaining permission from the District Collector for quarrying:

Provided that the dwelling place or agricultural land of the person concerned and the quarrying place shall be in the same revenue Village or in the adjoining revenue Village. For removal of the above said minerals by any person for agricultural purpose shall produce a certificate issued by the Village Administrative Officer to the effect that they are holding lands in their name or a cultivating tenant as per Adangal Register:

Provided further that the quantity of silt and clay proposed to be removed for agricultural purpose from the beds of tanks, channels and reservoirs shall not exceed 75 Cubic meters per acre (185 Cubic meters per Hectare) for wet lands and a quantum not exceeding 90 Cubic meters per acre (222 Cubic meters per Hectare) for dry lands once in two years. The quantity of earth, savudu and gravel proposed to be removed for other domestic purposes shall not exceed 30 cubic meters. The quantity of clay proposed to be removed for making pots shall not exceed 60 cubic metres:

Provided also that prior permission shall be obtained from the District Collector for removal of such quantity of minerals from the tanks, channels and reservoirs and the period of permission shall not exceed 20 days :

Provided also that quarrying shall be permitted only in the area demarcated by the Public Works Department or Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, as the case may be, and the minerals shall be loaded in the Vehicles brought by the applicant by the Public Works Department or Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, as the case may be.

(c) Any removal of mineral from these lands shall be subject to the following restrictions, namely :—

(i) Pits shall be at a distance of at least twice the height of the bund from the toe of the bund and they shall not be more than one metre in depth (the depth shall be less, if pits one metre deep are likely to expose porous strata) ;

(ii) Clay, silt, savudu and gravel shall not be carted along the tank bund unless the bund is a recognized road or cart-track ;

(iii) Bunds shall not be cut to enable to pass ;

(iv) Clay, silt, savudu and gravel removed should not be stacked on tank beds, sluice or any other masonry works of the tanks and causeways or slopes of the bunds ; and

(v) Vehicles and carts shall not touch any portion of the revetment, sluice or any masonry works of the tanks and cause damage to them.”; and

(2) in sub-rule (2-A), in clause (a), for the expression “30 cubic meters”, the expression “222 cubic meters” shall be substituted”.

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