

**Government of West Bengal**  
**Department of Commerce Industries**

No. : 359/A - CI/01 Coal /05/11-1

Dated, Kolkata, the 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2005

**NOTIFICATION**

Whereas it has been reported by the District Magistrate of Burdwan of Districts having coal reserves that illegal mining within the lease hold area of Eastern Coal Fields as well as in areas outside the lease hold area of the Eastern Coal Fields is taking place in the district ;

And whereas State Govt. is deeply concerned about the increasing extent of illegal coal mining, which is causing loss of revenue and loss of human life and property ;

And whereas State Govt. considers it necessary to constitute Task Force at the district level and at the State level to monitor and check illegal mining of coal in lease hold areas of Eastern Coal Fields as well as in areas outside the lease hold area of Eastern Coal Fields.

Now, therefore, the State level task force and district level task force are constituted with the following members:

**State level task force:**

1. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal –Chairman.
2. Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department to the Govt. of West Bengal – Member.
3. Principal Secretary, Commerce & Industries Deptt., Govt. of West Bengal –
4. Director General of Police, Govt. of West Bengal – Member.
5. Chairman-cum-Managing Director , Eastern Coal Fields Limited – Member.

6. Regional Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines – Member.
7. District Magistrate, Burdwan – Member.
8. Joint Secretary, Mines Branch, Commerce & Industries Department – Member Convenor.
9. Superintendent of Police, Burdwan.

**Function of the task force:**

- (i) Review the action taken by the district level committee for checking the illegal mining activity.
- (ii) Action taken by the State Govt. on the cases of illegal mining referred to by any authority or on public complaint.
- (iii) Any other relevant matter or issues referred by Central or State Govt. related to mining.
- (iv) Actions and recommendation of the task force to be communicated to the Central Government.

The meeting of the State level Task Force should be convened once in a quarter.

**District level task force:**

1. District Magistrate, Burdwan – Chairman.
2. Sabhadhipati, Zilla Parishad, Burdwan – Member.
3. Superintendent of Police, Burdwan – Member.
4. Joint Secretary, Commerce & Industries Deptt., Govt. of West Bengal (Mines Branch) – Member.
5. District Land & Land Reforms Officer, Burdwan – Member.
6. Director of Mines & Minerals, Govt. of West Bengal – Member.
7. Representative of Eastern Coal Fields Ltd. – Member.
8. Additional District Magistrate, Asansol, Burdwan – Member Secretary.

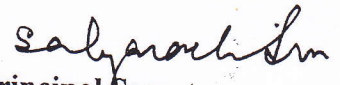
**Function of the task force:**

- (i) To collect/review the information/cases/issues relating to the illegal mining and decide the actions to be taken to prevent illegal mining.

- (ii) The action taken to prevent illegal mining to be communicated to the Chairman of the State level task force.
- (iii) Collection of information for the quarterly return of illegal mining and submission to the State level task force.

The meeting of the district level task force should be convened once in a month.

This order issues with the approval of Chief Secretary.

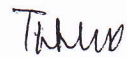
  
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