

Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board

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The State Board stipulates condition while issuing consent for mining leases that one third of the mining lease area should be covered through plantation. The State Board has adopted this criteria, in line with the National Forest Policy, 1988.

It is being noted that in many cases especially when mines are small, efforts of project proponent to comply with this condition are not meeting with success due to various factors like unsuitable land, limited space, too much disturbance etc.

State Board accordingly also allows mining lease holders to carryout plantation outside mine area as per guidelines issued for abatement of pollution from mining operations. The land on which such plantation may be done could be khatedari or other lands.

Even this becomes difficult at many places and survival of the plants remains questionable, not fulfilling the basic objective. The RSPCB therefore now also intends to allow such plantation done through Forest Department by deposit of cost of plantation by the mine owners to the Forest Department.

Interested Mine owners may calculate amount to be deposited at the rate of 1,30,000/-per hectare and deposit it to State Forest Development Agency Savings Account No.-61101661757, IFSC Code-SBIN0031510.

All the ROs are advised to ask the mining leases which have not undertaken adequate plantation (i.e one third of the lease area under plantation), so far to deposit cost of plantation after calculation as given here under:-

<u>Case-1</u>:- I. Lease area is say 1.0 Hectare.

- II. No of plants raised Nil
- III. Area to be covered under plantation- 1.0/3.0 Hectare
- IV. Cost for plantation to be deposited with forest department $-1,30,000/- \times 1.0/3.0 = \text{Rs. } 43,333/-$

Case-2:- I. Lease area is say 1.0 Hectare.

- II. No of plants raised say 50.
- III. Area covered by 50 plants, taking 25 sqm. coverage by one tree 50*25= 1250 sqm.
- IV. Area required to be covered under plantation = 10,000 sqm/3 = 3333.33 sqm.
- V. Additional area to be covered under plantation = 3333 -1250 = 2083 sqm. or 0.2083 Hecatre
- VI. Cost for plantation to be deposited with forest department $-1,30,000/-\times0.2083 = \text{Rs.}\ 27,079/-\text{say}\ \text{Rs.}\ 27100/-$



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All the ROs are hereby directed to ensure that the mining lease holders either raise plantation to cover at least one third area equivalent to lease area or deposit cost of plantation and provide proof of such deposit on the pro rata basis as narrated. Deposit of such amount, shall be considered adequate for compliance of condition regarding plantation on one third of the mine area.

(Vijai N.) Member Secretary

Copy to following for information and necessary action please:-

1. Additional Chief Secretary, Mines & Petroleum, Government of Rajasthan.

2. P.S. to Chairperson, RSPCB, Jaipur.

3. PS to Member Secretary, RSPCB, Jaipur.

- 4. PCCF(HoFF)- with request to issue instructions to the District level officers of the Forest Department to provide necessary support/guidance to Regional Officers of the RSPCB and Mining Lease holders.
- 5. Director, Department of Mines & Geology, Government of Rajasthan.

6. District Collector

7. The CEE/CSO/CAO/HOO, RSPCB, Jaipur.

8. The Group In-charge, HBC/ MSW/ E-waste/ Mines & SCMG/ Legal/ CD/PDF/Planning & VTR/ OGM/ Hazardous Waste/ Battery Rules/ IT/-Textile/Liquid Waste/ MUID/ CPP/ Plastic/ECC/ Project & IEC/ RTI/ BMW, RSPCB, Jaipur.

9. Regional Officer, Regional Office, RSPCB, Alwar/ Balotara/ Banswara/ Bharatpur/ Bikaner/ Bhilwara/ Bhiwadi/Bundi/ Chittorgarh/ Hanumangarh/ Jaipur(N)/ Jaipur(S)/ Jaisalmer/Jhalawar/Jhunjhunu/Jodhpur/Kishangarh/Kota/Nagaur/Pali/Rajsamand/Sikar/Sirohi/Sawai Madhopur/Udaipur.

10. Group Incharge (IT), to upload on Board's website.

11. Master File.

Member Secretary