



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, KATHUA

Subject: Imposition of ban on excavation of Minor Minerals like Sand/Bajri and RBM etc on State Land in the periphery of Rivers/Nallahs of District Kathua.

ORDER

Whereas, certain reports appeared in the media regarding illegal extraction of Minor Minerals like Sand/Bajri and RBM etc.

Whereas, similar order was issued earlier also from this office vide no. DMK/JC/2018-19/2544-59, dated 05.04.18.

Whereas, Tehsildar, Kathua had earlier also reported death of 13 years old boy on 04.04.2018, due to drowning in the deep gorge at village Maksospur causing law and order problem.

Whereas, the proprietors of the stone crushers are indulging in illegal extraction in the area of River Ravi and other water bodies. Therefore, to stop extraction of Minor Minerals within the limits of 500 meters, upstream and downstream from the newly constructed bridge over River Ravi at village Keerian Gandyal, J&K, under Interstate Connectivity Scheme(ICS), Railway Bridge and Lakhanpur Bridge.


Whereas, as per norms no extraction is allowed near the motorable and railway bridges within a distance of 500 meters both upstream and downstream of these bridges of district Kathua and major Hydraulic structures.

Whereas, similarly in the case of culverts on the local Nallahs, no extraction is allowed upto 150 meters upstream and 100 meters downstream. All the norms and guidelines needs to be implemented in letter and spirits.

Now, in view of the above circumstances, it is imperative to impose immediate ban on extraction of Minor Minerals in the vicinity of bridges to safeguards these Motorable/Railway bridges in the larger interest of Government property viz-a-viz the life and property of people. Therefore, **I, Vikas Kundal, IAS, District Magistrate, Kathua** in exercise of powers vested in me under Section 144 of CrPC, do hereby restrain any person, vehicle or machine whomsoever or whichever from excavating sand, Bazari and RBMs from the River/Nallahs and State land within a periphery of 1 kilometer of all major structures like bridges, aqueducts, siphon and protection bund etc. Further this restriction shall also apply on local nallahs within the distance of 100 meters periphery of culverts/vented causeways for a period of 02 months from the date of issuance of this order.

Given under my seal and signature today on 1st day of May, 2019. Service of this order be made to all the Addl. Deputy Commissioners, SDMs, Tehsildars & SHC and general public through print and electronic media for information and compliance.

No: DMK/DC/220-29
Date: 1-5-2019


Vikas Kundal, IAS
District Magistrate,
Kathua

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2. Sr. Superintendent of Police, Kathua for information and necessary action
3. Addl. Deputy Commissioner Kathua/Billawar/Basohli for information.
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5. Sub Divisional Magistrate Hiranagar/Bani for information.
6. Tehsildar.....for compliance.
7. District information Officer, Kathua for wide publicity through new papers.
8. District Informatics Officer(NIC), Kathua for uploading on official website.
9. Dist. Mineral officer for information & n/a.

