

KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA

No.Compt:Uplok:BD-387:2007/ARE-5

M.S.Building,
Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Road,
Bangalore,
dt:23.12.2016.REPORT U/S 12(1) OF THE KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA ACT,
1984

Sub: For taking action to stop illegal mining carried on in the limits of Kannur, Mittiganahalli and Bande Hosur of Bidara Halli Hobli in Bengaluru East -reg.

Suo-Moto investigation u/s 7(2) of Karnataka Lokayukta Act was taken up on the basis of newspaper clipping published in New Indian Express dt:28.6.2007 regarding illegal mining.


2. Report of Dy.Director of Mines and Geology, Bangalore was called for and he has submitted report stating that all possible steps are being taken to prevent illegal mining by filing complaints and seizing equipments and vehicles used for illegal mining. So far legal mining by permit/licence holders, strict measures are being taken to prevent air and noise pollution as well as safety of people.

3. Further, report from Dy.S.P. Karnataka Lokayukta, Bangalore Rural was called for on the illegal mining. Dy.S.P. has submitted report stating that the concerned officers of mining department conducted raid on the mining area on some selected days in a year and booked cases against the persons who were indulged in illegal mining activities and collected penalty from them. But they have not conducted regular raids or inspection to prevent the illegal mining.

4. Reports were also obtained from Senior Geologist, Bangalore Urban, Tahasildar, Bangalore North Taluk and also Chief Electoral Inspector. The said reports reveal that illegal stone quarry activities are still carried on in the limits of Kannur, Mittiganahalli and Bande Hosur of Bidarahalli Hobli of Bangalore East Taluk.

5. In view of the above, this report is made under Section 12(1) of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act to the Government to direct the concerned Competent Authorities to take all possible steps to check and curb the illegal mining activities including issuing directions to jurisdictional officers of the departments of Revenue, Mines and Geology, Police and other concerned departments that they will be jointly and severally responsible in case of revival of such instances.

6. The Competent Authority shall take steps to implement this report within a period of one month from the date of this report and shall submit action taken report in this regard as provided under Section 12(2) of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act.


(Justice N. ANANDA) 24/12
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BENGALURU.

