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Irrigation & Waterways Department
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MEMORANDUM

Issues relating to illegal mining of riverbed materials causing loss to Government revenue and related law and order issues, and movement of trucks & heavy vehicles carrying overloaded materials, grossly violating the specification of maximum gross vehicular weight, thereby causing damages to river embankments, and infrastructures including roads and bridges have become a major cause of concern to the State Government.

2. A video conference was held by the Chief Secretary on this subject with the District Magistrates and Superintendents of Police of all the districts, in presence of Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Director General of Police and Principal Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department on 14th July 2015, where the issues concerned, associated problems therewith and remedial measures required were discussed.
3. District Level Task Forces are being set up in all districts, to be headed by the District Magistrate and comprising the Superintendents of Police and the Nodal Superintending Engineers of the Irrigation & Waterways Department to take various measures to prevent illegal mining of riverbed materials and plying of overloaded trucks.
4. In order to periodically review the issues concerned at the state level, it has been decided to set up a State Level Task Force, to be headed by the Home Secretary and comprising Director General of Police, Land Reforms Commissioner & Ex-officio Additional Chief Secretary, Land & Land Reforms Department, Principal Secretary, Commerce & Industries Department and Principal Secretary, Irrigation & Waterways Department.
5. The State Level Task Force will meet once in a month for the time being to discuss and review the steps taken to control illegal mining of riverbed materials, overloading of trucks and other measures as may be required for tackling the menace.

Sd/-
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