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DCs ordered to halt illegal mining immediately: BSY

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Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa said on Sunday that he had directed the deputy commissioners to take steps to halt illegal mining activities immediately.

Speaking to media-persons here on Sunday, the CM clarified that he had not stated that illegal mining activities could be regularised.

The officials concerned have to visit the mining sites after receiving applications and issue licences only after ensuring that mining activities won't harm anyone. Yediyurappa said the government would not support illegal mining. The chief minister admitted that illegal mining activities were happening across the state.

He said in the light of apprehensions expressed by experts that illegal mining activities at Baby Hill in Mandya district

might pose a threat to KRS dam, he had directed the officials concerned to take necessary action immediately.

Yediyurappa said crushed stones were essential for construction works. The government would not trouble those operating stone crusher units legally.

He warned that officials concerned would be held liable for illegal mining activities.

When questioned on the leakage of question papers of the KPSC exam for recruitment of first division assistants, Yediyurappa said that a high-level probe would be conducted and that officials concerned had been suspended.

If the situation demands, more officers would be suspended, the chief minister said. He said farmers could stage their planned agitation peacefully on January 26 and that his government was in favour of farmers.