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BSY orders crackdown on illegal Mandya mining ops

Govt Will Craft Guidelines For Quarrying Soon

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Bengaluru/Shivamogga: Karnataka chief minister BS Yediyurappa on Sunday ordered crackdown on illegal mining in Mandya district's Baby Betta area very close to the century-old KRS reservoir. Also, the state government said it will soon issue guidelines for stone quarrying, crushers and usage of explosives in the wake of Shivamogga blast that claimed six lives recently.

Following political slugfest over the Baby Betta controversy, the CM said he had instructed district officers to stop the illegal mining in

SS I am not in favour of regularising unauthorized quarrying... My Shivamogga statement - 'unauthorised miners should apply for regularisation' - has been misinterpreted.

I had not said illegal mines will be regularised 'if they apply'

BS Yediyurappa
CHIEF MINISTER

and around the sensitive area. "I've asked the deputy commissioners in the state to conduct a survey and initiate action. If unauthorized miners apply for regularisation, then officials should conduct spot inspections and grant permit only if there is no ill-impact," he said.

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Former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy on Sunday accused the BJP government of allowing illegal mining in Mandya district. He claimed that he had stopped such activities when he was the CM. Countering his statement, BJP said it was JD(S) member and former minister CS Puitaraju who owns mining units in the district's Baby Betta area. P 4

Basavaraj Bommai said a meeting on Monday will deliberate on the issue before coming out with guidelines.

Facing flak from the Congress, Yediyurappa clarified he was not in favour of regularising unauthorized quarrying in the state.

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Illegal mining should stop: CM

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The CM said supply of crushed stones is essential for the development of infrastructure. "There is no objection to supplying the crushed stones legally. When there was a shortage of the crushed stones earlier, we would bring them from Bengaluru and Mangaluru. If the problem recurs, then there will be a burden on the exchequer, delaying development works. Hence, crushed stones are required. But illegal mining should stop," he said.

He said Bhoji community makes crushed stones manually and are dependent on quarries for their living. The government is considering their interest too, he added. "...But crushers should be set up under guidelines and within the legal framework."

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