

**GOVERNMENT OF THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA
HOME AND TRIBAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**

NOTIFICATION

Peshawar, dated the 22.02.2023

No.SO (ARMS) HD 2 – 47 (Explosive)/23 (SOPs).- In supersession of this Department letter No. SO (ARMS) HD / 20- 47 / Explosives/2022 dated 18.10.2022, the following Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are hereby notified to provide regulatory framework and institutional mechanism with the aim to ensure efficient, safe and secured use and to avoid wasteful use and pilferage of explosives in the Province.:

**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOPS)
FOR USAGE OF EXPLOSIVES IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA**

1. (1) There shall be a District Explosive Committee (DEC) in each district, which shall consist of:

a) Deputy Commissioner	Chairperson
b) District Police Officer	Member
c) Director Explosives, Regional Office Peshawar or his nominee	Member
d) Assistant Commissioner Concerned Sub-Division	Member
e) Officer from Pak Army/FC	Member
f) Officer from Military Intelligence	Member
g) Officer from Inter Service Intelligence	Member
h) Officer from Intelligence Bureau	Member
i) DSP/AGO special Branch	Member
j) Assistant Director/Inspector of Mines, Mines & Mineral Deptt	Member
k) AD IT Home Department as focal person for website at HD	Member
l) Additional Deputy Commissioner	Member-cum-Secretary

(2) **TORs:** The DEC shall,-

- a) recommend to the Deputy Commissioner concerned, after verification, for issuance of license for EL-04 and EL-05 under the provision of Explosives Rules, 2010.
- b) recommend to the Deputy Commissioner concerned, after due verification, for issuance of NOC for EL-01, EL-02, EL-03 and EL-11 under the provision of Explosives Rules, 2010.
- c) carry out necessary verification/ clearance of all license holders and persons appointed in charge of explosive magazines.
- d) Put in place formalities to ensure strict application of relevant rules/procedures for safe-handling, transportation, storage and usage of explosives and record maintenance thereof.
- e) conduct physical verification of all magazines and working sites in the Districts and perform security audit of all license holders therein. The DEC shall,

accordingly, submit quarterly report, to Home Department with recommendations.

- f) ascertain that explosive consumption by miners of active mine leases and blasters (during construction work) is in order and no one is using explosive without EL-04 and EL-05 license.
- g) remain watchful that transportation of explosive from manufacturer to consumer is completed strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Explosives Rules, 2010.
- h) ensure that inter districts transportation of explosives is only allowed after issuance of No Objection Certificate (NOC), for such transportation by the respective Deputy Commissioners of both the districts, after due verification from DEC.
- i) ensure that explosive licenses are not issued to mineral title holders/mine owners, whose leases or licenses, as the case may be, have been expired:

Provided that the explosive licenses shall not be issued to the persons other than the mineral title holders/mine owners:

Provided further that the explosive licenses shall not be subletted to any person under any circumstances.

- j) ensure that explosives are not transported in un-approved, un-authorized / hazardous packing and/or vehicle.
- k) recommend to the concerned authority for cancellation of the license and other punitive actions in case of violation of relevant rules on the part of licence holders.
- l) put in place arrangements for vibrant use of the website for data collection and analysis and ensure that data of respective district pertaining to explosives and mines is uploaded on the explosive track and trace website.

2. The Deputy Commissioner concerned shall appoint a dedicated IT literate official, as district focal person, for handling all matters related to Explosives website/application. The district focal person shall:

- a) report to and remain in close liaison with his provincial counterpart at Home Department, focal person for explosive dashboard, and receive from him such training as required from time to time.
- b) train all EL holders in data filling (Registration Process) in the district as required from time to time.
- c) monitor and authenticate whether data / reports are being uploaded by EL holders as required. In case of non-compliance, he will prepare proper report and submit to the DEC for appropriate action.

