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Government of India
Ministry of Coal
(P&S-I Section)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 22nd January, 2026

NOTICE

Subject: Public consultation on draft amendment to rules contained in Mineral Concession Rules, 1960

1. The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act) was amended vide MMDR Amendment Act, 2025, with effect from the 1st September, 2025.

2. A new Section 15B - 'Inclusion of other minerals in mining lease.' has been inserted vide MMDR Amendment Act, 2025

3. As per **Section 15B(5)**, Inclusion of any mineral other than minor mineral in a lease granted in respect of a minor mineral shall be made in accordance with the **conditions as may be prescribed for this purpose by the Central Government** and such rules may provide for all or any of the matters, namely:—

(i) the extent of presence of mineral other than minor mineral as compared to minor mineral in the lease;

(ii) termination of the lease in the interest of regulation of mines and mineral development and grant of a fresh lease in the area as a lease in respect of mineral other than minor mineral;

(iii) regulation of such lease as a lease granted for mineral other than minor minerals;

(iv) additional payment as specified in the Eighth Schedule to be made upon inclusion of a mineral other than minor mineral.

4. In view of the above, certain amendments are proposed in the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960. As part of the Pre-Legislative Consultation Policy, the draft amendment notification is made available as **Annexure I** and the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2025 (28 of 2025) is made available as **Annexure II**.

5. Comments/suggestions are invited from the general public, Government of States and Union Territories, mining industry stakeholders, industry associations, and other persons and entities concerned, on the draft

notification.

6. All stakeholders are requested to send their comments/suggestions by e-mail in MS-Office Word format to the following email id within 15 days of publication of this notice:

Email: l.khamminthang@mea.gov.in

The subject of the e-mail should be "Comments/suggestions on the draft amendment to rules contained in Mineral Concession Rules, 1960".

5. Alternatively, comments/suggestions may also be addressed to the Under Secretary (P&S-I Section), Ministry of Coal, Government of India, Room No 113, F-wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110001.

The envelope may kindly be superscripted on top with:

"Comments/suggestions on the draft amendment to rules contained in Mineral Concession Rules, 1960".



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To,

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2. PS to Hon'ble MoS (Coal)
3. PPS to Secretary (Coal)
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6. Economic Advisor/ Advisor (Projects)
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11. Chairman, Singareni Collieries Company Limited
12. Chairman, Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited
13. Federation of Indian Mineral Industries

14. Indian Mine Planners & Consultants
15. iFOREST
16. Coal Producers Association
17. Confederation of Indian Industries
18. Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Ltd.
19. Cement Manufacturer Association
20. Mining Engineers' Association of Indian

ANNEXURE - I

[TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE OF INDIA, EXTRAORDINARY, PART II,
SECTION 3, SUB-SECTION (i)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF COAL

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, theJanuary, 2026.

G.S.R.....(E).— In exercise of the powers conferred by section 13 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Minerals Concession Rules, 1960, namely:—

1. Short title and commencement. — (1) These rules may be called the Minerals Concession (First Amendment) Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960,—

(a) for clause (a) of sub-rule (1) of Rule 27, the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:—

(a) the lessee shall report to the State Government the discovery in the leased area of any mineral not specified in the lease, within a period of six months from the notification of the Minerals Concession (First Amendment) Rules, 2026 or sixty days from the date of such discovery, whichever is later, and shall not win and dispose of such discovered mineral until such mineral is included in the mining lease.

(b) for clause (b) of sub-rule (1) of Rule 27, the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:—

(b) A holder of a mining lease may apply to the State Government for inclusion of any other mineral, including a minor mineral, in his mining lease and the State Government shall permit inclusion of such mineral within sixty days from the date of receipt of the duly completed application in accordance with the provision of section 15B by issuing

an order and upon issuance of the order under this sub-rule, the new mineral shall be deemed to be included in the mining lease.

Provided that where a mineral specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act is included in the mining lease of mineral other than mineral specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act or where mineral other than mineral specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act is included in the mining lease granted for mineral specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act, the holder of the mining lease shall report such inclusion to Central Government or such officer or authority as the Central Government may specify in this behalf within a period of 30 days from the date of inclusion.

Provided further that for inclusion of mineral specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act in a mining lease granted in respect of a mineral other than mineral specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act, the State Government must satisfy that-

- (a) prospecting operations for mineral specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act have been carried out over the entire potentially mineralised area under the mining lease in the manner as specified in the Act and these rules.
- (b) geological report has been prepared and approved for mineral specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act in the manner as specified in the Act and these rules.
- (c) mining plan has been prepared and approved for mineral specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act in the manner as specified in the Act and these rules.

Provided further that for inclusion of mineral not specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act in a mining lease granted in respect of a mineral specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act, the rules applicable upon such mineral to be included shall also apply, unless otherwise expressly provided.

(c) after Rule 66-A , the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-

‘66-B. Inclusion of mineral specified under Part-A of the First Schedule of the Act in mining lease granted in respect of a minor mineral.

(1) The holder of a mining lease granted in respect of minor mineral shall report to the State Government, the discovery in the leased area of mineral specified under Part-A of the First Schedule of the Act within a period of six months from the notification of the Mineral Concession (First Amendment) Rules, 2026 or sixty days from the date of such discovery, whichever is later and shall not win and dispose of such discovered mineral before such mineral is included in his lease area.

(2) A holder of a mining lease granted in respect of minor mineral may apply to the State Government for inclusion of mineral specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act in his mining lease and the State Government shall, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions specified in sub-rule (3), permit inclusion of such mineral within sixty days from the date of receipt of the duly completed application.

(3) No such area shall be granted by the State Government unless it is satisfied that—

(a) prospecting operations for mineral specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act have been carried out over the entire potentially mineralised area under the mining lease in the manner as specified in the Act and these rules.

(b) geological report has been prepared and approved for mineral specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act in the manner specified in the Act and these rules.

(c) mining plan has been prepared and approved for mineral specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act in the manner specified in the Act and these rules.

(4) The State Government shall have the right to seek any additional information, document or clarification from the applicant with respect to the application made.

(5) The State Government, upon receipt of application, geological report and mining plan shall consult with the Central Government or such officer or authority as the Central Government may specify in this behalf in respect of—

(a) the extent of area in which the presence of mineral other than minor mineral has been established;

(b) type of mineral established in such area;

- (c) quantity and grade of mineral specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act;
 - (d) quantity and quality of minor mineral present in the lease;
 - (e) value of estimated resources for the minerals specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act
 - (f) value of estimated resources of minor mineral, to be established as per the rules made by State Government under section 15.
- (6) In case either the extent or quantity or value of estimated resources of the minerals specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act is more than twenty-five per cent. as compared to the minor minerals in the leased area, then the State Government, based on consultation with the Central Government or such officer or authority as the Central Government may specify in this behalf and after providing an opportunity of hearing to the lease holder, shall terminate such lease of minor mineral.
- (7) The Central Government shall allocate such area under such terminated lease for grant of mineral concession in respect of mineral specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act and may include an additional area or reduce the area for the purpose of allocation.:
- (8) In case either the extent or quantity or value of estimated resources of the mineral specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act is twenty-five per cent. or lower as compared to the minor minerals in the leased area, then the State Government shall, subject to the compliance of the provisions of sub-rules (3) and (5), communicate through an order its decision for inclusion of mineral specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act within a period of sixty days from the date of receipt of the duly completed application.
- (9) In case where the applicant has not complied with the conditions specified in sub-rule (3), the State Government may, after giving the applicant an opportunity of being heard and for reasons to be recorded in writing, communicate to the applicant, its refusal to include other mineral in the lease.
- (10) The holder of a mining lease wherein mineral has been included under this rule shall,—
- (a) keep accurate and faithful accounts separately, showing the quantity and other particulars for mining lease area including:—
 - (i) all minerals obtained and dispatched therefrom including the minerals included;

- (ii) waste material excavated from such area;
 - (iii) the number and nationality of persons employed therein; and
 - (iv) complete plans of the mine;
- (b) comply with the provisions of the Colliery Control Rules, 2004 in respect of minerals specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act; and
- (c) comply with the terms and conditions as prescribed under these rules, in addition to the terms and conditions as specified or prescribed by the State Government in respect of minor mineral.

(11) In case of any minerals specified under Part A of the First Schedule of the Act in mining lease granted in respect of a minor mineral, the lessee shall pay the additional amount as specified in eighth schedule of the Act, upon dispatch of the included mineral:

Provided that in case the minor mineral lease was auctioned by the State Government where the auction premium quoted was not based on value of mineral dispatched, then the lease holder shall pay an amount equivalent to royalty of the mineral included in the mining lease under this rule as the additional amount.”

[File No. _____]

(Rupinder Brar)

Additional Secretary

Note:- The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide number G.S.R. 1398, dated the 23rd November, 1960 and amended vide number G.S.R. 9(E), dated 04th January 1999; G.S.R. 56(E), dated 17th January 2000; G.S.R. 743(E), dated 25th September 2000; G.S.R. 31(E), dated 22nd January 2001; G.S.R. 21(E), dated 11th January 2002; G.S.R. 733(E), dated 29th October 2002; G.S.R. 329(E), dated 10th April 2003; G.S.R. 49(E), dated 28th January 2005; G.S.R. 280(E), dated 05th May 2005; G.S.R. 883(E), dated 10th December 2009; G.S.R. 593(E), dated 26th July 2012; G.S.R. 710(E), dated 08th October 2014; G.S.R. 331(E), dated 29th May 2020; G.S.R. 717(E), dated

01st October 2021; G.S.R. 684(E), dated 07th September 2022; and lastly amended vide G.S.R. 323(E), dated 20th May 2025.

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PART II — Section 1

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इस भाग में भिन्न पृष्ठ संख्या दी जाती है जिससे कि यह अलग संकलन के रूप में रखा जा सके।

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MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (Legislative Department)

New Delhi, the 21st August, 2025/Shravana 30, 1947 (Saka)

The following Act of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 21st August, 2025 and is hereby published for general information:—

THE MINES AND MINERALS (DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATION) AMENDMENT ACT, 2025

No. 28 OF 2025

[21st August, 2025.]

An Act further to amend the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Seventy-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2025.

Short title and
commencement.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

67 of 1957.

2. In the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in section 3, after clause (ae), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

Amendment of
section 3.

‘(af) “mineral exchange” means an electronic trading platform or marketplace registered in accordance with the provisions of this Act, where buyers and sellers of minerals, its concentrate or its processed forms (including metals), transact, trade and enter into contract, including in derivatives;’.

Insertion of new section 6A.

3. In the principal Act, after section 6, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Inclusion of contiguous area in the leased area or area under composite licence in case of deep-seated minerals.

‘6A. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 10,—

(a) a holder of a mining lease of deep-seated mineral, may apply for a one-time extension of the existing leased area to include therein a contiguous area not exceeding ten per cent. of the existing leased area;

(b) a holder of a composite licence in respect of deep-seated mineral, may apply for a one-time extension of the area under the composite licence, to include therein a contiguous area not exceeding thirty per cent. of the existing area under the licence.

(2) Upon receipt of such application, the State Government may extend the existing leased area or the area under composite licence, as the case may be, to include therein the contiguous area subject to such terms and conditions and on payment of such additional amount as may be prescribed by the Central Government.

Explanation.—For the purposes of this section, the expression “deep-seated minerals” means such minerals which occur at a depth of more than two hundred meters from the surface of land with poor surface manifestations.’.

Amendment of section 8A.

4. In the principal Act, in section 8A, in sub-section (7A),—

(i) the words “up to fifty per cent. of the total mineral produced in a year” shall be omitted;

(ii) for the first proviso, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“Provided that the State Government may permit sale of dumps which has been stacked up to such date as may be specified by the Central Government in the leased area on payment of additional amount specified in the Sixth Schedule.”.

Amendment of section 9C.

5. In the principal Act, in section 9C,—

(i) for the marginal heading, the following marginal heading shall be substituted, namely:—

“National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust.”;

(ii) in sub-section (1), for the words “National Mineral Exploration Trust”, the words “National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust” shall be substituted;

(iii) for sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(2) The object of the Trust shall be to use the funds accrued to the Trust within India, including the offshore areas, and outside India for the purposes of regional and detailed exploration and development of mines and minerals in such manner as may be prescribed by the Central Government.”;

(iv) in sub-section (4), for the words “two per cent.”, the words “three per cent.” shall be substituted;

(v) in sub-section (5), for the words “National Mineral Exploration Trust”, the words “National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust” shall be substituted.

6. In the principal Act, in section 10B, in sub-section (2), the words “, after obtaining the previous approval of the Central Government,” shall be omitted.

Amendment of section 10B.

7. In the principal Act, in section 13, in sub-section (2),—

Amendment of section 13.

(i) after clause (k), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(ka) terms and conditions and additional amount under sub-section (2) of section 6A;”;

(ii) in clauses (qqb), (qqc) and (qqd), for the words “National Mineral Exploration Trust”, the words “National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust” shall be substituted;

(iii) after clause (xb), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(xc) conditions for inclusion of any mineral other than minor mineral in a lease granted in respect of a minor mineral under sub-section (5) of section 15B;”.

8. In the principal Act, after section 15A, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Insertion of new section 15B.

“15B. (1) A holder of a mining lease may apply to the State Government for inclusion of any other mineral in his mining lease on the basis of a geological report in relation to that lease and the State Government shall permit inclusion of such mineral within sixty days of such application, subject to the payment of such additional amount on dispatch of the included mineral as specified in the Eighth Schedule.

Inclusion of other minerals in mining lease.

(2) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, and for reasons to be recorded in writing, amend the Eighth Schedule so as to modify the entries mentioned therein with effect from such date as may be specified in the said notification.

(3) The holder of mining lease shall submit such reports or returns to the State Government and any other authority in respect of the included mineral as may be specified by the Central Government.

(4) The provision of this section shall apply for inclusion of any minor mineral in a lease granted in respect of a mineral other than minor mineral and the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify the royalty and other payments to be made by the lessee on dispatch of such included minor mineral.

(5) Inclusion of any mineral other than minor mineral in a lease granted in respect of a minor mineral shall be made in accordance with the conditions as may be prescribed for this purpose by the Central Government and such rules may provide for all or any of the matters, namely:—

(i) the extent of presence of mineral other than minor mineral as compared to minor mineral in the lease;

(ii) termination of the lease in the interest of regulation of mines and mineral development and grant of a fresh lease in the area as a lease in respect of mineral other than minor mineral;

(iii) regulation of such lease as a lease granted for mineral other than minor minerals;

(iv) additional payment as specified in the Eighth Schedule to be made upon inclusion of a mineral other than minor mineral.

(6) Any mineral may be included under this section in a mining lease granted in respect of atomic mineral specified in Part B of the First Schedule where the grade of atomic mineral is equal to or above the notified threshold value with prior approval of the Central Government.

(7) No atomic mineral as specified in Part B of the First Schedule where the grade of atomic mineral is equal to or above the notified threshold value shall be included in the mining lease granted in respect of minerals other than such atomic minerals.”.

Insertion of new section 18B.

9. In the principal Act, after section 18A, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Development of market.

“18B. (1) The Central Government shall endeavour to promote development of market, including trading of minerals, its concentrate or its processed forms (including metals) through mineral exchanges in such manner as may be prescribed by the Central Government.

(2) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint any authority to register and regulate mineral exchanges.

(3) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

(a) registration of mineral exchanges and revocation of such registration;

(b) regulation of all aspects and activities of mineral exchanges and market oversight;

(c) levy of fees and other charges;

(d) maintenance of a data bank of information on activities relating to mineral trading on mineral exchanges;

(e) prevention of cartelization, insider trading, circular trading, market manipulation and any other matter which is detrimental to the participants of the mineral exchanges;

(f) grievance redressal of participants of mineral exchanges; and

(g) any other matter which is to be, or may be, prescribed.”.

Amendment of Fifth Schedule.

10. In the principal Act, in the Fifth Schedule,—

(i) for serial number 2 and the entries relating thereto, the following serial numbers and the entries shall be substituted, namely:—

“2. Minerals specified in Part-D of the First Schedule *Nil*

2A. Minerals specified in Seventh Schedule (other than those specified in Part-D of the First Schedule) Equivalent to fifty per cent. of the royalty payable”;

(ii) in the *Explanation*, for the words “National Mineral Exploration Trust”, the words “National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust” shall be substituted.

Amendment of Sixth Schedule.

11. In the principal Act, in the Sixth Schedule,—

(i) under the sub-heading (i) for non-auctioned captive mines (other than coal and lignite), after serial number 5 and the entries relating thereto, the following serial numbers and the entries shall be inserted, namely:—

“5A. Minerals specified in Part-D of the First Schedule *Nil*”;

(ii) in the *Explanation*, under clause (a), for the words “National Mineral Exploration Trust”, the words “National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust” shall be substituted.

12. In the principal Act, after the Seventh Schedule, the following Schedule shall be inserted, namely:—

Insertion of new Schedule.

“THE EIGHTH SCHEDULE

[See section 15B(1), (2) and (5)]

Type of mining lease	Additional amount in case the included mineral is a mineral specified in Part-D of the First Schedule or the Seventh Schedule	Additional amount in case the included mineral is not a mineral specified in Part-D of the First Schedule or the Seventh Schedule
(1)	(2)	(3)
(i) Auctioned mining lease (including coal and lignite mining lease auctioned on revenue share basis for sale of coal).	<i>Nil.</i>	<i>Nil.</i>
(ii) Non-auctioned mining lease.	<i>Nil.</i>	Equivalent to amount of royalty on the included mineral.
(iii) Coal and lignite mining lease auctioned on per tonne basis or power tariff basis.	<i>Nil.</i>	Equivalent to amount of royalty on the included mineral.

Explanation.—For the purpose of this Schedule, it is hereby clarified that—

(i) the additional amount shall be in addition to royalty or payment to the District Mineral Foundation and National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust or any other statutory payment;

(ii) in case an additional amount specified in the Fifth Schedule is paid by the lessee in respect of a mineral, no additional amount under this Schedule shall be payable in respect of such included mineral;

(iii) in case of auctioned mines,—

(a) auction premium shall not be payable in respect of the included mineral if the included mineral is a mineral specified in Part-D of the First Schedule or the Seventh Schedule;

(b) auction premium shall be payable in respect of the included mineral if the included mineral is not a mineral specified in Part-D of the First Schedule or the Seventh Schedule.”.

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Secretary to the Govt. of India.