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Mines and Petroleum (Gr.-II) Department

NOTIFICATION

Jaipur, July 09, 2026

G.S.R.22 .-In exercise of the powers conferred by section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act No. 67 of 1957), the State Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Rajasthan Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2017, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement.-(1) These rules may be called the Rajasthan Minor Mineral Concession (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026.

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

2. Amendment of rule 7.- In rule 7 of the Rajasthan Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2017, hereinafter referred to as the said rules,-

- the existing first proviso to sub-rule (2) shall be deleted;
- in second proviso to sub-rule (2), for the existing expression "further that", the expression "that" shall be substituted; and
- the existing sub-rule (3) shall be substituted the following, namely:-

"(3) The area surrounded by two or more mining leases or by mining lease or leases and forest boundary or any other reserved land or mining lease or leases and any place or structure specified in clause (xvi) of sub-rule (1) of rule 28 or khatedari land and less than the minimum area specified under sub-rule (2) shall be treated as gap area. Such gap area shall be granted by way of e-auction among the holders of surrounding leases and the same shall be added in the lease of successful bidder. The reserve price for gap area shall be twenty five times of annual dead rent. The premium amount shall be paid in advance and shall not be adjusted against dead rent or royalty. In case of khatedari land, registered consent deed of the khatedar shall have to be submitted by the successful bidder before grant of such gap area:

Provided that in case of single mining lease, such gap area shall be granted to the existing lessee on deposition of premium amount equivalent to 1.5 times of reserve price."

3. Amendment of rule 8.- The existing sub-rule (3) of rule 8 of the said rules shall be substituted the following, namely:-

"(3) The area surrounded by two or more quarry licences or by quarry licence or licences and forest boundary or any other reserved land or quarry licence or licences and any place or structure specified in clause (xvi) of sub-rule (1) of rule 28 or khatedari land and less than the minimum area specified under sub-rule (2) shall be treated as gap area. Such gap area shall be granted by way of e-auction among the holders of surrounding quarry licences and the same shall be added in the licence of successful bidder. The reserve price for gap area shall be twenty five times of annual licence fee. The premium amount shall be paid in advance and shall not be adjusted against annual licence fee. In case of khatedari land, registered consent deed of the khatedar shall have to be submitted by the successful bidder before grant of such gap area:

Provided that in case of single quarry licence, such gap area shall be granted to the existing licensee on deposition of premium amount equivalent to 1.5 times of reserve price."

4. Amendment of rule 9.- The existing sub-rule (4) of rule 9 of the said rules shall be substituted by the following, namely:-

"(4) Period of lease may be extended equal to the period for which the mines remained closed (dies-non) due to any Court or National Green Tribunal order, Central or State Government order or directions, including period lapsed in declaration of Eco-Sensitive Zone or Buffer Zone around a Wildlife Sanctuary or National Park by the Director and dead rent for such period shall not be charged:

Provided that where lease remains closed due to any fault on the part of the lessee or where only part of lease closed, the period shall not be extended and dead rent shall be chargeable for such period.

(4A) Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules or instrument of the mining lease deed, the provision of sub-rule (4) shall also be applicable to the leases whose time period have already been expired before the commencement of the Rajasthan Minor Mineral Concession (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026."

5. Amendment of rule 10.- The existing sub-rule (4) of rule 10 of the said rules shall be substituted by the following, namely:-

"(4) Period of licence may be extended equal to the period for which the quarry remained closed (dies-non) due to any Court or National Green Tribunal order, Central or State Government order or directions, including period lapsed in declaration of Eco-Sensitive Zone or Buffer Zone around a Wildlife Sanctuary or National Park by the Superintending Mining Engineer concerned:

Provided that where licence remains closed due to any fault on the part of the licensee or where only part of licence remains closed, the period shall not be extended and annual licence fee shall be chargeable for such period.

(4A) Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules or the quarry licence, the provision of sub-rule (4) shall also be applicable to the licences whose time period have already been expired before the commencement of the Rajasthan Minor Mineral Concession (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026."

6. Amendment of rule 17A.- The existing clause (i) and (ii) of sub-rule (3) of rule 17A of the said rules shall be substituted by the following, namely:-

- "(i) first installment, thirty percent of the premium amount before issuance of letter of intent;
- (ii) second installment, thirty percent of the premium amount before execution of mining lease deed or issuance of quarry licence, as the case may be; and"

7. Insertion of new rule 34A.- After the existing rule 34 and before the existing rule 35 of the said rules, the following new rule 34A shall be inserted, namely:-

"34A. Sustainable mining.- (1) Every holder of a mining lease shall take all possible precautions for undertaking sustainable mining while conducting mining or beneficiation operations in the area.

(2) Every holder of a mining lease shall monitor his mining and allied activities as per the template of star rating in the format specified in this behalf by the Government, from time to time and shall submit online its self-assessment report before the 1st day of July every year for the previous financial year to the Mining Engineer or Assistant Mining Engineer concerned.

(3) The confirmation of the star rating may be done by the Mining Engineer or Assistant Mining Engineer concerned or any officer authorised by the Director through inspection.

(4) Every holder of a mining lease shall achieve at least three star rating within a period of three years from the date of commencement of the Rajasthan Minor Mineral Concession (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026 or three years from the date of commencement of mining operations, whichever is later and thereafter maintain the same on year-on-year basis.

(5) The Mining Engineer or Assistant Mining Engineer concerned may suspend the mining operations in those mines where,-

- (i) at least three star rating has not been achieved within a period of three years from the date of commencement of the Rajasthan Minor Mineral Concession (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026 or three years from the date of commencement of mining operations, whichever is later;
- (ii) at least three star rating has not been maintained on year-on-year basis; or
- (iii) the lessee has failed to submit the star rating template, after giving a show cause notice of thirty days, to qualify for star rating or submit star rating template, as the case may be.

(6) In case of non-filing of template as specified under sub-rule (2), the holder of mining lease shall be liable to pay an amount of rupees five hundred per month or part thereof for delay, subject to maximum of rupees five thousand.

(7) The suspension shall be revoked only after verification through inspection of compliance of the star rating requirement specified in sub-rule (4) that the mine qualifies for three star rating."

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By order of the Governor,

Namrata Vrishni,
Special Secretary to the Government.