

M.VI-1/7/2025-Mines VI
Government of India
Ministry of Mines

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 07.01.2026

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Subject: Additional proposal in the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026 - reg.

I am directed to refer to the notice for public consultation dated 01.01.2026 of this Ministry wherein a brief note on the proposals for amendment in the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 ('MMDR Act') were uploaded in the Ministry's website for the comments/ suggestions.

2. In this regard an additional proposal for amendment in the MMDR Act is enclosed herewith as **Annexure** for comments/ suggestions from the general public, Governments of States and Union Territories, mining industry stake-holders, industry associations, and other persons and entities concerned.

3. In view of the above, it is requested that comments/ suggestions on the proposals circulated vide notice for consultation dated 01.01.2026 and the present additional proposal may be sent to this Ministry **on or before 22.01.2026**.

6. The comments/suggestions may be sent by e-mail in MS-Office Word file to the following ID:

jspolicy-mines@gov.in

The subject of the e-mail should be "Comments/ suggestions on the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026".

7. Alternatively, comments/suggestions may also be sent by post to the following address:

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The envelope may kindly be superscribed on the top with "Comments/ suggestions on the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026".

Encl.: As stated above

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Annexure**Additional Proposal for Consultation****Reducing the period for operationalization of mines**

(i) Section 4A (4) of the MMDR Act provides that the mining lease shall lapse if lessee fails to undertake production and dispatch within a period of 2 years from the date of execution of the lease or discontinuance of the production and dispatch, as the case may be. The State Government may extend the said period of 2 years by a further period not exceeding 1 year.

(ii) With various technological advancements and considerable improvement in infrastructure in the country, the time required for operationalization of the mines has considerably reduced. Accordingly, the provision for granting additional extension of up to 1 year for commencement of production and dispatch may be removed.

(iii) In view of the above, it is proposed to make the following amendments in the MMDR Act:

Provisos to section 4A(4) of the MMDR Act, which allows the State Government to grant extension of 1 year (beyond 2 years period) to the lessee to commence production and dispatch, may be omitted.
