

## **NOTICE**

This Ministry of Mines has prepared the draft Mineral (Auction) Amendment Rules, 2020 seeking to amend the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015.

As part of the Pre-Legislative Consultation Policy, the draft Amendment Rules is made available below. Comments / suggestions are invited from the general public, Government of States and Union Territories, Mining Industry, Stake Holders, Industry Associations, and other persons and entities concerned, on the draft Amendment Rules. The last date for receipt of the comments / suggestions is 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

The comments / suggestions may be sent by e-mail in MS-Office word format in the following ID:

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The subject of the email should be captioned as “Comments / suggestions on the draft Mineral (Auction) Amendment Rules, 2020”

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

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The envelope may kindly be super scribed on the top with: “**Comments / suggestions on the draft Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Amendment Rules, 2020**”

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES

New Delhi, the February, 2020

NOTIFICATION

G.S.R. (E).— In exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules to amend the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015:-

2. (1) These rules may be called the Mineral (Auction) Amendment Rules, 2020.

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

3. In the Mineral (Auction) Rule, 2015,-

**(A) After clause (d) of sub rule (3) of Rule 10, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-**

Provided that, in case of auction of mining leases under section 8A(5) and 8A(6) of the Act, the vesting order regarding deemed approval shall be applicable.

**(B) After sub rule (6) of Rule 10, the following sub rule (6A) shall be inserted, namely:-**

Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, the mining lease shall be executed by the State Government within a period of fifteen days from the date of issue of letter of Intent to the new lessee to whom the vesting order has been issued under rule 9A(4) of Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules 2016, or commencement of these rules or the expiry of the lease period of the previous lessee, whichever is later. The holder of the Letter of Intent shall comply with all the requirements to execute the mining lease within this period, failing which, the Letter of Intent may be revoked and the performance security be forfeited by the State Government.

Provided that, on receipt of an application from the holder of the Letter of Intent, the State Government, may extend the period for execution of the lease deed by a further period not exceeding fifteen days, on satisfaction that such delay is entirely for the reasons beyond the control of the holder of Letter of Intent.

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Foot note: The Minerals Auction Rules, 2015 were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), dated the 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.