To

The Secretary
(In charge of Mines and Mineral Development)
All State Governments.

Subject: Timely submission of quarterly reports on status of (i) concession applications pending with the State Governments; (ii) lease/licence execution; and (iii) renewal applications.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry’s letter of even number dated 15.12.2009 to all State Governments, seeking quarterly reports from the State Governments on the status of (i) concession applications pending with the State Governments; (ii) lease/licence execution; and (iii) renewal applications. The State Governments were requested to furnish quarterly reports by the 15th day of January, April, July and October in respect of the preceding quarter. The said letter along with the proforma prescribed for the purpose is also available on the Ministry’s website (mines.nic.in). The Ministry has also written subsequent letters dated 29.1.10, 17.5.10 and 23.8.2010 to the State Governments in this regard. Secretary (Mines) has also written to the Chief Secretaries of all the States vide letter dated 9.9.2010.

2. It is regretted that some of the major States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan have not furnished even a single report so far. Besides, no State has furnished the quarterly report for the period ended September, 2010. The status of receipt of quarterly reports as on
30.11.2010, which is available on the Ministry’s website, may please be referred to in this regard.

3. Besides, it is seen from the reports received from Goa, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, that the opening balance of a quarter does not tally with the closing balance of the previous quarter, which shows that either records are not being maintained properly or not being matched correctly, resulting in the figures not coming out accurately. Further, the reports for the period up to June 2010, received from the Governments of Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, show that there were huge pendency of concession applications and renewal applications. A large number of cases were pending for over 2 years. It is also noticed that the pace of disposal of cases during the quarters up to June, 2010 has been extremely slow.

4. No State Government has informed whether they are holding the State Empowered Committee meetings and putting up the status of concession cases before it, as requested by us vide letter of even number dated 17.5.2010.

5. In view of the above, the State Governments are again requested to engage themselves with the matter with due earnestness, furnish their quarterly reports in time, and also address the areas of concern as brought out above, on a time-bound basis. The State-wise position in this regard will be reviewed in the meeting of the Central Empowered Committee to be held in New Delhi on 22.12.2010.

Yours faithfully,

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