

New Delhi, Shastri Bhawan
Dated, the 9th February, 2018

ORDER

Subject: Constitution of Study Group on revision of rates of royalty and dead rent for minerals (other than coal, lignite, sand for stowing, and minor minerals)

Whereas, the rates of the royalty and dead rent for minerals (other than minor minerals) are specified in the Second Schedule and Third Schedule respectively of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act). The rates of royalty for minor minerals are laid down separately by the States in exercise of powers conferred under section 15 of the MMDR Act.

2. Whereas, as per section 9 and 9A of the MMDR Act, the Central Government may amend the Second and Third Schedule to the MMDR Act by notification in the Official Gazette provided that the rate(s) of royalty and/or dead rent are not enhanced more than once during any period of three years.

3. Whereas, a Study Group was constituted in the Ministry of Mines vide O.M. No. 3/3/2011-M.VI dated 13.9.2011 for revision of rates of royalty and dead rent for major minerals (other than coal, lignite and sand for stowing) in terms of Section 9(3) and 9A(2) of the MMDR Act; and based on the report submitted by the Study Group on 28.6.2013, the rates of royalty and dead rent for major minerals (other than coal, lignite and sand for stowing) were last revised with effect from 01.09.2014, after obtaining the approval of the Competent Authority.

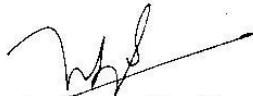
4. And whereas, it is appropriate that the rates of royalty and dead rent for major minerals (other than coal, lignite and sand for stowing) be revised in view of the fact that more than three years has elapsed since the rates of royalty and dead rent in this regard were revised with effect from 01.09.2014.

5. Now therefore, it has been decided to set-up a Study Group for revision of rates of royalty and dead rent for minerals (other than coal, lignite, sand for stowing, and minor minerals), with the following composition:

1.	Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines	Chairman
2.	Joint Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy	Member
3.	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Coal	Member
4.	Joint Secretary, Department of Revenue, M/o Finance	Member
5.	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Steel	Member
6.	Controller General, IBM	Member
7.	Additional Director General, GSI	Member
8.	Secretary (Mines), Government of Andhra Pradesh	Member
9.	Secretary (Mines), Government of Chhattisgarh	Member
10.	Secretary (Mines), Government of Goa	Member
11.	Secretary (Mines), Government of Gujarat	Member
12.	Secretary (Mines), Government of Jharkhand	Member
13.	Secretary (Mines), Government of Karnataka	Member
14.	Secretary (Mines), Government of Madhya Pradesh	Member
15.	Secretary (Mines), Government of Maharashtra	Member

16.	Secretary (Mines), Government of Odisha	Member
17.	Secretary (Mines), Government of Rajasthan	Member
18.	Secretary (Mines), Government of Tamil Nadu	Member
19.	Secretary (Mines), Government of Telangana	Member
20.	Representative of CII	Member
21.	Representative of FIMI	Member
22.	Representative of FICCI	Member
23.	Representative of ASSOCHAM	Member
24.	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Mines - dealing with Mineral Policy & Legislation	Member Secretary

6. Terms of reference of the Study Group are as under:
- to review the existing rates of royalty for minerals (other than coal, lignite, sand for stowing, and minor minerals) given in the Second Schedule to the MMDR Act, 1957 and to recommend the revision of rates of royalty;
 - to consider and recommend policies relevant to administration of royalty regime; and
 - to suggest appropriate revision in the existing rates of dead rent given in the Third Schedule to the MMDR Act, 1957
7. The Study Group may co-opt any other member or obtain the assistance of any technical person, it may so desire.
8. The Study Group will submit its report within a period of six months.
9. The Study Group will be serviced by Mines-V Section of the Ministry of Mines.


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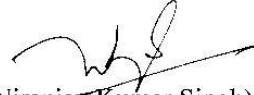
To:
The Chairman and Members of the Study Group

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- Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy
- Secretary, Ministry of Steel
- Secretary, Ministry of Coal
- Chief Secretaries of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana

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- Sr. PPS to Secretary, Ministry of Mines
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- Shri S N Khan, Technical Director, NIC - with the request to upload this Order on the website of the Ministry of Mines.


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