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PART I.—Orders and Notifications by the Governor of West Bengal, the High Court, Government Treasury, etc.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE & ENTERPRISES

Mines Branch

NOTIFICATION

No. 387-CI/O/MIN/GEN-MIS/21/2017.—22nd May, 2017.—Whereas it is expedient to amend the existing procedure of payment of bid amount in the interest of smooth and effective execution of bidding process of minor minerals by the District Committee for Competitive Bidding in each district of this state;

And, Whereas the provision under sub-rule (2) of Rule 10 of West Bengal Minor Minerals (Auction) Rules, 2016 (hereinafter the said rules) is causing hardships for most of the successful bidders as declared under sub-rule (1) of the said Rules ;

Now, Therefore after careful consideration of the matter, the Governor is pleased hereby to order as follows:-

The District Authority shall follow the revised procedures of payment of bid amount as specified below:-

- 1) The successful bidders who have deposited one-third of the bid money may be allowed to commence mining operations and lease deed may be executed.
- 2) The balance amount of bid money shall be payable in three instalments with a gap of maximum of 45 days each from the date of first instalment, which shall in no case exceed the lease period or the closure of mining operation.
- 3) The payment conditions of rest amount of the bid money shall be incorporated in the mining lease deed conditions appropriately. No further relaxation in the periodicity of deposit of bid money shall be allowed and in case of delay of more than the prescribed tenure, the mining lease shall be cancelled immediately.

This Order supersedes anything contained anywhere in the West Bengal Minor Minerals (Auction) Rules, 2016 or in any existing executive orders issued by this Department, to the extent the said rules or said orders differ from the procedure introduced by this order.

This Notification shall come into effect from the date of its publication in *the Official Gazette*.

By order of the Governor,

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Addl. Chief Secy. to the Govt. of West Bengal.