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Department of Industry, Commerce and Enterprises
Mines Branch
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No.455-ICE/O/MIN/GEN-MIS/76/2017

Date : 12.11.2021

From : The Deputy Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal.

- To : 1) Joint Secretary
Finance Department/Department of Land and Land Reforms & Refugee Relief & Rehabilitation/ Law Department/ Irrigation & Waterways Department/ Transport Department/ Environment Department
- 2) District Magistrate (All)
West Bengal
- 3) ADM & DL&LRO (All)
West Bengal

Sub : Amendment of West Bengal Minor Minerals (Concession Rules, 2016 and West Bengal Minor Minerals (Auction) Rules, 2016

Sir,

With reference to the subject captioned above, I am directed to send herewith one set (each) of this Department Notifications No.378-ICE/O/MIN/GEN-MIS/04/2021 dt.24.09.2021, 379-ICE/O/MIN/GEN-MIS/76/2017 dt.24.09.2021 and 380-ICE/O/MIN/GEN-MIS/76/2017 dt.24.09.2021 for your kind perusal and necessary action.

Yours faithfully

Deputy Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal

Encl: As stated above

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DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE & ENTERPRISES

Mines Branch

NOTIFICATION

No. 378-ICE/O/MIN/GEN-MIS/04/2021.—24th September, 2021.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957), as subsequently amended and Sr. No. 13 of the Appendix IX of the S.O. 1224(E) dated 20th March, 2020 as issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, the Governor is pleased hereby to make the following amendment in the West Bengal Minor Minerals Concession Rules, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules) which will come into effect on the date of publication in *The Official Gazette*.

Amendments

In the said rules, after rule 4, insert the following rule:-

“4A. Exemption for removal of brick earth—Removal of earth for the purpose of brick kiln shall be deemed as non-mining activity and shall not require Environmental Clearance (E.C.) if the depth of quarry/removal is not more than 1.5 meters from the adjoining ground level.

Explanation—The removal of brick earth shall be guided by the orders issued by the Department of Land & Land Reforms and Refugee, Relief & Rehabilitation from time to time”.

By order of the Governor,
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Amendments

In the said rules, after sub-rule (3) of rule 38, insert the following sub-rules :-

- “ (4) For grant of prospecting licence-cum-mining lease or mining lease of any minor mineral located/found in private raiyati land, the sub-rules (1),(2) and (3) shall not apply.
- (5) The West Bengal Mineral Development and Trading Corporation Ltd. (WBMDTCL), a fully State owned corporation shall be the designated agency for the purposes as prescribed in sub-rule(4).
- (6) The procedure for grant of such prospecting licence-cum-mining lease or mining lease shall be as notified by the State Government ”.

By order of the Governor,
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Amendments

In the said rules,

1. rule 3 shall be substituted with the following rule ;—
- “3. Application—These rules shall apply to all minor minerals as specified in clause(e) of Section 3 of the Act except those found/located in private raiyati land.
2. in sub-rule(2) of rule 5, after the words “land not owned by the State Government”, the words “including raiyati” shall be inserted”.

By order of the Governor,
Sd/-
Secy. to the Govt. of West Bengal.