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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Industries (A) Department NOTIFICATION

G. O. (P) No.2/2026/ID
S. R. O. No. 66/2026

*Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 17th January, 2026
3rd Makaram 1201*

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub section (1) of section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957), the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules further to amend the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2015 issued by notification under G. O. (P) No.16/2015/ID. dated 7th February, 2015 and published as S.R.O. No. 72/2015 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 288 dated 7th February, 2015, namely:-



RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*-(1) These Rules may be called the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of the Rules.*- In the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2015,-

(1) in rule 4, in sub rule (2), in clause (d), for the figure "1904", the figure and symbol "1908" shall be substituted.;

(2) in rule 5, in sub-rule (1),- (i) for the words "one thousand", the words "five thousand" shall be substituted.;

(ii) the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

“Provided that in case of prospecting license for dimension stones, the application shall be accompanied by a fee of two thousand rupees.”;

(3) in rule 14,-(i) in sub-rules (6), (7) and (10) for the words "one year" the words "two years" shall be substituted.;

(ii) after sub-rule (12), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:-

"(13) In cases and classes of cases, where an area permitted to extract ordinary earth has met with any other minor mineral while progressing the extraction, the competent authority shall issue movement permit for the removal of newly obtained minor mineral, where the volume of minor mineral to be removed shall not exceed the difference between the volume permitted in the building plan and the volume of ordinary earth removed. In such case, the applicant has to remit in advance the royalty for the entire remaining quantity of the new mineral in addition to the royalty already paid for ordinary earth.";

(4) In Rule 27, in sub-rule (2), in clause (c), for the figure "1904", the symbol and figure, "1908" shall be substituted.;

(5) in rule 28,-(i) in sub-rule (1), for the symbol, figure, bracket and words "₹10,000 (Rupees Ten Thousand only)", the words "twenty thousand rupees" shall be substituted.;

(ii) in sub-rule (2) for the words "twenty thousand", the words "forty thousand" shall be substituted.;

(6) rule 47 shall be omitted;

(7) In rule 55, after the word "approval" the words, symbol and bracket "along with an application and a chalan receipt of rupees twenty five thousand remitted to the Government



treasuries to the credit of the Department of Mining and Geology under the relevant receipt head of account towards application fee, except for the quarrying permit for Laterite (building stone)" shall be inserted;

(8) in rule 57, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided that in the case of submission of quarry closure plan, the application shall be accompanied by a chalan receipt of rupees twenty five thousand remitted to the Government treasuries to the credit of the Department of Mining and Geology under the relevant receipt head of account towards application fee, except for the quarrying permit for Laterite (building stone).";

(9) in rule 67, after sub-rule (6), following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:-

"(7) Every application for the approval of scheme of mining shall be accompanied by a chalan receipt of rupees twenty five thousand remitted to the Government treasuries to the credit of the Department of Mining and Geology under the relevant receipt head of account towards application fee, except for the quarrying permit for Laterite (building stone).";

(10) in rule 72,-

(i) after sub-rule (1), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided that in such case the lessee shall submit an application in Form V along with all relevant documents as appended in said Form. The lessee shall execute a deed in this regard in Form W after obtaining permission in writing from the competent authority.";

(ii) in sub-rule (2), after the words "total production since opening", the symbol and words, ",report regarding payment of all outstanding dues to the Government issued by the competent authority" shall be inserted;

(11) in rule 98, in sub-rule (1),-

(i) in clause (a), for the words "any order" the words and symbol "Demand Notice/Adjudication Order" shall be substituted.;

(ii) in clause (c), for the words "five hundred", the words "one thousand" shall be substituted.;

(12) after rule 103, the following rules shall be inserted, namely:

"103A. Transfer of Letter of Intent.- In the event of demise of the applicant for quarrying permit/quarrying lease, the Letter of Intent granted in favour of him/her legal heirs/permitted assigns on production of documents as stipulated under this rules";



(13) in rule 106, in sub-rule (1),-

(i) after the existing proviso the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

“Provided further that in the event of failure to complete at least the construction of the basement of the residential building within two years from the date of issuance of the movement permit, the act of extraction of minor mineral under the pretext of construction of the residential building shall be treated as an offence and the residential building permit holder shall be liable to pay an amount equal to five times the royalty remitted for obtaining movement permit in addition to the amount already paid.”;

(ii) in the explanation, after the words and symbol "recognized educational institutions," the words and symbols "ponds attached to temples, hospitals, burial grounds," shall be inserted;

(14) after rule 116, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-

"117. Star rating system for quarries.- The Government, for evaluating and recognizing mining operations based on their implementation of Sustainable Development Framework (SDF), may implement a star rating system for quarries. The system uses a five-star scale, with higher ratings indicating better performance in areas like environmental management, social responsibility, and operational efficiency. In such cases the quarrying lease holder / quarrying permit holder may submit a duly filled self assessment template as given in Annexure –1 and the evaluation and recognition of the quarry may be done by a Committee as notified by the Government from time to time.”;

(15) in Form A, in item No. 2, for the symbols, figure, bracket and words "₹ 1,000 (Rupees One thousand only)", the symbols, figure, bracket and words "₹ 5,000 (Rupees Five thousand only)" shall be substituted;

(16) in Form B, in item No. 2, for the symbols, figure and word, "₹ 10,000 or ₹ 20,000", the symbols, figure and word, "₹ 20,000 or ₹ 40,000" shall be substituted;

(17) in Form S, in condition No. 1, for the words "one year", the words, "two years" shall be substituted;

(18) in Form T, in item No. 4, for the words "one year", the words, "two years" shall be substituted;

(19) after Form U, the following Forms shall be added, namely:-



FORM V
(See sub-rule (1) of rule 72)
APPLICATION FOR ABANDONMENT/SURRENDER OF QUARRYING LEASE
(For all types of lands)
 (To be submitted in duplicate)

From

To

The Director of Mining and Geology,
 Through the Geologist,
 District Office,

.....District

Sir,

1. I/we am/are submitting this application for the abandonment/surrender of a quarrying lease under the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2015.

2. The required particulars are given below:

(i) Name and complete address of the applicant:

(ii) Details of the area in respect of which quarrying lease is abandoned/ surrendered :

a) District :

b) Taluk:

c) Village :

d) Block Nos.:

e) Survey/Re-Survey Nos. :

f) Area in Hectare :

(iii) Proceeding Order No. and date of Quarrying Lease :

(iv) Date of Execution of Quarrying lease Deed :

(v) Date of Registration of Quarrying lease Deed :

(vi) Validity of Quarrying Lease :

(vii) Whether the application is for abandonment or surrender of a lease :

(viii) Name of the Mineral :

(ix) Total Mineable Reserve as per Approved Mining Plan :

(x) Total quantity of mineral extracted :

(xi) Final Quarry Closure Plan approved date :

(xii) Details of dues cleared :



- a) Amount :
- b) Chalan No. and date :
- (xiii) Date by which the quarrying operation are to be abandoned/
surrendered :
- (xiv) Reason for abandonment/surrender :
- (xv) Any other particulars which the applicant wishes to furnish :

3. I/We do hereby declare that the particulars furnished above are correct and am/are furnishing the following documents, namely :-

- a. Copy of Proceeding Order
- b. Copy of Form H
- c. Approved copy Final Quarry Closure Plan
- d. Report of Geologist regarding the dues.
- e. Plan showing the work done in the quarry with details of reserves utilised and balance resources
- f. In the case of Company/Firm/Association, notarised resolution of the authorised persons
- g. In the case of Government land, dues clearance certificate from Tahasildar/authority concerned.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature of the applicant)

Place:

Date:

Received at (place).....

On (date).....

at (hour).....

Initials of Receiving Officer.....



FORM W
(See sub-rule (1) of rule 72)
RELEASE OF LEASE

This deed of release is made on the day of 20 between the Governor of Kerala (hereinafter referred to as the “State Government” which expression shall where the context so admits be deemed to include his successors and assigns) of the one part and

..... (Aadhaar No.....) (hereinafter called the “lessee” which expression when the context so admits, include his heirs, executors, administrators, representatives and permitted assigns) of the other part.

A quarrying lease was granted by the State Government to (the lessee) to mine Granite Building Stone from an area of hectares of land detailed in the schedule below comprised in Sy/ReSy.Nos. of village of taluk in district for a period of (.....) years and the lease deed was executed on with validity upto and the same registered with two duplicates on in Book on pages to as Document No..... of Sub Registrar Office, The State Government had granted the lease for a period of years with an anticipated annual royalty of Rs...../- (Rupees only) (@ Rs./- per metric tonne) with applicable Dead Rent [being Nil for the 1st year, 2nd year Rs.300/- (Rupees Three hundred only), for the 3rd year onwards Rs.1200/- (Rupees One thousand and two hundred only) per hectare], surface rent at the rate of Rs./- per hectare for one year is Rs./- (Rupees only) and security deposit of Rs./- (Rupees only).

During the tenure of lease, the lessee has requested orders for premature closure of the lease, (specify the reason). The request has been accepted by the Government, since no dues is outstanding from the lessee in respect of the lease and necessary order for the same was issued by the Director of Mining and Geology as per Order No..... dated

In this circumstance the Government hereby release the Lessee from all obligations arising under the said lease.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

1. District :



2. Taluk :
3. Village :
4. Panchayat :
5. Sy.Nos/Re-Sy Nos. :
6. Extent :

Bounded by Survey Nos.

On the North by : Sy.Nos/Re-Sy Nos.
 On the East by : Sy.Nos/Re-Sy Nos.
 On the South by : Sy.Nos/Re-Sy Nos.
 On the West by : Sy.Nos/Re-Sy Nos.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have set their hands here unto on the day and year first above written.

Signed by

for and on behalf of the Governor of Kerala

In the presence of

(1)

(2)

Signed by Shri.....

for and on behalf of the lessee/lessees

In the presence of

(1)

(2)



ANNEXURE
SELF ASSESSMENT TEMPLATE FOR STAR RATING OF MINES OF
MINOR MINERALS (OTHER THAN ORDINARY SAND)

FINANCIAL YEAR (FY) :.....

PART - A : GENERAL INFORMATION

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Details</i>	
LEASE DETAILS			
1	Unique lease ID allotted by the State Government for lease		
2	Lease Boundary Coordinates (Latitudes and Longitudes)	Latitudes	Longitudes (more may be added, as per need)
3	Khasra/ Survey Numbers		
4	Taluka/Tehsil		
5	Village		
6	District		
7	State		
8	Total Lease Area (ha)		
	i. Forest land (ha)		
	ii. Private land (ha)		
	iii. Revenue land (ha)		
	iv. Pasture land (ha)		
	v. Others, if any (specify) (ha)		
9	Mineral(s) and its type		



10 Total Resources Available in the Lease Area
(Mineral-wise) (tones and cubic meter)

11 Lease period (From – To)

dd/mm/yyyy to

dd/mm/yyyy

LESSEE DETAILS

12 Name (In case of Company or partnership firm, please provide the name of the Company/partnership firm along with name of Managing Director or Managing partner, as the case may be/Name of the proprietor in case of proprietary firm)

13 Type of lease

(Person/Company/Partnership firm/other)

14 Address

15 Mobile Number

16 Email address

WORKING DETAILS

17 Method of Mining

(Opencast/Underground/Opencast and
Underground/Quarry)

Type (Mechanised/Semi Mechanised/Manual)

18 Status of the lease on date of filing (Working/
Temporary Discontinuance/Non-working/ Under
suspension)

19 No. of working days during Reporting Year

20 No. of days of temporary discontinuance during
Reporting Year

21 No. of days under suspension during Reporting
Year



22 Name and contact details of the Agent/ Manager responsible to ensure filing for Start Rating Template (For the purpose owner may nominate himself as Agent/Manager)

APPROVALS/CONSENT OBTAINED FROM GOVT. AGENCIES

23	Details of Approved Plan Document (Quarry Plan/ Mine Plan/Scheme of Mining) by the State Govt.	Validity (up to dd/mm/yyyy) and Quantity approved
24	Details of Environment Clearance obtained	Validity (up to dd/mm/yyyy) and Quantity approved
25	Details of State Pollution Control Board Approvals received	Validity (up to dd/mm/yyyy) and Quantity approved
26	Details of Forest Clearance obtained, if applicable	Validity (up to dd/mm/yyyy)

CONTRIBUTION TO GOVT EXCHEQUER DURING REPORTING YEAR

	Amount due	Amount paid
27	Royalty paid	
28	Dead Rent paid	
29	Contribution to District Mineral Foundation, if applicable	
30	Contribution to State Exploration trust, if applicable	



PART - B : SUSTAINABLE MINING**(Total Points : 100)**

Particulars	Details (To be filled up by Lessee)	Rating Points	Applicable Max Points	Points scored
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MODULE – I**SYSTEMATIC AND SUSTAINABLE MINING****(MAXIMUM POINTS 25)**

Total Production mineral-wise during Financial Year	Approved Quantity (tonnes) [to be filled]	Actual (tonnes) [to be filled]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • $\geq 50\%$ to 100 % (7 points) • Between 30% & 50% (5 points) • $\leq 30\%$ and $> 100\%$ (0 point) 	7
Dump Management (excluding topsoil)	As per the Approved Plan Document	Yes (5 points) No (0 point) NA		5
Formation of safe and stable benches (open pit) or	As per the Approved Plan Document	Yes (5 points) No (0 point)		5
Dust Suppression measures	Transportation of mineral in covered vehicles	Yes (2 points) No (0 points)		
	Water sprinkling	Yes (2 points) No (0 point)		8
	Wet drilling	Yes (2 points) No (0 point)	[Maximum will be 6 points in cases where no drilling takes place]	
		NA		
	Tyre washing	Yes (2 points)		



No (0 point)

MODULE – II**PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION OF WATER (MAXIMUM POINTS 25)**

Topsoil Preservation and its Utilisation	As per the Approved Plan Document		Yes (5 points) No (0 point) NA	5
Compliance reporting of environmental parameters (air, water etc)	As per State Pollution Control Board norms		Yes (5 points) No (0 point) • 100% (5 points) • >50 <100 (3 points)	5
Rehabilitation and progressive mine closure	As per the Approved Plan Document		• <=50% (0 point) • NA • 80-100% (3 points) • >50 <80% (2 points)	5
Total plantation/ compensatory afforestation done as per approved Document during Financial Year	Approved Quantity (Nos)	Actual (Nos)	• <=50% (0 point) • NA	3
Survival rate of Plants during 1st year of their plantation	Nos. of trees/ plants	Trees/ plants survived after 1st year	• 70-100% (3 points) • >50 <70% (2 points)	3



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <= 50% (0 point) • NA 	
		Yes 4 points	
Use of recycled water for drinking, agriculture, mining activities etc.	Details to be provided	No 0 point	4
		NA	

MODULE – III

HEALTH SAFETY AND WELFARE OF WORKERS

(MAXIMUM POINTS 20)

% of total employees/ workers to whom Directorate General of Mines Safety approved Personnel Protection Equipment (PPE) ie, Helmets, Shoes, gloves and dust mask etc have been provided	Avg. total employment	% of total employment whom Personnel Protection Equipment provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% (6 points) • >50 <100 % (3 points) 	6
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <= 50% (0 point) 	
% of total employment for whom Periodical Medical Examination (PME) has been done as per Mine Rules, 1955	Avg. total employment	% of total employment whom Periodical Medical Examination done as per rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% (4 points) • >50 <100% (2 points) 	4
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <=50% (0 point) 	
Provision of drinking water and sanitation facilities to all workers	Details to be provided	Yes (3 points)		3
		No (0 point)		
Provision of basic amenities to women employees ie, Creche, Toilet and Restrooms	Details to be provided	Yes (2 points)		2
		No (0 point)		



NA

Cases of 'Silicosis' or other occupation disease detected amongst mine worker during Financial Year	Details to be provided	Yes (0 point) No (2 points)	2
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Welfare measures undertaken by the lessee for mine workers/in nearby areas as part of Corporate Social Responsibility	Details to be provided	Yes (3 points) No (0 point)	3
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MODULE – IV**STATUTORY COMPLIANCE****(MAXIMUM MARKS 30)**

Has obtained all required NOCs/Certificates/ Permits from Govt. Departments	Details to be provided	Yes (10 points) No (0 point)	10
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Rectification of all the violations pointed out by any Govt. Agencies ie, Directorate General of Mines Safety, State Government, State Pollution Control Board	Details to be provided	Yes (8 points) No (0 point)	8
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Appointment of Competent persons as per statute ie. Mine Manager, Supervisors etc with training programs for operations	Names to be provided	All yes 5 points Nil 0 point (one point for each category)	5
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Authenticated lease sketch with Boundary Co-ordinates	Lease sketch along with Boundary co-ordinates to be provided	Yes 4 points No 0 point	4
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Erection of Boundary Pillars in the lease area as per rule	Details to be provided	Yes 3 points	3
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No 0 point

Summary of Points obtained	Applicable Maximum Points	Points Scored
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OVERALL PERFORMANCE and STAR RATING

	Sum of Applicable Maximum Points in all Modules (a)	Sum of Points Scored in all Modules (b)	Percentage (b/a)*100
Module 1	25		
Module 2	25		
Module 3	20		
Module 4	30		
Total	100		

% Obtained

Star Rating

CRITERIA FOR STAR RATING

Percentage obtained	Criteria
=> 80 to 100 %	5 Star
=> 70 to < 80 %	4 Star
=> 60 to < 70 %	3 Star
=> 50 to < 60 %	2 Star
=> 25 to < 50 %	1 Star
< 25%	No rating



CERTIFICATE

I....., S/o. / D/o.
 Designation..... am authorized to fill and submit this document on behalf of lessee. It is further certified that all the above furnished information is true to the best of my knowledge and based on records.

Date:

(Name)

Place:

Agent/Manager

By order of the Governor,

A P M MOHAMMED HANISH,
 Additional Chief *Secretary to Government.*

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Government have decided to revise the fees as it requires the revision periodically. The time for the construction of basement of the building is increased from one year to two years to alleviate the technical impediments in completing the procedure against the offenders. The same made applicable to those applying for mineral removal for the construction of residential building under rule 106 and a penalty has been imposed for the defaulters who has not constructed atleast the basement of the residential building. Fees has been imposed for the approval of mining plan, scheme of mining and mine closure plan. A star rating system has been introduced for quarries, such as the one implemented by the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) for evaluating and recognizing mining operations based on their implementation of Sustainable Development Framework (SDF). In the above circumstances, the Government have decided to make suitable amendment in the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2015 issued by notification under G.O.(P) No.16/2015/ID. dated 7th February, 2015 and published as S.R.O. No. 72/2015 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 288 dated 7th February, 2015.

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