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NOTIFICATION

No.B/19011/15/2017-CI(GMR)/Pt, the 29th July, 2025: In the interest of public services and as approved by the Council of Ministers conveyed vide. No.J.11011/2/2025-POL/iii dt.29.07.2025 and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub section (4) of section 15 and 15-A read with section 9B of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Act No.67 of 1957), the Government of Mizoram is pleased to amend "The District Mineral Foundation Rules of Mizoram, 2025" as follows, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement. -

- (1) These Rules may be called The District Mineral Foundation (Amendment) Rules of Mizoram, 2025
- (2) They shall have the like extend as the principal rules.
- (3) They shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Substitution of the words "District Mineral Foundation Governing Council" for the words "District Mineral Foundation Council".-

In the District Mineral Foundation Rules of Mizoram, 2023 (herein referred to as the principal rules, wherever the words "District Mineral Foundation Council" appears, the same shall be substituted by the words "District Mineral Foundation Governing Council."

3. Amendment of rule 3.-

In rule 3 of the principal rules,

- (1) after sub-clause (iii) of clause (f) of sub-rule 1, a new clause shall be inserted, namely:-
"(iv) illegal miners, transporters and stockists of major and minor minerals under the provision of sub-section (2) of section 21 of the Act."
- (2) after clause (p) of sub-rule 1, a new clause shall be inserted namely:-
"(q) "collector" means Deputy Commissioner of the concerned District."

4. Amendment of rule 5.-

In rule 5 of the principal rules,

- (1) sub-rule (4) of rule 5 shall be omitted.
- (2) sub-rule (5) of rule 5 shall be omitted.

5. Amendment of rule 6.-

In the principal rules, for rule 6, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:-

“6. 1) Composition of the District Mineral Foundation Council.-

The District Mineral Foundation Governing Council in each of the district shall consist of the following, namely:-

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| Chairman | : | Deputy Commissioner of the District |
| Member Secretary | : | An officer nominated by Director, Geology & Mining. |
| Ex-Officio Member | : | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All Member of Legislative Assembly within the District. 2. Director, Geology & Mining. 3. Sub-Divisional Officer (Sadar) of the District. |
| Members | : | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) 2. Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) 3. District Geology & Mining Officer 4. Senior most Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department 5. Divisional Forest Officer, Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department 6. Chief Medical Officer of the District, Health Department 7. District Education Officer, Education Department. 8. District Social Welfare Officer or Senior most Child Development Project Officer of the District, Social Welfare Department 9. General Manager, District Industries Centre or District Commerce & Industries Officer, Commerce & Industries Department 10. Executive Engineer, Irrigation & Water Resources Department 11. Senior most Executive Engineer, Public Works Department 12. Environmental Engineer, Mizoram State Pollution Control Board 13. District Employment Officer, Labour & Employment Department 14. One representative of Non-Governmental Organization working in the District, nominated by the District Collector 15. One women representative of the Self Help Groups in the District, nominated by District Collector 16. One representative from the Mineral Concession Holder nominated by the Director, Geology & Mining, Commerce & Industries Department |

2) The State Government may, if necessary, by notification in the official Gazette, expand the composition of District Mineral Foundation Governing Council.”

6. Amendment of rule 8.-

In sub rule (1) of rule 8 of the principal rule, for the words “as often as necessary but at least once every quarter” the words “at least twice in a year.” shall be substituted.

7. Amendment of rule 10.-

(1) Sub rule (A) of rule 10 of the principal rules shall be substituted as follows, namely:-

“A. Directly affected areas - Villages and Village Councils or Local Councils within which the mines are situated and are operational. Such mining areas may extend to neighbouring village or town, block or district or even State.

- (i) An area within such radius from a mine or cluster of mines as may be specified by the State Government.
- (ii) Villages or wards in which families displaced by mines have been resettled or rehabilitated by the project authorities.
- (iii) Villages or wards that significantly depend on the mining areas for meeting their economic needs and have usufruct and traditional rights over the project areas, for instance, for grazing, collection of minor forest produce, other economic needs and the like should be considered as directly affected areas:

Provided that directly affected area is an area within such radius from a mine or cluster of mines as may be specified by the State Government but shall not extend beyond fifteen km from the boundary of the mines of mineral.”

- (2) After the first paragraph of sub-rule (B) of rule 10 of the principal rules, a new paragraph shall be inserted as follows, namely:-
“Indirectly affected area shall comprise of an area beyond the directly affected area and within such radius from a mine or cluster of mines as may be specified by the State Government but not more than twenty five km from boundary of mines of mineral, irrespective of whether this falls within the District concerned or adjacent District”.

8. Amendment of rule 11.-

Rule 11 of the principal rules shall be substituted as follows, namely:-

- “(1) The following shall include directly affected persons:
 - (i) ‘Affected family’ as defined under clause (c) of section 3 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.
 - (ii) ‘Displaced family’ as defined under clause (k) of section 3 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.
 - (iii) Any other as appropriately identified by the concerned Gram Sabha, Village Council or Local Council in directly or indirectly affected area.
- (2) Persons affected by mining should include people who have legal and occupational rights over the land being mined, those with usufruct and traditional rights, and those whose livelihoods have been affected due to mining.
- (3) Affected families should be identified, as far as possible, in consultation with local or elected representatives of gram sabha, Village Council or Local Council in directly or indirectly affected area.
- (4) The District Mineral Foundation shall prepare and maintain an updated list of such affected persons and local communities. The list shall be revisited for updation at least once every five years.”

9. Amendment of rule 12.-

In rule 12 of the principal rules,

- (1) In sub-rule (1), for the words and figures “60% of Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana funds may be utilized to High priority areas under these heads” the words and figures “High priority Sectors – at least seventy percent of Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana funds to be utilized under these sectors” shall be substituted.
- (2) In clause (b) of sub-rule (1), after the words “sustainable mine development.”, the words “Identification of mineral-specific pollutants and their hazard potential may be done by involving reputed educational institutes/ research institutions. The fund may be allocated for the identification of the hazards, setting up air quality monitors and displays, and undertaking measures for the implementation of the recommendations of the research.” shall be inserted.

- (3) In clause (c) of sub-rule (1)
 - (i) The words “people whose health is affected due to mining and,” shall be inserted between the words “must be on” and “creation of”.
 - (ii) The words “(such as doctors, paramedical and support staff)” shall be inserted between the words “necessary staffing” and “equipment”.
 - (iii) The words “and mobile health care units in the mining affected areas” shall be inserted after the words “illness and diseases”.
- (4) In clause (d) of sub-rule (1)
 - (i) for the words “school buildings” the words “school, college and vocational training institute buildings” shall be substituted
 - (ii) for the words “Residential Hostel for students/teachers” the words “residential schools, residential hostels for students of affected areas and teachers in remote areas” shall be substituted
 - (iii) after the words “nutrition related programs.”, the words “Financial support to students of affected areas for pursuing education in government and government aided institutions of higher education.” shall be inserted.
- (5) Clause (f) of sub-rule (1) shall be substituted as follows, namely:-
 “(f) Welfare of aged and differently abled – Special program and medical support for welfare of aged and differently abled people and financial assistance to District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs).”
- (6) Clause (g) of sub-rule (1) shall be substituted as follows, namely:-
 “(g) Skill development and livelihood generation –skill development for livelihood support, income generation and economic activities for local eligible persons. The projects or schemes may include training, training kits, development of skill development center, incubation center, self-employment schemes, support to Self Help Groups and provision of forward and backward linkages for such self-employment economic activities, works to improve and showcase the arts and crafts of the affected people and areas, collection and processing of minor forest produce.”
- (7) After clause (h) new clauses shall be inserted as follows, namely:-
 - “(i) Housing – Provision of pucca housing for mining affected people not covered under Central or State schemes.”
 - “(j) Agriculture – Activities related to agriculture, horticulture and agroforestry. Assistance to farmers through trainings, support to Farmer Producer Organizations, collectives and cooperatives, support for setting up of food processing units, storage including cold storage, marketing facilities like market yards and such other matter, plantation, processing of medicinal herbs.”
 - “(k) Animal Husbandry- Promotion of livestock, poultry, piggery, fishery, feed and fodder development and supporting innovation in animal husbandry, Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs), Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Cooperative Organisations (FCOs).”
- (8) In sub rule (2) the sub heading “30% of PMKKKY funds may be utilized to Other priority Areas” shall be substituted by “Other priority Sectors – twenty five percent of the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana funds to be utilized under these sectors.”
- (9) Clause (b) of sub-rule (2) shall be substituted as follows, namely:-
 “Irrigation – developing alternate sources of irrigation including check dams and diversion weirs, adoption of suitable and advanced irrigation techniques, assistance for micro irrigation facilities including drip irrigation, assistance for bore wells and pump energization.”
- (10) In clause (c) of sub rule (2) the words “economic forestry” shall be substituted by the word “agroforestry”
- (11) Sub-rule (3) shall be substituted as follows, namely:-

“An amount not exceeding five percent of the annual receipts of the District Mineral Foundation may be utilized by Project Monitoring Unit for administrative, supervisory and overhead costs of the Foundation.”

(12) After sub-rule (3), new sub rules shall be inserted as follows, namely:-

“(4) A minimum of seventy percent of the District Mineral Foundation funds shall be spent only in the directly affected area as specified in rule 10 (A)(i)”

“(5) no funds shall be transferred in any manner from the District Mineral Foundations to the State exchequer or State level fund or Chief Minister’s Relief Fund or any other funds or schemes and no sanction or approval of any expenditure out of the fund of the District Mineral Foundation shall be done at the State level.”

“(6) Works /goods may be procured by the District Mineral Foundation after following due procedure prescribed by the respective State Governments for such procurements. Procurement through GeM portal should be preferred.”

“(7) Transfer of fund to all executing agencies and beneficiaries shall be through Direct Benefit Transfer only into their bank account.”

“(8) Endowment fund – A reasonable sum not exceeding ten percent of the annual receipts should be kept as endowment fund for providing sustainable livelihood. The districts having annual collection of rupees ten crore or more shall maintain an endowment fund. The endowment fund may be invested in government securities or bonds and Fixed Deposits of scheduled banks and other instruments as are permitted by the State Government. The endowment fund should be used for creating and sustaining livelihoods in areas where mining activity has stopped due to any reason including exhaustion of mineral.”

10. Amendment of rule 13.-

In rule 13 of the principal rules, after sub-rule (2), the following new proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

“Provided that in the case of illegal mining, transportation and storage of major or minor mineral as the case may be; every illegal party shall, in addition to the fine imposed on them, shall pay to the District Mineral Foundation of the District in which the illegal mining operation are carried on, an amount at the rate of ten percent of the fine paid in terms of the rate fixed by Government of India or Competent Authority of State Government from time to time”

11. Amendment of rule 14.-

The words “or fine as the case may be” shall be inserted between the word “royalty” and the words “was payable to the government.”

12. Amendment of rule 15.-

Rule 15 of the principal rules shall be substituted as follows, namely:-

“15. Transparency and Accountability.-

1. Each Foundation will prepare and maintain a website or a specific section on the website of the District administration on which, the following information will be hosted and kept updated, namely:-

(1) Details of composition of the Governing Council;

(2) List of areas and people affected by mining including periodic updation;

(3) Quarterly details of all contributions received from Mining Lease/Permit Holders and others;

(4) All meeting agenda, minutes and action taken reports (ATRs) of the District Mineral Foundation.

(5) Five years Perspective Plan, details of investment of endowment fund, annual plans and budget, work orders and annual report within thirty days of issuance of the document;

(6) Online status of ongoing works – implementation status and progress of all the projects or programs being undertaken under Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana should be made available

on the website, including description of work, details of beneficiaries, estimated cost, name of implementing agencies, expected date of commencement and completion of work, financial and physical progress upto last quarter etc;

- (7) List of beneficiaries under various welfare programmes;
- (8) Voluntary disclosures under Right to Information Act, 2005.
2. Each Foundation shall display description of the project and amount sanctioned on a notice board at the project site.
3. Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities to create awareness regarding schemes implemented under Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana through social media, films, videos etc.
4. The District Mineral Foundation shall share information pertaining to performance of District Mineral Foundation including deposit of funds and implementation of works to the State Government and Ministry of Mines, Government of India as per the formats prescribed and manner specified.
5. The Central Government shall develop an online portal for facilitating administration of District Mineral Foundation including approval of projects, release of funds and monitoring of implementation of the projects. Each District Mineral Foundation shall compulsorily sanction, release funds and monitor execution of projects through the online portal only from the date as may be notified by the Central Government."

13. Amendment of rule 18.-

Rule 18 of the principal rules shall be substituted as follows, namely:-

"18. Audit.-

1. The accounts of the District Mineral Foundation shall be audited every year by the Auditor or Chartered Accountant appointed by the Government or District Mineral Foundation Council, or in such other manner as the Government may specify, and the report thereof shall be placed in the public domain along with the annual report.
2. The accounts of the District Mineral Foundation shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General as per schedule decided by Comptroller and Auditor General.

14. Amendment of rule 19.-

Rule 19 of the principal rules shall be substituted as follows, namely:-

- (1) In sub-rule (1) for the words "the Member Secretary of District Mineral Foundation Council" shall be substituted by the word "District Mineral Foundation"
- (2) In sub-rule (2) for the words "the DMF Council" the word "District Mineral Foundation" and for the word "uploaded in" the word "hosted on" shall be substituted.
- (3) After sub-rule (2), a new sub rule shall be inserted as follows, namely:-
"(3) The Annual Report of each Foundation shall be laid before the State Legislative Assembly."

15. Insertion of rule 21.-

After rule 20 of the principal rules, a new rule shall be inserted as follows, namely:-

"21. State Level Monitoring Committee.-

- (1) Composition of State Level Monitoring Committee -

The State Level Monitoring Committee shall consist of the following namely:-

Chairman	:	Chief Secretary
Member Secretary	:	Secretary, Commerce & Industries Department
Members	:	Secretary, Finance Department Secretary, Planning Department. One representative from Ministry of Mines, Government of India"

- (2) The Government shall constitute a cell to be called “State Level Nodal District Mineral Foundation Cell” for monitoring activities of District Mineral Foundations in the State and shall act as the Secretariat to the State Level Monitoring Committee.
- (3) The State Level Monitoring Committee shall monitor performance of District Mineral Foundations and compliance of transparency norms, audit and annual report of District Mineral Foundations.
- (4) The State Level Monitoring Committee shall meet at least twice in a year.”

16. Insertion of rule 22.-

After a newly inserted rule 21 a new rule shall be inserted as follows, namely:-

“22. Grievance Redressal.-

- (1) The District Mineral Foundations shall devise and implement a grievance redressal mechanism so that each grievance is redressed, and a suitable reply is given to the complainant within thirty days of making a complaint to the Collector or any other officer as may be notified.
- (2) The State Government may, on receipt of any complaint/public grievance shall ensure each grievance is redressed by District Mineral Foundation and a suitable reply is given to the complainant within the stipulated timeframe.
- (3) The State Government shall submit a report on implementation of corrective measures.”

17. Insertion of rule 23.-

After a newly inserted rule 22 a new rule shall be inserted as follows, namely:-

“23. Compliance mechanism

(1) In case, a District Mineral Foundation –

- (a) fails to maintain an endowment fund as mandated in rule 12 (8)
- (b) transfers any fund in violation of rule 12
- (c) fails to comply with any of the clauses in rule 15
- (d) fails to get the accounts audited as mandated in rule 18 (1)
- (e) fails to prepare and publish annual report as mandated in rule 19
- (f) fails to follow directions of State Government in rule 22.

the State Government may direct –

- (a) Suspension of sanction of any or all new works or execution of any or all of already sanctioned works; and/or suspension of release of funds for any or all the works by the bank(s) where District Mineral Foundation fund is deposited or the bank account of the executing agencies where funds have been transferred from District Mineral Foundation.
- (b) Withdrawal of such suspension, after being satisfied that necessary corrective measures have been taken.
- (c) In case any direction under (a) or (b) above is given by the Central Government the withdrawal of such direction shall only be done by the Central Government.”

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