

No. 16/7/2024-Mines VI-Part(2)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Mines

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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated the 21st February, 2025

To

The Principal Secretary/Secretary,  
In-charge of Mining Department,  
All State Governments and Union Territories

**Subject:** Omission of minerals Barytes, Felspar, Mica and Quartz from the list of minor minerals - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Central Government, vide Notification No. S.O. 924(E) dated 20.02.2025 (**copy enclosed**), has omitted the minerals Barytes, Felspar, Mica and Quartz from the list of minor minerals. Accordingly, these minerals are now 'minerals other than minor minerals', that is, major minerals with effect from 20.02.2025.

2. Mining Lease in respect of these minerals would now be regulated in accordance with the provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957 and the rules made thereunder as applicable to other major minerals. In order to ensure smooth transition of the existing leases of these minerals into the regulatory framework for major minerals, it is requested that the existing minor mineral lessees may be directed to get themselves registered online with the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) as per the provisions of Rule 45 of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 (MCDR, 2017) by 31st March 2025. Thereafter, the lease holders shall be required to file monthly and annual returns in the specified formats and also comply with the provisions of the MCDR 2017.

3. Additionally, the existing lease holders of minerals Barytes, Felspar, Mica and Quartz would be required to prepare and submit a mining plan for approval by the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) in accordance with the MCDR, 2017. However, till the approval of the mining plan by the IBM, the lessees may be allowed to continue production and dispatch based on existing mining plan approved by the State Government. The State Governments are requested to direct the existing lease holders of these minerals to submit the mining plan to IBM for approval by 30th June 2025.

4. It is also clarified that the lease period of the existing leases of minerals Barytes, Felspar, Mica and Quartz shall be governed as per section 8A of the MMDR Act. Thus, lease period of mining leases granted after the commencement of the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015 shall be for the period of 50 years.

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5. Further, in case of mining leases granted before the commencement of the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015, the lease period shall be extended and be deemed to have been extended up to a period ending on 31st March, 2020 (for merchant mines) or 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2030 (for captive mines) with effect from the date of expiry of the period of renewal last made or till the completion of renewal period, if any, or a period of 50 years from the date of grant of such lease, whichever is later, subject to the condition that all the terms and conditions of the lease have been complied with.

6. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,



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