S. R. O. No. 393/2014.—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, 1967 issued under Notification No. 15203/E2/63/ID dated 24th November, 1967 and published as S.R.O. No. 364/67 in Part I section (iv) of the Kerala Gazette No. 49 dated 12th December, 1967, namely:

Rules

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) These Rules may be called the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2014.
(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of the Rules.—In the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1967, in rule 8, for sub-rule (1B), the following shall be substituted, namely:

“A quarrying permit under these rules shall be obtained for extraction of ordinary earth used for filling or levelling purposes in construction of embankments, roads, railways or buildings:

Provided that if the owner of the land or the person concerned has obtained prior valid permit for construction of building from the Local Self Government authorities, no quarrying permit for extraction of ordinary earth shall be required in the construction of—

(i) residential buildings including flats;
(ii) commercial buildings having plinth area upto 300 square metres:

Provided further that in cases where transportation of ordinary earth is required, the person concerned shall pay royalty to Government and in such cases rules regarding transportation of minerals shall apply”.

By order of the Governor,

P. H. Kurian,
Principal Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

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

The Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1967 were framed by the Government of Kerala to regulate extraction of minor minerals in the State. As per the notification issued under G.O. (P) No. 138/12/ID dated 17th November, 2012 published as S.R.O. No. 798/2012 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 1216 dated 19th November, 2012, a provision was incorporated in the rules, for obtaining a quarrying permit for extraction of ordinary earth. As per notification No. GSR 95(E) issued by the Central Government and published in the Gazette of India dated 8th February, 2000, ordinary earth used for filling or levelling purposes in construction of embankments, roads, railways, buildings was declared as minor mineral. The uses of ordinary earth, which was declared as minor mineral, as specified in the above said notification happened to be omitted while issuing S.R.O. No. 798/2012. Hence Government have decided to amend the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1967 to rectify the mistake.

This notification is intended to achieve the above object.