GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Industries (A) Department

NOTIFICATION


S.R.O.No. 283/2013.—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/F2/63/ID dated 24th November, 1967 and published as S. R. O. No. 364/67 in Part I of the Kerala Gazette No. 49 dated 12th December 1967, namely:

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RULES

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) These rules may be called the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2013.

   (2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of the Rules.—In the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1967, in rule 57, after clause (b) of sub-rule (2), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:

   "(ba) Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, a contractor in the employ of the Indian Railways quarrying ordinary earth from the land owned by the Indian Railways for bona fide purposes coming under the works of the Indian Railways shall be exempted from obtaining a quarrying permit or quarrying lease and payment of royalty for removing ordinary earth."

By order of the Governor,

V. SOMASUNDARAN,
Additional Chief Secretary

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 to regulate extraction and movement of all minor minerals in the State of Kerala. As per the amendment Rules issued by notification under G. O. (P) No. 138/12/ID dated 17th November, 2012 and published as S. R. O. No. 798/2012 the Government have included ordinary earth in the Rules. Accordingly, quarrying permit is required for extraction of ordinary earth. Now, the Government have found that it is difficult to grant quarrying permits/leases to Indian Railways for the extraction and removal of ordinary earth from the lands possessed by it in order to construct railway lines and its own buildings. Hence, the Government have decided to exempt the Indian Railways from obtaining quarrying permit or quarrying lease and payment of royalty for extracting ordinary earth from the lands owned by it for the works coming under it.

This notification is intended to achieve the above object.