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G. O. (P) No.61/2025/ID

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12<sup>th</sup> Thulam 1201*

**S. R. O. No. 1239/2025**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (4) of section 15 and section 15 A read with section 9B 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 District Mineral Foundation Rules, 2018 issued by notification under G. O. (P) No. 13/2018/ID dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2018 and published as S. R. O No. 326/2018 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.1376 dated 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, namely: -



## RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*- (1) These rules may be called the Kerala District Mineral Foundation (Amendment) Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of the Rules.*- In the Kerala District Mineral Foundation Rules, 2018,-

(1) In rule 2, in sub-rule (1), (i) after the clause (ii), the following clause shall be inserted, namely

"(ii)(a). 'Affected Family' means 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 (Central Act 30 of 2013) due to mining activities;"

(ii) after the clause (iv), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

"(iv)(a). 'Displaced family' means 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 (Central Act 30 of 2013) due to mining activities;"

(2) In rule 5, after the sub-rule (7), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:-

"(8) Except District Collector, no other person shall function as Chairman of Governing Council and President of the Executive Committee."

(3) In rule 7, in sub-rule (3), for the words and symbol "three times", and for the words "four months" the words "twice" and "six months" shall respectively be substituted.;

(4) In rule 7, in sub-rule (4), in clause (vi), for the figure and word '10 lakhs', the figure and word '25 lakhs' shall be substituted.

(5) In rule 11, after sub-rule (1), the following provisos shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided that in the case of affected areas, an area within a radius of 5 km from a mine or cluster of mines situated and operational in a Local Self Government Institution shall be called directly affected area and an area beyond the directly affected area, but within the radius of 10 km from a mine or cluster of mines irrespective of whether this falls within the district concerned or adjacent district shall be called indirectly affected area.



Provided further that if the affected area of a mine in one district also falls in the jurisdiction of another district (even if it is in another state), such percentage of amount collected from the mine by the foundation, in proportion of affected areas, shall be transferred to the Foundation of the other district concerned for taking up of activities in such areas.

(6) In rule 12, after the sub-rule (2) the following provisos shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided that at least 70% of District Mineral Foundation funds must be allocated to High Priority Sectors, including: drinking water supply, environment preservation and pollution control, health care, education, welfare of women and children, welfare of the aged and differently-abled, Skill development and livelihood generation, sanitation, housing, agriculture, animal husbandry and up to 30% of funds may be utilized for other priority sectors, such as: physical infrastructure, irrigation, energy and watershed development and other measures for enhancing environmental quality in mining-affected districts

Provided further that a minimum of 70% of the District Mineral Foundation funds shall be spent only in the directly affected area as specified in sub rule (1) of rule 11".

(7) After rule 12, the following Rule shall be inserted, namely:-

"12A. Five years Perspective planning and Yearly plan: For the proper utilization of funds for the implementation of the works covering all affected people and areas in systematic and time – bound manner, the Trust may formulate long term planning, with:

(1) Conducting of baseline survey through academic institutions / renowned organizations/ agencies for perspective plan formulation. The District Mineral Foundation may also use the base line survey undertaken by any Department, if available. The findings shall be included in the perspective planning under Pradhan Manthri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana of the District. In such case, the State Government may empanel renowned organization or agencies or universities for conducting the baseline surveys and preparing five year perspective plans.

(2) Based on the findings and gaps as identified through the baseline survey, District Mineral Foundation shall prepare a strategy for five years and same shall be included in the perspective plan. The five year Perspective plan shall be disaggregated into year-wise action plans.



(3) The five year perspective plan shall have separate sections on all priority sectors like drinking water, health, education, welfare of women and children, etc and other sectors like roads, irrigation etc.

(4) The five year perspective plan shall be approved by the Governing Council and displayed in the website of District Mineral Foundation.

(5) The annual plans of the District Mineral Foundation to be approved by Governing Council in each year shall be based upon the five year perspective plan. Annual plan may include some other works and expenditures considered urgent in nature although not included in the perspective plan to a maximum extent of 10% of the annual plan.

(6) The Governing Council shall approve the five year perspective plan and annual plan comprising of list projects to be taken up in financial years.

(8) In rule 16, after the sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:-

"(3) The annual report of each District Mineral Foundation shall be laid down before the State Legislative Assembly.";

(9) In rule 17, in sub-rule (2), after the clause (viii), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely :-

"(ix) Each foundation shall display description of the project and amount sanctioned on a notice board at the project site;

"(x). the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) 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 forms prescribed and manner specified";.

(10) after rule18, the following rules shall be inserted, namely

'18A Restriction of Fund Transfer from District Mineral Foundation.- In respect to the District Mineral Foundation Funds;

(1) The provisions of section 9B of the Act shall be strictly adhered to in respect of utilization of funds by the District Mineral Foundation

(2) No fund shall be transferred in any manner from the District Mineral Foundation to the State exchequer or State level fund or Chief Minister's Relief Fund or any other funds or schemes



(3) No sanction or approval of any other expenditure out of the fund of the District Mineral Foundation shall be done at the State level by the State Government or any State level agency

(4) No fund shall be spent outside directly or indirectly affected areas within a district or for other than affected people as specified in sub-rule (1) of rule 11.

(5) No fund shall be transferred in any manner from one district to another district except as mentioned in sub rule (1) of rule 11.

(6) The approval of expenditure of funds from the District Mineral Foundation lies solely with the Governing Council of District Mineral Foundation. The State Government or State level Committee (by whatever name called) shall not have overarching authority on sanction of projects, approval of funds/ expenditure and their function shall be limited to monitoring effective implementation of projects sanctioned under Pradhan Manthri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana

18B. *Special Provisions for the Scheduled areas.*- The process to be adopted for utilization of Pradhan Manthri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana funds in the Scheduled areas shall be guided by the provisions contained in Article 244 read with Schedule V and Schedule VI to the Constitution relating to administration of the Scheduled Areas and Tribal Areas and the Provisions of the Panchayaths (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (Central Act 40 of 1996) and Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (Central Act 2 of 2007). In respect of villages affected by mining situated within the Scheduled areas, approval of the Grama Sabha shall be required for all plans, programmes and projects to be undertaken by Pradhan Manthri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana and also in identification of beneficiaries under the existing guidelines of the Government. In such case, the Report of the works undertaken under Pradhan Manthri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana in the respective Panchayath shall be furnished to the Grama Sabha after completion of every financial year.";

(11) After rule 19, the following rule shall be inserted, namely

"19A. *State Level Monitoring Committee:* (1) A 'State Level Monitoring Committee' shall be constituted at the State level to monitor the District Mineral Foundations and the compliance of transparency norms, audit and annual report of District Mineral Foundations.

(2) State Level Monitoring Committee shall consist of following members, namely:-



1. Chief Secretary	Chairperson
2. Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Industries Department	Member Secretary
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests	Member
4. Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Water Resources Department	Member
5. Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Public Works Department	Member
6. Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Health Department	Member
7. Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Agriculture Department	Member
8. Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Social Justice Department	Member
9. Chairperson, Kerala State Pollution Control Board	Member
10. Director of Mining and Geology	Member

(3) Directorate of Mining and Geology 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

(4) The State Level Monitoring Committee shall meet atleast twice in a year";.

(12) For rule 22, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:-

"22. *Grievance Redressal*:- (1) The District Mineral Foundations shall device and implement a grievance redressal mechanism so that each grievance is redressed and a suitable reply shall be given to the complainant within 30 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 or public grievance shall ensure each grievance is redressed by District Mineral



Foundation and a suitable reply is given to the complaint within the stipulated time frame.

(3) The Central Government may, on receipt of any complaint / public grievance regarding improper utilization of District Mineral Foundation funds, poor implementation of projects or violation of Pradhan Manthri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana guidelines, shall refer the complaint to the State Government for submitting a detailed action taken report. The State Government shall submit a detailed action taken report within two months from the date of receipt from the Central Government:

Provided that any corrective measures are required to be implemented, the State Government shall submit a report regarding the same to the Central Government.

(13) After the rule 22, the following rule shall be added, namely:-

"(23) *Compliance Mechanism.*-(1) In case of failure of complying the conditions stipulated in these Rules, the State Government or Central Government may direct 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.

(2) The State Government or the Central Government may, after being satisfied that necessary corrective measures have been taken withdraw such suspension".

By order of the Governor,  
**APM MOHAMMED HANISH,**  
*Principal Secretary to Government.*

### **Explanatory Note**

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

In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (4) of section 15 and section 15A read with section 9 B of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957,



(Central Act 67 of 1957) the Government of Kerala issued the Kerala District Mineral Foundation Rules, 2018, by notification under G.O(P)No.13/2018/ID. dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2018 and published as S.R.O No. 326/2018 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.1376 dated 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. The Central Government has directed all State Governments to incorporate revised guidelines dated 15.01.2024 into their respective District Mineral Foundation rules and such incorporation is mandatory for proper implementation of the objectives. The main objective of the District Mineral Foundation Rules is to implement the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana. Accordingly, the Government have decided to make suitable amendment to the said rules.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

