

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Mines & Minerals – Government of India declared (31) Minerals as Minor Minerals - Granting of Mining Leases for 31 major minerals declared as minor minerals - Delegation of the Powers to the Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Hyderabad - Orders – Issued.

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**INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.II) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.MS.No. 34

Dated: 14-03-2016

Read the following:

1. The Mines and Minerals (D&R) Amendment Act, 2015.
2. GSR No.423 (E), dt:10.02.2015 from the Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

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**ORDER:**

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the Government of India enacted Mines & Minerals (D&R) Amendment Act 2015 and the same has come into force w.e.f. 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2015. Accordingly, certain minerals are eligible for grant of mining leases, under sub-section (2) of Section 10A, where a letter of intent has been issued before commencement of the Mines & Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015.

2. In the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, have issued a Notification in the Gazette of India, New Delhi declaring the following (31) minerals as minor minerals, by exercising the powers conferred under clause (e) of section 3 of the Mines & Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957:

1. Agate, 2. Ball Clay, 3. Barytes, 4. Calcareous Sand, 5. Calcite, 6. Chalk, 7. China Clay, 8. Clay (Others), 9. Corundum, 10. Diaspore, 11. Dolomite, 12. Dunite/Pyroxenite, 13. Felsite, 14. Felspar, 15. Fireclay, 16. Fuschite quartzite, 17. Gypsum, 18. Jasper, 19. Kaolin, 20. Laterite, 21. Limekankar, 22. Mica, 23. Ochre, 24. Pyrophyllite, 25. Quartz, 26. Quartzite, 27. Sand (others), 28. Shale, 29. Silica Sand, 30. Slate, 31. Steatite or Talc or Soap stone.

Accordingly, the State Government has got the powers to make rules for these 31 minerals to regulate the grant of leases under Section 15(2) of Mines & Minerals (D&R) Amendment Act, 2015.

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3. After careful examination of the matter, Government hereby delegate the powers to the Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Hyderabad to take further action for granting of mining leases in respect of the proposals relate to the newly declared (31) minor Minerals, in which letter of intent was issued as per sub-section (2) of Section 10A of Mines & Minerals (D&R) Amendment Act, 2015 and any arising applications under the relevant provisions of A.P. Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966.

4. The Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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