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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT
Mines Cell

NOTIFICATION

No. 67-CI/O/MINES RULE/002/02/M1 dt. 8th March, 2004.—In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (1) of section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957), the Governor is pleased hereby to make the following amendments in the West Bengal Minor Minerals Rules, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules) :—

AMENDMENTS

In the said rules, —

(1) in rule 27, for the heading “Grant of Quarry Permits”, substitute the heading “Grant of Quarry Permits excepting stone and granite” ;

(2) after rule 27, insert the following rule :

“27A. Grant of quarry permit for stone.—(1) The district authority or any other officer authorised in this behalf by the State Government may grant, as per procedure laid down in Schedule IV, quarry permits in Form F to any person to extract or remove stone from any specified land within the limits of his jurisdiction, on pre-payment of royalty at the rate specified in Schedule I :

Provided that the applicant has already applied to the prescribed authority in compliance with the provisions of rule 5 for long term lease of the area for which the quarry permit has been applied for and has submitted a copy of the acknowledgement of such application issued under rule 6 :

Provided further that the applicant has submitted a clearance certificate or no objection certificate from the appropriate authority for use of explosives.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, quarry permits may, under sub-rule (1), be granted in stages not exceeding a period of three months at a time till the disposal of the application of the long term lease or one year whichever is earlier :

Provided that the quarry permit holder shall cease mining activities as soon as a mining lease holder commences mining activities after obtaining the possession of the lease hold land from the Competent Authority”;

(3) In rule 29, in sub-rule (1), after the word and figures "rule 27", *insert* the words, figures and letter "or rule 27A";

(4) in Schedule IV, for the words, figures and brackets "[See Rule 27(1) of the West Bengal Minor Minerals Rules, 2002]", *substitute* the words, figures, letters and brackets "[See rule 27(1), rule 27A(1) of the West Bengal Minor Minerals Rules, 2002]";

(5) in Form F, for the words, figures and brackets "(vide rule 27(1) of West Bengal Minor Minerals Rules, 2002)", *substitute* the words, figures letter and brackets "(vide rule 27(1), 27A(1) of the West Bengal Minor Minerals Rules, 2002)".

By order of the Governor,

Sabyasachi Sen,

*Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal
and
Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department.*