

**F. No. 13016/42/2015-CA-III/P&S-II**

**Government of India**

**Ministry of Coal**

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**Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi**

**Dated 05 October, 2025**

**ORDER**

**Subject: Increase in the area limits under Section 6 (1) of the MMDR Act for grant of Prospecting Licenses/ Mining Leases to one hundred and twenty-five (125) square kilometres in respect of coal blocks located in Madhya Pradesh State.**

WHEREAS, sub-section (1) Section 6 of the Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 provides that no person shall acquire in respect of any mineral or prescribed group of associated minerals in a State (a) one or more prospecting licences covering a total area of more than twenty-five square kilometres; or (b) one or more mining leases covering a total area of more than ten square kilometres.

2. AND WHEREAS, if the Central Government is of the opinion that in the interest of the development of any mineral or industry, it is necessary so to do, it may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, increase the aforesaid area limits in respect of prospecting license or mining lease, in so far as it pertains to any particular mineral, or to any specified category of deposits of such mineral, or to any particular mineral located in any particular area.

3. AND WHEREAS, in order to expedite the process of obtaining clearances and to further facilitate early operationalization of coal blocks and to reduce compliance burden, vide Order dated 07.03.2024 the area limit for obtaining one or more prospecting licences was increased from twenty-five square kilometres to thirty-five square kilometres and area limits for obtaining one or more mining leases was increased from ten square kilometres to thirty-five square kilometres in respect of coal blocks located in the Madhya Pradesh State.

4. AND WHEREAS, the allocation of coal blocks is carried out by the Central Government under the provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 and the Mines and Mineral (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and Rules made thereunder and blocks having combined area of more than thirty-five square kilometres, located in Madhya Pradesh State, have been allocated so far.

5. AND WHEREAS, keeping in view the overall development of coal industry due to liberalization of auction process and commencement of commercial mining, it is noticed that company which has been awarded one or more coal blocks with combined area of more than thirty five square kilometres in Madhya Pradesh State has to seek relaxation of area limits beyond thirty five square kilometres for obtaining one or more mining lease under sub-section (1) Section 6 of the Mines and Mineral (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957.

6. AND WHEREAS, in order to expedite the process of obtaining clearances and to further facilitate early operationalization of coal blocks and to reduce compliance burden, it has been decided to increase the area limits for obtaining one or more mining lease(s) to one hundred and twenty-five square kilometres and it has been decided that area limits for obtaining one or

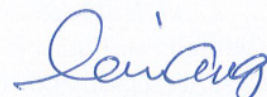


more prospecting license may be increased to one hundred and twenty-five square kilometres in respect of coal blocks located in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

7. NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) Section 6 of the Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in supersession of Order dated 07.03.2024, the Central Government hereby increases the area limits for obtaining one or more mining lease(s) to one hundred and twenty-five square kilometres and increases the area limits for obtaining one or more prospecting license to one hundred and twenty-five square kilometres in respect of coal blocks located in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

8. The concerned State Government is requested to note the above increase in the area limits of mining lease and prospecting license in respect of coal for information and compliance.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority.



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