

MINISTRY OF MINES AND FUEL

New Delhi, the 1st June 1962

G.S.R. 1051.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 13 of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960, namely:—

1. These rules may be called the Mineral Concession (Third Amendment) Rules, 1962.

2. In the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960—

(i) in clause (b) of sub-rule (1) of rule 66, for the words "radio-active-minerals", the words "atomic minerals" shall be substituted;

(ii) after rule 66, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

"66-A. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Rules, the holder of a prospecting licence or mining lease for a mineral other than a minor mineral shall be free to undertake prospecting/mining operations also in respect of the-atomic minerals, in the area held by him on the conditions that:

(i) if in the course of prospecting/mining operations, he discovers any atomic mineral/minerals, he shall report the fact to the Director, Atomic Minerals Division, New Delhi within 60 days from the date of discovery of such mines;

(ii) that the quantities of atomic minerals recovered incidental to such prospecting/mining operations shall be collected and stacked separately and a report to that effect sent to the Director, Atomic Minerals Division, New Delhi every three months, who will have samples thereof taken and analysed to determine whether they are of acceptable grade for purchase by the Department of Atomic Energy."

(2) The licensee/lessee referred to in sub-rule (1) shall also be free to remove any quantity of atomic minerals as are required by the Department of Atomic Energy, on payment of royalty by the licensee/lessee to the State Government.

(3) Unless the quantity of atomic minerals found incidental to mining operation is insignificant, the lessee shall in due course apply to the State Government for inclusion of the atomic mineral/minerals in his mining lease deed:

Provided that the State Government may, in consultation with the Department of Atomic Energy, exempt the lessee from obtaining a separate lease for/or inclusion of atomic minerals in the lease deed.

(4) The provisions of clause (ii) of sub-rule (1) of rule 14 and clause (b) of sub-rule (1) of rule 27 shall not apply in relation to atomic minerals.

(5) For the purpose of rule 66(1)(b) and this rule, 'atomic minerals' means the minerals from which prescribed substances as defined in clause (d) of section 3 of the Atomic Energy Act, 1948 (29 of 1948) can be obtained."

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