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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

AMENDMENT TO THE TAMIL NADU MINOR MINERAL CONCESSION RULES, 1959

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No.SROA-20(a)/2021.

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-sections (1) and (1-A) of Section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following amendments to the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959, namely:-

AMENDEMENTS.

In the said Rules,-

(1) in rule 2, after clause (2), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(2-A) “Archaeological Site or Remains and Ancient Monument” means any area specified or declared to be an Archaeological Site or Remains and Ancient Monument under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 (Central Act 24 of 1958) and the Tamil Nadu Ancient and Historical Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1966 (Tamil Nadu Act 25 of 1966) or any area identified as an archaeologically important site by the Commissioner of Archeology, Government of Tamil Nadu or any area identified as having archeologically or historically important remnants, from time to time.”;

(2) in rule 19-A, to sub-rule (18), the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

“Provided that no renewal of lease shall be granted unless the lessee satisfies the conditions prescribed in rule 36.”

(3) in rule 20, in sub-rule (2), to clause (b), the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

“Provided that the lease shall be extended for quarrying stone, subject to the general restriction in respect of quarrying operations prescribed in rule 36.”;

(4) in rule 36, in sub-rule (1-A),-

i) After clause (c), the following clauses shall be added, namely:-

“(d) Notwithstanding anything contained in any law for the time being in force, no lease or licence shall be granted for quarrying of any mineral within 500 metres radial distance from the boundaries of an archaeological site or remains and ancient Monument;

(e) Notwithstanding anything contained in any law for the time being in force, no quarrying or mining or crushing activities shall be carried out within one kilometre radial distance or the protective distance as notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India from time to time, whichever is more, from the boundaries of ecologically sensitive areas, environmentally and ecologically protected areas such as the National Parks, Wild Life Sanctuaries, Tiger Reserves, Elephant Corridors and Reserve Forests”.

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