



Government of West Bengal Commerce &Industries Department 4, Abanindranath Tagore Sarani, Kolkata – 16 Mines Branch

No.38-CI/O/MIN/GEN-MIS/27/2012

Date:08.01.2013

NOTIFICATION

Whereas the State Government has already authorized the District Magistrates of the districts concerned to grant or to refuse to grant / renewal of mining lease for minor minerals other than those which require excavation of in-situ hard rocks viz. stone, granite, laterite in terms of the provisions contained in West Bengal Minor Mineral Rules, 2002 as amended from time to time vide this Department's Notification No. 431-CI/O/Estt/003/05/A(M1) dt.05.12.2007.

Whereas, the Governor has been pleased to authorize the District Magistrates concerned to grant mining lease in respect of river bed minerals, brick earth, morrum, kankar on land vested in Government through public auction/bid by inviting sealed tenders vide Notification No. 809-CI/O/MM/84/11 dated 01.12.2011 published on 05.12.2011;

Whereas, Gorkhaland Territorial Administration act 2011 has come into effect from 12.03.2012;

Now, therefore, the Governor has been further pleased to authorize the District Magistrate & Collector, Darjeeling in respect of grant of mining lease of certain river bed minor minerals (including Sand & Pebbles) to exercise such powers in the GTA area in consultation with the GTA within purview/provisions of the amended WBMM Rules.

The District Magistrate & Collector, Darjeeling shall continue to exercise such power until and unless further amendments are made in the West Bengal Minor Mineral Rules, 2002.

By Order of the Governor Sd/-

Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

Ordered that the Notification be published in KOLKATA GAZETTE.

Sd/-

Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

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Copy forwarded for information and compliance to:

- 1. The Chairman, GTA, Lalkuthi, Darjeeling;
- 2. The Secretary, Hill Affairs Department;
- ✓3. The District Magistrate & Collector, Darjeeling;
- 4. The Director, Directorate of Mines & Minerals, West Bengal, 5, Council House Street, Kolkata 1;
- 5. The Chief Mining Officer, West Bengal, Court Road, Asansol, Post: Asansol, Dist: Burdwan;
- 6. The Mining Officer-in-Charge, Siliguri.

Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal