

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated, the 30th May, 2016

ORDER

Subject: Relaxation of area limits in exercise of powers under section 6 of the MMDR Act, 1957, for mining lease in respect of limestone in the State of Chhattisgarh

Reference: Mineral Resources Department, Government of Chhattisgarh's letter No. Ef 7-10/2015/12 dated 5.3.2016 and letter No. Ef 7-10/2015/12 dated 28.4.2016

Whereas the viability of cement plant depends on an installed capacity of 3.5 MTPA and above, for which a mineralized area of 2 to 3 sq. km would be required with a plant life of fifty years; and considering the additional requirement of area for ancillary activities, the total lease area required for a cement plant of 3.5 MTPA capacity production works out to 5 to 6 sq. km.

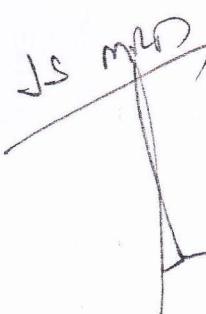
And whereas the State Government has stated that at present the existing cement companies are already holding a maximum area of 22.4 sq. km. under mining lease for limestone in the state. Considering the prospects of future expansion of capacities to the tune of 10 MTPA, an additional area of about 20 – 25 sq. km. would be required.

Now therefore the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred under section 6 of the MMDR Act, 1957, hereby conveys its approval for increasing the area limit specified under section 6(1)(b) of the MMDR Act, 1957 in respect of limestone in the State of Chhattisgarh to 50 Sq Kms for mining lease in the interest of development of limestone, for the reason that limestone is present in sedimentary to meta-sedimentary formations having limited depth persistency in the state which requires larger areas for scientific mining, and for meeting the raw material requirements of end user industries.



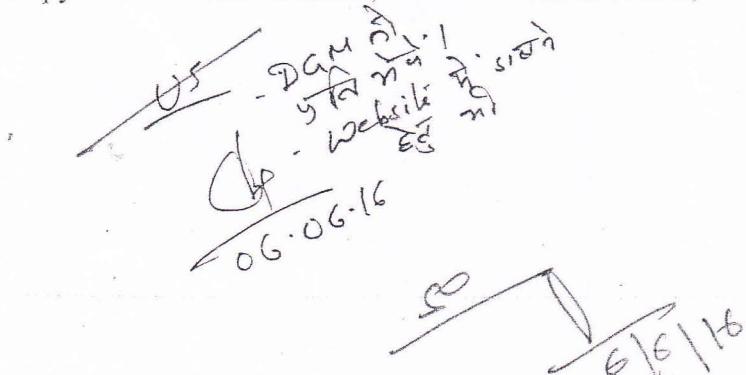
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