

No.PS1-13016/5/2023-PS1(FTS 357554)
Government of India
Ministry of Coal
P&S-I section

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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Date: 15th November, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Forwarding SOP for processing and disposal of applications forwarded by State Govt. seeking previous approval of Central Government for grant of Prospecting License/Mining Lease-reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward SOP for processing and disposal of applications forwarded by State Governments seeking previous approval of Central Government for grant of Prospecting License/Mining Lease.

Encl. as above.



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To

1. Chief Secretaries of all States
2. CMD CMPDIL
3. Advisor(Project), MoC

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SOP for processing and disposal of applications forwarded by State Govt. seeking previous approval of Central Government for grant of Prospecting License/Mining Lease :

Ministry of Coal is receiving large nos. of proposals from State Govts. Seeking previous approval of Central Government before granting Prospecting License (PL)/ Mining Lease (ML). For proper examination of such proposals a committee has been constituted under Advisor (Project), MoC. This committee will examine the proposal on case to case basis.

To streamline the process for examining and conveying previous approval of Central Govt. following SOP has been made:

1. Application for Prospecting License received from the State Government to be forwarded by P&S Section to CMPDIL for examination & vetting with a copy to Project Adviser, Ministry of Coal for information within 5 working days.
2. On receipt of the application from Ministry of Coal, CMPDIL will send demand letter to Project Proponent for vetting charges including physical verification within 5 working days.
3. On receipt of payment from project proponent, CMPDIL will make site visit with in 15 working days and verify the information (as received from State Govt). CMPDIL may also seek additional information from project proponent, if desired. CMPDIL will send the vetting comments to MoC.
4. Vetting comments of CMPDIL will be considered by the committee constituted for examination of proposal for prior approval for PL/ML with in 10 working days after receipt from CMPDIL and recommendations conveyed to P&S, MoC.
5. On receipt of recommendation of Committee, P&S Section, MoC to process for obtaining approval of the competent authority and convey previous approval to the State Government.

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CORRIGENDUM

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's OM of even no. dated 15.11.2023 (copy enclosed) circulating therewith SOP for processing and disposal of application forwarded by State Government seeking previous approval of Central Government for grant of Prospecting License/ Mining Lease.

2. In partial modification of the said SOP, the following words at Point No.1, Line 1 "Application for Prospecting License received from the State Government to be....." **may be read as** "Application for previous approval for Prospecting License/ Mining Lease received from the State Government to be.....".

3. Other content of the SOP shall remain the same.



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