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**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

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**No. MM- 57/2015- 26940 / R&D.M Dated the 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

From

Sri Avaya Kumar Nayak,  
Joint Secretary to Government

To

All Collectors

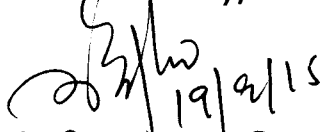
**Sub: Settlement of minor mineral sources which had been put to auction prior to coming into force of the OMMC (Amendment) Rules, 2014 but not operationalized yet due to want of mining plan/ environmental clearance**

Madam/ Sir,

I am directed to say that it has come to the notice of Government that some minor mineral sources, which had been put to auction prior to coming into force of the OMMC (Amendment) Rules, 2014 in different districts, could not be operationalized during the same financial year due to want of mining plan/ environmental clearance. In many cases, the auction holders have deposited the bid amount but could not operate the source and in the meantime, the lease period has lapsed. Many of such auction holders have approached the Hon'ble High Court seeking remedy. In some cases, the Hon'ble Court has directed to refund the bid amount while in some other cases, the Hon'ble Court has directed to allow the petitioner to operate the source for one year from the date of obtaining all clearances.

2. Keeping in view the difficulty being faced in operating the sources, Government, after careful consideration, have been pleased to decide that the auction purchasers in respect of those minor mineral sources which had been put to auction prior to coming into force of the OMMC (Amendment) Rules, 2014 but could not be operationalized during the same financial year due to want of mining plan/ environmental clearance, may be allowed to operate the said sources for one year from the date of obtaining environmental clearance if the source has not been auctioned afresh for the current year and environmental clearance is obtained during the current financial year. In cases, where the sources have been auctioned afresh for the current year, the bid amount deposited by the previous auction purchaser may be refunded to such purchaser after deducting the royalty amount for the lifted quantity, if any.

Yours faithfully,

  
19/9/15  
Joint Secretary to Government

**Memo No. 26941 /RDM Dated 19-9-15**

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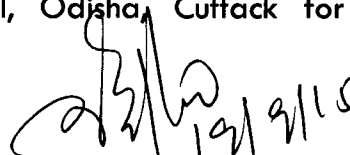
**Memo No. 26942 /RDM Dated 19-9-15**

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Joint Secretary to Government

**Memo No. 26943 /RDM Dated 19-9-15**

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