

Mineral Administration

Mineral concessions are granted under Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957 (MMDR 1957) and Mineral Concession Rules 1960 (MCR 1960). It includes Reconnaissance Permit (RP), Prospecting Licence (PL), Mining Lease (ML) and Quarry Lease (QL). For the development of Granite and Marbles, "Granite Conservation & Development Rules 1999" and "Marble Development and Conservation Rules, 2002" are in effect.

1. Reconnaissance Permit (RP) : "Reconnaissance Permit" means a permit granted for the purpose of undertaking reconnaissance operations; which means any operations undertaken for preliminary prospecting of a mineral through regional, aerial, geophysical or geochemical surveys and geological mapping, but does not include pitting, trenching, drilling (except drilling of boreholes on a grid specified from time to time by the Central Government) or sub-surface excavation;

An application for reconnaissance permit shall be made to the State Government in Form 'A' appended with Mineral Concession Rules 1960 (MCR 1960), through Director, Geology & Mining, Raipur Every such application shall be accompanied by a non-refundable fee calculated at the rate of five rupees per square kilometer or part there of.

2. Prospecting Licence (PL) :- "Prospecting Licence" means a licence granted for the purpose of undertaking prospecting operations; which means any operations undertaken for the purpose of exploring, locating or proving mineral deposits;

An application for prospecting licence and its renewal shall be made to the State Government in Form B and Form E respectively, appended with of Mineral Concession Rules 1960 (MCR 1960), through Director, Geology & Mining, Raipur in case of minerals enlisted in schedule I of MMDR 1957. For the rest of the minerals, applications shall be made through the Collectors of respective Districts. Every such application shall be accompanied by Rupees Two hundred and fifty for the first square kilometer or part thereof and rupees fifty for each additional square kilometer

3. Mining Lease (ML) "Mining Lease" means a lease granted for the purpose of undertaking mining operations, and includes a sub-lease granted for such purpose; "Mining Operations" means any operations undertaken for the purpose of winning any mineral;

An application for the grant of a mining lease shall be made to the State Government in Form I, appended with Mineral Concession Rules 1960 (MCR 1960), through Director, Geology & Mining, Raipur in case of minerals enlisted in schedule I of MMDR 1957. For the rest of the minerals, applications shall be made through the Collectors of respective Districts. Every application for the grant or renewal of a mining lease shall be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of two thousand and five hundred rupees.