

No. 16/16/2018-M-VI
Government of India
Ministry of Mines

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated, the 1st July, 2019

To

The Additional Secretary
Department of Steel and Mines
Government of Odisha Secretariat
Bhubaneswar (Odisha) – 751001

Sub: Clarification regarding the provisions contain in section 6 of the
MMDR Act, 1957

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Odisha's letter No. 9937/ACS IV(Misc)SM-66/2018 (Pt.) dated 27.12.2018; letter of Chief Secretary, Odisha dated 18.06.2019 and this Ministry's letter of even number dated 28.05.2019.

2. The State Govt. has sought clarification regarding the eligibility of a person to participate in the auction of mining lease. The clarification sought by the State Government has been examined in the Ministry and it is clarified as below:-

“Disallow participation of persons who are holding or may, in the event of becoming highest bidders in the auction, hold the area in excess of the area limit under section 6 (1) of the MMDR Act. It may, however, be noted that the area limit would be governed as per the provisions under section 6 (1) of the MMDR Act”

3. The proposal for area relaxation with due justification as mentioned in Ministry's letter of even number dated 28.05.2019 may be sent at the earliest.

4. This issues with the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry of Mines.

Yours faithfully,


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