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## Mineral (Auction) Amendment Rules, 2021

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# MINISTRY OF MINES

## NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 17th March, 2021

**G.S.R. 195(E).**—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 13 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015, namely:—

**1. Short title and commencement.**— (1) These rules may be called the Mineral (Auction) Amendment Rules, 2021.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

**2.** In the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), in rule 9, in sub rule (2), —

(i) in clause (a), the word “and” occurring at the end shall be omitted;

(ii) in clause (b), for the words “not owned by the State Government.”, the words “ not owned by the State Government; and” shall be substituted;

(iii) after clause (b), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(c) the scheduled date of commencement of production in case of auction of mining lease in respect of an area having existence of mineral contents established in accordance with rule 5 of the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015. ”.

**3.** In rule 13 of the said rules, in sub-rule (2), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely,—

“Provided that in case of auction of mining lease in respect of an area having existence of mineral contents established in accordance with rule 5 of the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015, the lessee shall pay only fifty per cent. of the amount quoted under rule 8, for the quantity of mineral produced and dispatched earlier than the scheduled date of commencement of production as given in the tender document:

Provided further that for such quantity of mineral produced and dispatched, other payments as specified in sub-rules (1), (3) and (4) shall be payable in full and the successful bidder shall obtain all necessary approvals, permissions, licences and the like as may be required under any law for the time being in force for starting early production.

*Explanation.*— For the purposes of this sub-rule, it is clarified that the incentive specified in the first proviso on payment of amount quoted under rule 8 shall be applicable on the quantity of mineral produced and dispatched between actual date and the scheduled date of commencement of production.”.

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**Note:-** The Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 were published in the Gazette of India, Part II, section 3, sub-section (i) *vide notification* number G.S.R. 406(E), dated the 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 and lastly amended *vide* number G.S.R. 190(E), dated the 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.