

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM**  
**ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT**  
**DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6**  
**ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR**  
**NOTIFICATION**

**Dated Dispur, the 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2025**

**ECF: 714147/37:** In order to meet the increasing demand of Minor Minerals in the State and in view of Order dated 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in SLP (C) No. 19628/19629 of 2009 and I.A. No. 12/13 of 2011 and communication received from Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, North East Regional Office Shillong vide letter No. RONE/MISC/AS/2014-SHI3041-43 dated 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, the Govt. of Assam is hereby pleased to order that:

1. Minimum size of Minor Mineral Concession areas in notified forests of the State shall not be less than 5 (five) Hectares.
2. Minimum period of Minor Mineral lease/contract shall not be less than 5 (five) years.
3. A cluster approach shall be adopted for Minor Mineral Concession Areas which are smaller in size.
4. In case, there are Minor Mineral Concession Areas which are being operated below 5 Hectare, the same shall be extended to upto 5 Hectare subject to feasibility.
5. All statutory clearances shall have to be obtained accordingly for the extension to 5 Hectares.
6. The extended Minor Mineral Concession Areas shall be duly reflected in the District Survey Report (DSR).
7. All approved DSRs, together with their Annexures & Appendices and Amendments shall be invariably uploaded in the District Web Portals/ Websites.

Special Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,  
Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department

Memo eCF No:714147/37 -A

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Copy to :

1. The P.P.S. to the Chief Minister, Assam for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam.
2. Mines and Minerals Department, Janata Bhawan, Dispur-06.
3. P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister, Environment and Forest, Assam.
4. P.S. to the Special Chief Secretary (Forest), Environment and Forest Department.
5. P.S. to the Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Environment and Forest Department.
6. The Deputy Director, Printing & Stationery, Assam Govt. Press, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati- 21 for publication of the above notification in the next issue of the Assam Gazette.

By order etc.,

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam  
Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department