सत्यमेव जयते

ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH
INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT
(GEOLOGYANDMINING)

Notification

Ladakh, the _______of April, 2026

S.O.___ The following draft rules, which the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh proposes to make in exercise of the powers conferred by sections **9B**, **15(4)** and **15A** of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (*Act No. 67 of 1957*), as amended from time to time, read with G.S.R. 349, dated: - 20-03-1959 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, are hereby notified for information of all persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the draft notification will be taken into consideration after the expiry of a period of fifteen days from the date on which the copies of the Official Gazette in which this notification is published are made available to the public ;

Objections and suggestions, if any, may be addressed to Deputy Director, Geology & Mining, Upper Skampari, Leh, UT Ladakh (email: dgmladakh@gmail.com).

Objections and suggestions, which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft notification after the expiry of the period specified above, will be not be considered by the Administration of UnionTerritory of Ladakh.

DRAFT RULES

CHAPTER-I PRELIMINARY

1. Short title, extent and commencement.–

(1) These rules may be called the **Ladakh District Mineral Foundation (Trust)** Rules, 2026.

(2) All powers under these rules shall be exercised by the Administrator (Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Ladakh"

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

(4) They shall extend to the whole of Union territory of Ladakh.

2. Application.–

a) They shall apply to all minerals as specified in the *Part A, Part B, Part C* of the *First Schedule* and the *Fourth Schedule* of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and any other minerals which the Central Government may by notification in the Official Gazette notify.

b) They shall apply to all the minor minerals as duly notified under Jammu and Kashmir Minor Mineral Concession, Storage, Transportation of Minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rules,2016,notified *vide* SRO-105, dated 31st March and amended vide SRO-135,dated:22nd march,2017, SRO-267,Dated:-3rd July,2017, notified in the official gazette of State Government of J&K which is applicable in the UT of Ladakh under J&K Reorganization (Removal of Difficulties) Order 2019.

3. ***Definitions.—*(1)**In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires—

(a) *"Act"* means the Mines and Minerals(Development Regulation)Act,1957(*Act67of1957*),as amended from time to time;

(b) *"UT Administration"* means the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh;

(c) "*Affected areas*" means directly affected areas and indirectly affected areas as explained under Para no 1(1.1) of the revised PMKKKY Guidelines issued by Ministry of Mines, Government of India.

(d) "*Affected People" means* as explained and defined in Para1 (1.2) of the PMKKKY Guidelines issued by Ministry of Mines, Government of India.

(e) "*Beneficiaries*" means the affected areas and affected people directly and indirectly affected by mining related operations including displaced family;

(f) "*Contribution Fund*" means the Contribution Fund to be collected from the holders of–

a. Mining lease or a prospecting license-cum-mining lease under the provisions of sub-section (5) of section 9B of the Act;

b. Mining lease under the provisions of sub-section (6) of section 9B of the Act; and

c. Minor Mineral concession under the provisions of section 15A of the Act.

(g) "*Department*" means the Geology and Mining wing of the Directorate of Industries and Commerce, UT of Ladakh;

(h) "*Displaced family*" means any family, who on account of acquisition or diversion of land has been or is to be relocated and resettled from the affected area to the resettlement areas;

(i) "*District Magistrate*" means the Head of the Revenue Administration at the District level whether designated as Deputy Commissioner or District Collector;

(j) "District Mineral Foundation" means a trust established in terms of sub-section (1) of section 9B of the Act;

(k) "*Gram Panchayat*" means an institution of self-government for the rural areas is defined under the Article 243 (d) and 243B of the Constitution of India.

(l) "*Gram Sabha*" means a body constituting of persons registered in the electoral rolls relating to a village comprised within the area of Panchayat at the village level as defined under Article 243(b) of the Constitution of India.

(m) "*LAHDC*" means Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council of the Districts concerned in the U.T. of Ladakh;

(n) *"Lessee" means a person holding a valid Mining Lease as defined under sub clause (xxxii) of sub rule(1) of Rule-2 of Jammu and Kashmir Minor Mineral Concession, Storage, Transportation of Minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rules,2016, notified vide SRO-105, dated 31st March ;*

(o) "*Minor mineral*" means building stones, gravel, ordinary clay, ordinary sand other than sand used for prescribed purposes, and any other mineral which the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, declare to be a minor mineral;

(p) "*PMKKKY*", means Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra KalyanYojana.

(q) *"Royalty", Means a statutory fee payable by a mining lease holder to the government for the minerals extracted, removed, or consumed from the leased area, under Section 9 of the MM(D&R) Act, 1957.*

(r) "*Rules*" means the Ladakh, District Mineral Foundation (Trust) Rules, 2026.

(s) "*Trust*" means the District Minerals Foundation, established by UT Administration under sub- section (1) of the section 9B of the Act.

(t) "*Trustee*" means and includes all the members of the governing council as mentioned in the Trust Deed.

(u) "*Year*" means financial year commencing from the 1st of April and ending 31st of March in the succeeding year;

(2) Words and expressions used in these rules, but not defined, shall have the same meaning as respectively

assigned to them in the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957 (Act 67 of 1957), the Mines and Minerals (Contribution to District Mineral Foundation) Amendment Rules,2021 and PMKKKY guidelines.

CHAPTER-II
DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION

4. Objective of the District Mineral Foundation.-

(1) The objective of the District Mineral Foundation shall be to work for the interest and benefit of persons, and areas affected by mining related operations in such manner as may be prescribed under these rules.

(2) The District Mineral Foundation shall also implement the revised PMKKKY guidelines with the following overall objectives: -

(a) To implement various developmental and welfare projects and programs in mining affected areas, and these projects/programs will be complementing the existing ongoingprojects/programs/schemes of the UT of Ladakh;

(b) To minimize or mitigate the adverse impacts, during and after mining, on the environment, health and socio economics of people in mining districts; and

(c) To ensure long-term sustainable livelihoods for the people in areas affected by mining related operations.

(3) Establishment and maintenance of District Mineral Office and allied infrastructure in the respective District.

CHAPTER-III
COMPOSITION OF BODIES

5. Composition of District Mineral Foundation.–

(1) Every District Mineral Foundation (Registered Trust) shall consist of the following:-

(a) Governing Council.

(b) Managing Committee.

(c) UT Level Monitoring Committee.

(2) The Office of the Foundation/Trust shall be located in the respective district headquarter in the UT of Ladakh or as may determine by the Governing Council.

6. Composition of Governing Council:-

S.No.	Particular of Offices of the Members	Designation of Members in the Governing Council
1	District Magistrate/Deputy Commissioner/Collector/CEO LAHDC of each district. No other person shall function as Chairman of the Governing Council and/ or Managing Committee.	Chairman
2	Member of Parliament (MP),UT Ladakh	Member

3	Executive Councilor of the LAHDC concerned having portfolio of Industries and Commerce Department (Geology and Mining).	Members
4	Three representatives of the affected areas / affected persons nominated by the chairperson, in consultation with the affected people.	Member
5	Deputy Director, Geology & Mining, UT of Ladakh	Member Secretary

7. Powers and Functions of Governing Council

i. The Governing Council shall have all such powers as may be necessary for discharge of its functions specified in these rules.

ii. To approve of the Five-year perspective plan, annual plans comprising of list of projects to be taken up in financial year based on perspective plan, Annual Report and Audit report of the District Mineral Foundation,

iii. The rights and duties of the Governing Council and the Management Committee will be in accordance with the said Rules read with Mines and Mineral Act, 1957 and PMKKKY guidelines.

iv. The approval of expenditure of funds from DMF lies solely with the Governing Council of DMF upon the recommendations of the Managing Committee.

v. The Governing Council shall meet at least twice in a year.

8. Composition of Managing Committee

S.No	Particular of Offices of the Members	Designation of members in the Managing Committee for each district
1	District Magistrate/Dy. Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC of each District.	Chairperson(ex officio)
2	Assistant Commissioner, Development	Member(exofficio)
3	Chief Medical Officer	Member(exofficio)
4	Deputy Director, Geology and Mining	Member(exofficio)
5	District Forest Officer	Member(exofficio)
6	District Panchayat Officer	Member(exofficio)
7	Chief Education Officer	Member(exofficio)
8	District Social Welfare Officer	Member(exofficio)
9	Chief Agriculture Officer	Member(exofficio)
10	District Mineral Officer	Member Secretary(ex officio)

9. Powers and Functions of Managing Committee

i. The Management Committee shall have all such powers as may be necessary for discharge of its functions specified in these rules.

ii. To prepare the Annual Plan based on five-year perspective plan and supervise and ensure the execution of the approved plans, programmes, and projects before the Governing Council for approval.

iii. Annual Plans to be restricted to available balance plus projected accruals.

iv. To accord sanctions to implementation of plans, programmes and projects approved under the

Annual Plan and disburse funds of the District Mineral Foundation for implementation of such plans, programmes, and projects.

v. To prepare, maintain and update a list of Affected Areas and Affected People.

vi. Approving the lists of work under Priority and Other Priority areas beneficiaries as identified by the committee.

vii. To open bank accounts in the name of the District Mineral Foundation and operate such accounts and investments of surplus funds only as per provisions laid in the PMKKKY guidelines.

viii. The Managing Committee shall accord only administrative technical sanctions within approval of the Governing Council.

ix. Undertaking such other activities as are in furtherance of the objective of the Trust, and as per the provisions laid in the guidelines of PMKKKY.

x. Organizing meetings of the Trust.

xi. The Managing Committee shall meet at least once every quarter.

xii. To monitor the progress of the utilization of funds by the District Mineral Foundation.

xiii. To place the audited accounts along with an Annual Report before the Governing Council for approval.

10. Management of Trust Fund or Contribution:-

The Managing Committee shall be responsible for Collection of Funds from lessee/licensee/ permit holder/ auctioneer in the manner prescribed below:

1) Every holder of a mining lease or a prospecting license-cum-mining lease shall, in addition to the royalty, pay to the District Mineral Foundation of the district in which the mining operations are carried on, an amount at the rate of: -

   a. Ten percent of the royalty paid in terms of the second schedule to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957(67 of 1957) (here in referred to as the said Act) in respect of mining leases or, as the case may be, prospecting license-cum-mining lease granted on or after 12th January, 2015; and

   b. Thirty per cent of the royalty paid in terms of the second schedule to the said Act in respect of mining lease granted before 12th January, 2015. *[as contained in Ministry of Coal notification NewDelhi,the17th September,2015,G.S.R.715(E)].*

2) Every holder of a mining lease or a prospecting license –cum-Mining lease in respect of coal and lignite and sand for stowing shall, in addition to the royalty paid to the District Mineral Foundation of the district in which the mining operations are carried, an amount at the rate of-

   a. Ten percent of the royalty paid in terms of the second schedule to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957(67of 1957) (Here in referred to as the said Act) in respect of mining lease or, as the case may be, prospecting license -cum- mining lease granted on or after 12th January, 2015 and

   b. Thirty percent of the royalty paid in terms of the Second Scheduled to the said Act in respect of mining lease granted before 12th January, 2015. *[as contained in Ministry of Coal, notification New Delhi, the 20th October, 2015, G.S.R.792(E)]*

3) DMF contribution shall also be collected for lease of minor minerals in addition to royalty in the following manner: -

   a. Ten percent of the royalty shall be paid by lease holders towards DMF contribution for the leases which are granted through auction.

b. Thirty percent of the royalty shall be paid by lease holder/Quarry holder towards DMF contribution for the existing leases/ quarry which are not granted through auction:

Provided that in case of lease/Quarry /Permit is from Private/Proprietor land, the lease holder/Quarry holder/Permit holder shall pay ten percent in addition to royalty towards DMF contribution:

Provided further that in case of Short-Term Permit/ Disposal Permits/ Dredging/ desilting etc. from state land or any of the government land, the Permit holders shall pay thirty percent in addition to royalty towards the DMF contribution.

11. Composition of UT Level Monitoring Committee

The UT Level Monitoring Committee shall comprise of following members:

S.No	Designation of Members	Chairman/Member/ Member Secretary
1.	Chief Secretary	Chairperson
2.	Secretary, Industries and Commerce (Geology and Mining)Department	Member
3.	Secretary, Health &Medical Education Department	Member
4.	Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department	Member
5.	Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department	Member
6.	Secretary Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department	Member
7.	Secretary, Department of Social and Tribal Welfare	Member
8.	Secretary, Planning Development and Monitoring, Department(PD&MD)	Member
9	Secretary, Finance, Department.	Member
10	Secretary, Rural Development Department	Member
11.	Secretary, School Education, Higher & Technical Education Department	Member
12.	Secretary, Law and Justice Department	Member
13.	Representative of Ministry of Mines, Government of India	Member
14.	Director, Industries & Commerce	Member
15.	Deputy Director, Department of Geology and Mining.	Member Secretary

12. Power and Function of UT Level Monitoring Committee

(1) The UT Level Monitoring Committee shall monitor performance of DMFs and compliance of transparency norms, audit and annual report of DMFs.

(2) The UT Level Monitoring Committee shall meet at least twice in a year.

(3) The Deputy Director, DGM UT Ladakh shall constitute a UT Level Nodal DMF Cell for monitoring of DMFs in the UT and shall act as the Secretariat to the UT Level Monitoring Committee.

CHAPTER-IV

AFFECTED PEOPLE AND AREAS

13. Identification of Affected Area

(a) Directly Affected Areas, — Villages and gram panchayats or Urban Local bodies (ULBs) within which the mines are situated and are operational. Such mining areas may extend to neighboring village/town, Block or district or even State.

i. An area within such radius from a mine or cluster of mines as may be specified by UT Administration

ii. Villages/wards in which families displaced by mines have been resettled/rehabilitated by the project authorities.

iii. Villages/wards that significantly depend on the mining areas for meeting their economic needs and have usufruct and traditional rights/ *Eco-sensitive Zones and* Traditional Livelihoods over the project areas, for instance, for grazing, collection of minor forest produce etc. should be considered as directly affected areas.

Provided that directly affected area is an area within such radius from a mine or cluster of mines as may be specified by the UT Administration but shall not extend beyond 15 km from the boundary of the mines.

(b) Indirectly Affected Areas, —Those areas */Eco-sensitive Zones* where local population is adversely affected on account of economic, social and environmental consequences due to mining related operations, like such adverse effect could be by way of deterioration of water, soil and air quality, reduction in stream flows and depletion of ground water, congestion and pollution due to mining operations, transportation of minerals or increased burden on existing infrastructure and resources.

Indirectly affected area is an area beyond the directly affected area and within such radius from a mine or cluster of mines as may be specified by the Union territory of Ladakh but not more than 25km from boundary of mines, irrespective of whether this fall within the district concerned or adjacent district.

(c) The DMF shall prepare and maintain an updated list of such directly and indirectly affected areas.

14. Identification of Affected People

(a) The following shall include directly affected persons:

i. "*Affected Family*" as defined under sub-section (c) of Section 3 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013;

ii. *"Displaced Family"* as defined under sub-section(k)of Section3 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act,2013;

iii. Any other as appropriately identified by the concerned Gram Sabha/ULB in directly or indirectly affected area.

(b) Persons affected by mining, including people who have legal, occupational, rights over the land being mined, those with traditional or usufruct rights and those whose livelihoods */Traditional Livelihoods* have been affected due to mining.

(c) Affected families should be identified, as far as possible, should be in consultation with the, local/ elected representatives of Gram- Sabha /Urban Local Body (ULB) indirectly or indirectly affected area.

(d) The DMF shall prepare and maintain an updated list of such affected person/local communities. The list shall be revisited for updation at least once every 5 years.

CHAPTER-V

MANAGEMENT OF TRUST FUND

15. Management of Trust Fund

(1) Utilization of Funds

(i) The Managing Committee will ensure utilization of funds in accordance with the directives outlined in the PMKKKY Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Mines, Government of India vide order no.F.N.16/53/2022-M. IV dated 15.01.2024. (Annexure I) and amended from time to time.

(ii) At least 70 % of the PMKKKY funds to be utilized under High Priority Sectors as per the revised PMKKKY guidelines issued by Ministry of Mines, GoI.

(iii) Up to 30% of the PMKKKY funds to be utilized under other priority sectors as per the revised PMKKKY guidelines issued by Ministry of Mines, GoI.

(2) Operation of the Trust Fund

(i) The Trust Fund shall be kept in Scheduled Commercial Banks other than foreign Banks through bank account in the name of the Trust and the accounts shall be operated under the joint signatures of the Chairperson of the Managing Committee and the Member Secretary of the Managing Committee.

(ii) The Trust shall maintain the books of accounts of this Fund. This account shall be maintained separately from the Contribution funds.

(iii) The overall development of the area affected by the mining or mining related operations in accordance with the Annual Action Plan prepared by the managing Committee and approved by the Governing Council of the Trust for the purpose.

(iv) Upon the completion of the scheme, a completion certificate will be issued by the relevant technical department.

(3) Endowment Fund

The endowment fund shall be maintained and used in accordance with the directives outlined in the PMKKKY Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Mines, Government of India vide order no.F.N.16/53/2022-M. IV dated 15.01.2024 (Annexure I) and amended from time to time.

(4) Restriction on Fund Transfer from DMF

In respect to the DMF Funds of the districts

i) The provisions of Section 9B of the Act shall be strictly adhered to in respect of utilization of funds by the District Mineral Foundations.

ii) No fund shall be transferred in any manner from the District Mineral Foundations to the Union Territory of Ladakh exchequer or UT level fund (by whatever name called) or Lt. Governor's Relief Fund or any other funds or schemes; and

iii) No sanction or approval of any expenditure out of the fund of the District Mineral Foundation shall be done at the UT level by the Administration of Union territory of Ladakh or any UT level agency.

iv) No fund shall be spent outside directly or indirectly affected areas within district or for other than affected people as defined in PMKKKY guidelines issued by Government of India vide order no.F.N.16/53/2022-M. IV dated 15.01.2024 (Annexure I) and amended from time to time.

v) No fund shall be transferred in any manner from one district to another district except as mentioned in Section 2(d) of PMKKKY guidelines issued by Government of India vide order no.F.N.16/53/2022-M. IV dated 15.01.2024 (Annexure I) and amended from time to time.

vi) The approval of expenditure of funds from DMF lies solely with the Governing Council of DMF. The Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh or UT Level Committee (by whatever name called) shall not have overarching authority on sanction of projects, approval of Funds / expenditure and their function shall be limited to monitoring effective implementation of projects sanctioned under PMKKKY.

vii) *Unauthorized Transfer of DMF funds to be treated as financial irregularity.*

(5) Penalty and recovery of contribution to Trust Fund

1) The licensee shall make the required payment to the Trust in the same frequency as the licensee is required to pay royalty to the Government.

2) In case the licensee fails to make the required payment to the Trust on time, then following shall apply-

   (a) In addition to the principal amount so payable, a 12 per cent interest shall incur to the licensee from first date of the default, which the licensee will be required to pay for the following three months to the Trust as applicable.

   (b) In case the licensee continues to default after the expiry of the stipulated three-month period, then in addition to the principal amount so payable, a 20 per cent interest shall incur to the licensee for the next three months.

   (c) In case of failure to make the required payment after six months from the date the licensee first started to default on the payment, the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh shall initiate appropriate legal proceedings against the licensee.

   (d) In case the licensee does not make the required payment for one year, the mining license shall be recommended for suspension to appropriate authority.

3) In case any member of the Trust is found to embezzle any money or other property where by the Trust Fund may be exposed to loss, shall be subject to the same prosecution as any person, not a member, would be subject and liable to in respect of the like offence.

CHAPTER-VI
ACCOUNTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

16. Transparency and Accountability

(1) Every District Mineral Foundation shall maintain a website/or a specific section on the website of District Administration or Department website.

(2) The website of District Mineral Foundation shall be updated on a periodic basis and shall include the following information, namely:

(i) Details of the composition of Governing Council and Management Committee of DMF.

(ii) Particulars of Affected Area and Affected People (including periodic updation).

(iii) Quarterly details of all contributions made to the District Mineral Foundation, received from lessees and others.

(iv) All meeting agenda, minutes and action taken reports (ATRs) of the DMF.

(v) 5 years Perspective Plan, details of investment of endowment fund, Annual Plans and budget, work orders and Annual Report within 30 days of issuance of the document.

(vi) Online status of ongoing work- Implementation status or progress of all the plans , programmers and projects being undertaken by the District Mineral Foundation, including description of work, details of Beneficiaries, estimated cost, name of implementing agencies, expected date of commencement and completion, financial and physical progress up to the previous quarter etc.

(vii) List of beneficiaries under various welfare programs.

(viii) Voluntary disclosures under RTI Act.

(3) Each Foundation shall display description of the project and amount sanctioned on a notice board at the project site.

(4) Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities to create awareness regarding schemes implemented under PMKKKY through social media, films, videos etc.

(5) The District Mineral Foundation (DMF) shall share information pertaining to performance of DMF including deposit of funds and implementation of works to the State Government and Ministry of Mines, Government of India, as per the formats prescribed and manner specified.

17. Audit and Report

(1) The accounts of the DMF shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) as per schedule decided by CAG.

(2) The accounts of the DMF shall be audited every year by a Chartered Accountant appointed by the DMF, or in such other manner as the Government may specify, and the report there of shall be placed in the public domain along with Annual Report.

(3) Every year, within three months from the date of closure of the financial year, the DMF shall cause to prepare an Annual Report on its activities for the respective financial year and place it before the DMF.

(4) The Annual Report will be submitted to the State Government within one month from the date of its approval by the DMF and will also be hosted on the website of the Foundation.

(5) The Annual Report of each Foundation shall be laid before the State Legislative Assembly.

(6) The Expenses of the Audit shall be governed from the DMF with the approval of Governing Council.

18. Five-Year Perspective Plan and Annual Plan

For complete coverage of all affected people and areas in a systematic and time-bound manner, long-term planning is essential. For proper utilization of funds for the implementation of works using District Mineral Foundation (DMF) funds:

i) The districts shall conduct a base line survey through Academic Institutions/Renowned organizations /agencies for perspective plan formulation. Gram Sabha /Local Bodies may aid in preparation of need assessment reports. The DMF may also use the baseline survey undertaken by any Department, if available. The reference and major findings of the surveys should be included in the Perspective Plan sunder PMKKKY for the District.

ii) Based on the findings and gaps as identified through the baseline survey or any such survey/assessment, the DMF shall prepare a strategy for five years and the same shall be included in the Perspective Plan. The five-year Perspective Plan shall be prepared taking into account current balance available and likely accrual to the DMF over a period of five years. The five-year Perspective Plan shall be disaggregated into year-wise action plans.

iii) The five-year Perspective Plan shall have separate sections on all priority sectors like drinking water, health, education, welfare of women and children, etc. and other sectors like roads, irrigation etc.

iv) The five-year Perspective Plan shall be approved by the Governing Council of the DMF and displayed on the website of the DMF.

v) The Annual Plans of the DMF to be approved by Governing Council each year shall be based upon the five-year perspective plan and success achieved in fulfilling its targets in earlier years. The Annual Plans may include some other works and expenditures considered urgent in nature although not included in the perspective plan to a maximum extent of 10% of the annual plan.

vi) The Administration of Union territory of Ladakh may empanel renowned organizations /agencies /universities for conducting the baseline surveys and preparing five-year prospective plans.

vii) The Governing Council shall approve the five years perspective plan and annual plan comprising of list of projects to be taken up in financial years.

CHAPTER-VII
MISCELLANIOUS

19. Implementation of Works/Contracts

1. Works/goods may be procured by the DMF after following due procedure prescribed by the UT Administration. Procurement should be as per the GFR/ *DFPR (UT Ladakh).*
2. Transfer of fund to all executing agencies and beneficiaries shall be through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) only into their bank account.

20. Project Management Unit:

All the districts shall set up Project Management Units in accordance with the directives outlined in the PMKKKY Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Mines, Government of India vide order no.F.N.16/53/2022-M.IV dated15.01.2024 (Annexure I) and amended from time to time.

21. Convergence of Schemes:

The DMF shall ensure that convergence schemes are formulated and implemented in accordance with the directives outlined in the PMKKKY Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Mines, Government of India vide order no.F.N.16/53/2022-M.IV dated 15.01.2024 (Annexure I) and amended from time to time.`

22. Compliance Mechanism:

The compliance mechanism shall be in accordance with the directives outlined in the PMKKKY Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Mines, Government of India vide order no.F.N.16/53/2022-M.IV dated15.01.2024 (Annexure I) and amended from time to time.

23. Grievance Redressal:

The mechanism for Grievance Redressal shall be in accordance with the directives outlined in the PMKKKY Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Mines, Government of India vide order no.F.N.16/53/2022-M. IV dated 15.01.2024 (Annexure I) and amended from time to time.

24. Meeting of theTrust:

The Governing Council shall meet at least twice in a year. The Management Committee shall meet at least once every quarter.

25. Special Provisions:

The special provisions shall be applicable in accordance with the directives outlined in the PMKKKY Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Mines, Government of India vide order no.F.N.16/53/2022-M. IV dated 15.01.2024 (Annexure I) and amended from time to time.

26. Repeal and Saving:

i. On the commencement of these rules, the Jammu & Kashmir District Mineral Foundation (Composition, Contribution, Functioning, Funding and Trust) Rules, 2017 and its subsequent amendments shall cease to be enforced with respect to all minerals in the UT Ladakh except as regards things, done or omitted to be done before such commencements.

ii. On the commencement of these rules, with respect to the minerals to which these rules apply, any reference to the Jammu and Kashmir District Mineral Foundation (Composition, Contribution, Functioning, Funding and Trust) Rules, 2017, in the rules made under the Act or any other documents shall be deemed to be replaced with the **Ladakh District Mineral Foundation (Trust)** Rules, 2026 to the extent, it is not repugnant to the context thereof.

27. Review Clause:

The provisions declared under these Rules shall stand revised in accordance with the PMKKKY Guidelines issued by the order of the Government of India from time to time.

By the order of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of Ladakh.

Sd/-
(Bhupesh Chaudhary, IAS)
Administrative Secretary,
Industries and Commerce Department
UT Ladakh

Copy to the:-

1. Chief Secretary, UT of Ladakh.
2. All Administrative Secretaries of UT Ladakh.
3. Deputy Commissioners Leh/Kargil.

Imtisaal Rasool (JKAS)
Under Secretary
Industries and Commerce Department
UT Ladakh.