

E-AUCTION FOR GRANTING OF MINOR MINERAL QUARRY LEASES IN ANDHRA PRADESH

1. Objectivity:

For last 56 years, under provisions of A.P. Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966, quarry leases for Minor Minerals are being granted on first in the time principle i.e. whoever files first application over an area will accrue automatic rights to get the quarry lease.

Now, to bring transparency, national level competitiveness and opening new vistas of opportunity to all enthusiastic investors, the Government has changed its policy-Granting of leases for minor minerals through e-auction.

Accordingly, as per the powers delegated under Section 15 of Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, the State Government amended the Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 and notified the Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Auction Rules, 2022. These amendments are notified through G.O.Ms.No.13 & 14, Industries & Commerce Dept., dt.14.03.2022 respectively.....

2. E-Auction Procedure:

(a) Stage-I: **Submission of Tenders**

- Director of Mines & Geology will issue Notice Inviting Tenders.
- Pre-Bid conference.
- Issue of Pre-Bid query replies/corrigendum if any.
- Submission of technical bid and initial price offer.

(b) Stage-II: **Qualification**

- Verification of Documents to ascertain eligibility, Bid security and other payments if any.
- Verification of Initial Price offer.
- Announcement of Technically qualified bidders.

(c) Stage-III: **Financial Bid.**

- 50% of the qualified bidders who bid higher amounts from total qualified bidders or 5 qualified bidders whichever is higher are allowed to participate in forward auction.
- Announcement of Preferred Bidder i.e. Qualified Bidder who has submitted highest bid price.

3. Preferred Bidder shall pay total Bid Price within 15 days from the receipt of payment notice.
4. After receipt of the payment, the Director of Mines & Geology / Deputy Director of Mines & Geology concern as the case may be will issue Letter of Intent (LOI) with a request to submit Approved Mining Plan, Environmental Clearance and Consent For Establishment within (3) years period.
5. After submission of statutory clearances i.e. Approved Mining Plan, Environmental Clearance and Consent For Establishment, Quarry Lease will be granted.
