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The Deputy Commissioner/CEO ,
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Subject: Submission of Revised draft Guideline of Ladakh Mining Affected Area Welfare Scheme (LMAAWS) to be placed in public domain for inviting objections/ suggestions if any.

Reference: Director, Industries & Commerce letter No:

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No: DD-DGM(UTL)/LMAAWS/190/2025/ १०४ - १०९

Date: 06 /01/2026

Sir,

Kindly refer to the subject and references cited above. In this regard, as directed by the Director, I&C, UT of Ladakh it is requested that the revised draft notification of the *Ladakh Mining Affected Area Welfare Scheme (LMAAWS)* be submitted to the Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC Leh and Kargil.

A copy of the revised draft of the *Ladakh Mining Affected Area Welfare Scheme (LMAAWS)*, as endorsed to this office, is enclosed herewith for submission to your good office, with a request to upload the same in the public domain through the National Informatics Centre and the concerned District Information Office for a period of 15 days, inviting objections and suggestions, if any.

The proposal after placing in public domain may thereafter be finalized and submitted to the office of the Director, Industries & Commerce, UT Ladakh, for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(Mchd Aslam Reli)

Deputy Director

Department of Geology & Mining
UT of Ladakh

Copy to the:

1. Director , Industries & Commerce, UT of Ladakh for kind information.
2. District Mineral Officer, LAHDC Leh/ Kargil for information and necessary action to follow up the case .
3. P.A. to Administrative Secretary , I&C, UT of Ladakh for kind info of the AS , I&C, UT of Ladakh.
4. Office copy.

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Deputy Commissioner,
Leh, UT Ladakh.

No. M/1179/2025-OFFICE OF DY DIR (GnM)/3725-27

Dated: 06.11.2025

Subject: Submission of Draft Guidelines for Review – Ladakh Mining Affected Area Welfare Scheme (LMAAWS).

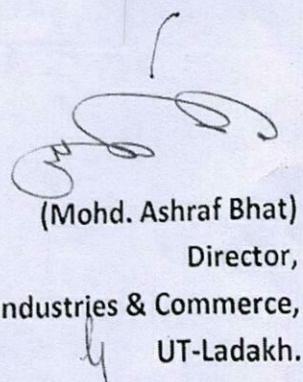
Sir,

Your kind attention is invited to the subject cited above. It is to convey that the Department of Industries & Commerce, Ladakh has prepared the draft guidelines of the Ladakh Mining Affected Area Welfare Scheme (LMAAWS).

The LMAAWS has been conceptualized with the objective of ensuring the welfare and sustainable development of communities residing in areas affected by mining activities across the Union Territory of Ladakh. The scheme aims to channelize funds, equivalent to an additional 5% of the bid amount, from successful bidders to the concerned LAHDCs. These funds are intended for targeted interventions in health, education, livelihood enhancement, infrastructure development, and environmental restoration in mining-affected regions.

In this regard, you are requested to kindly examine the enclosed draft guidelines in detail and furnish your observations, suggestions, or recommendations with respect to LAHDC, Leh, if any, within fifteen days from the date of issuance of this communication. Your inputs will be instrumental in refining the framework and ensuring its alignment with local needs and administrative feasibility.

Yours faithfully,



(Mohd. Ashraf Bhat)
Director,
Industries & Commerce,
UT-Ladakh.

Enclosure: Draft Guidelines of LMAAWS

Copy to the: -

- PA to Administrative Secretary, Industries & Commerce, UT-Ladakh, for favor of kind information of the Administrative Secretary.
- Office file.

Ladakh Mining Affected Area Welfare Scheme (LMAAWS)

Guideline

1. Identification of affected areas and people to be covered under the LMAAWS

1.1 Affected areas

- 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 the UT Government.
 - 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 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 State Government but shall not extend beyond 15 km from the boundary of the mines of minerals.

- b. Indirectly affected areas-** Those areas where local population is adversely affected on account of economic, social and environmental consequences due to mining related operations of minerals. The major negative impacts of mining 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, 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 UT Government but not more than 25 km from boundary of mines of minerals, irrespective of whether this falls within the district concerned or adjacent district.

- c.** The Department shall prepare and maintain an updated list of such directly and indirectly affected areas.

1.2 Affected people

- a.** The following shall include directly affected persons:

- I. 'Affected family' as defined under Section 3(c) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013
- II. 'Displaced family' as defined under Section 3(k) 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 should include people who have legal and occupational rights over the land being mined, those with usufruct and traditional rights, and those whose livelihoods have been affected due to mining.
- c. Affected families should be identified, as far as possible, in consultation with local/elected representatives of gram sabha/Urban Local Body (ULB) in directly or indirectly affected area.
- d. The Department shall prepare and maintain an updated list of such affected persons/local communities. The list shall be revisited for updation at least once every 5 years.

2. Utilization of Funds

2.1 Scope of LMAAWS

The LMAAWS may cover the activities listed below:

- 2.1.1 **High priority Sectors - at least 70% of funds to be utilized under these sectors:**
 - a. **Drinking water supply**- centralized purification systems, water treatment plants, permanent/temporary water distribution network including standalone facilities for drinking water, laying of piped water supply system.
 - b. **Environment preservation and pollution control measures**- effluent treatment plants, prevention of pollution of streams, lakes, ponds, groundwater, other water sources in the region, measure for controlling air and dust pollution caused by mining operations and dumps, mine drainage system, mine pollution prevention technologies, and measures for working or abandoned mines and other air, water & surface pollution control mechanisms required for environment-friendly and sustainable mine development. Identification of mineral-specific pollutants and their hazard potential may be done by involving reputed educational institutes/ research institutions. The fund may be allocated for the identification of the hazards, setting up air quality monitors and displays, and undertaking measures for the implementation of the recommendations of the research.

- c. **Healthcare**-the focus must be on people whose health is affected due to mining, creation of primary / secondary health care facilities in the affected areas. The emphasis should not be only on the creation of the health care infrastructure, but also on provision of necessary staffing (doctors/paramedical/support staff), equipment and supplies required for making such facilities effective. To that extent, the effort should be to supplement and work in convergence with the existing health care infrastructure of the local bodies, State and Central government. The expertise available with the National Institute of Miners' Health may also be drawn upon to design special infrastructure needed to take care of mining related illnesses and diseases, mobile health care units in the mining affected areas. Group Insurance Scheme for health care may be implemented for mining affected persons.
- d. **Education**- construction of school/college/vocational training institute buildings, additional class rooms, laboratories, libraries, art and crafts rooms, toilet blocks, drinking water provisions, residential schools, residential hostels for students of affected areas and teachers in remote areas, sports infrastructure, engagement of teachers/other supporting staff, e-learning setup, other arrangement of transport facilities (bus/van/cycles/rickshaws etc.) and nutrition related programs. Financial support to students of affected areas for pursuing education in government/ government aided institutions of higher education.
- e. **Welfare of Women and Children**- Special programmes for addressing problems of maternal and child health, malnutrition, infectious diseases, etc. can be taken up under the LMAAWS.
- f. **Welfare of aged and differently abled**- Special program and medical support for welfare of aged and differently abled people and financial assistance to District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs).
- g. **Skill development and Livelihood generation**-skill development for livelihood support, income generation and economic activities for local eligible persons. The projects/ schemes may include training, training kits, development of skill development center, incubation center, self-employment schemes, support to Self Help Groups and provision of forward and backward linkages for such self-employment economic activities, works to improve and showcase the arts & crafts of the affected people and areas, collection and processing of minor forest produce.
- h. **Sanitation**- collection, transportation and disposal of waste, cleaning of public places, provision of proper drainage and Sewage Treatment Plant, provision for disposal of fecal sludge, provision of toilets and other related activities.
- i. **Housing**-Provision of pucca housing for mining affected people not covered under Central or State schemes.

- j. **Agriculture-** Activities related to agriculture, horticulture and agro forestry. Assistance to farmers through trainings, support to FPOs/collectives/cooperatives, support for setting up of food processing units, storage including cold storage, marketing facilities like market yards etc., plantation, processing of medicinal herbs.
- k. **Animal Husbandry-** Promotion of livestock, poultry, piggery, fishery, feed and fodder development and supporting innovation in animal husbandry, Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs), Self Help Groups (SHGs), and Farmer Cooperative Organizations (FCOs).

2.1.2 Other priority Sectors - Up to 30% of the LMAAWS funds to be utilized under these sectors

- a. **Physical infrastructure-** providing required physical infrastructure - roads, bridges, railways and waterways projects.
- b. **Irrigation-** developing alternate sources of irrigation including check dams and diversion weirs, adoption of suitable and advanced irrigation techniques, assistance for micro irrigation facilities including drip irrigation, assistance for bore wells and pump energization.
- c. **Energy and Watershed Development-**Development of alternate sources of energy (including micro-hydel, decentralized solar or other renewable sources) and rainwater harvesting system. Development of orchards, integrated farming and agro forestry and restoration of catchments.
- d. **Any other measures for enhancing environmental quality in the mining affected district.**

2.2 Distribution of funds in directly and indirectly affected areas

- a. A minimum of **50% of the funds (50% of the total value generated in the FY)** shall be spent only in the directly affected areas as specified.
- b. If required, this provision can be amended with the approval of the HLG.

3. Member of Executive/Governing Committee:-

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following namely,

1.	Chief Executive Councilor LAHDC	Chairman
2.	Executive Councilor Industries &Commerce, LAHDC	Member
3.	Deputy Commissioner/CEO LAHDC	Member
4.	Asstt Commissioner Revenue	Member
5.	Deputy Director Geology and Mining, UT Ladakh	Member
6.	Asstt. Commissioner Development	Member
7.	District Mineral Officer, Member Secretary	Member Secretary

2. The Chairman of the Governing body may invite any person having special knowledge in the field of Mineral Exploration. Such invitee shall have no voting right in the meeting.

4. Contribution of Fund

The Fund shall contribute an **additional 5%** of the bid amount, payable once by the successful bidder through the e-auction process.

5. Operation of Funds under LMAAWS.

The amount collected and deposited in joint account to be operated by Deputy Commissioner/CEO LAHDC and Deputy Director Geology and Mining Department of UT Ladakh. However, every District Mineral Officers shall prepare action plan and shall seek vetting from the Director (I&C) Geology and Mining UT Ladakh. Action plan shall be approved by the executive committee and AA shall be accorded by concerned Deputy Commissioner/CEO LAHDC.

6. Audits

- a. The accounts shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) as per schedule decided by CAG.
- b. The audit expenses shall be borne from the concerned Accounts i.e, LMAAWS Accounts,
- c. The accounts 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 thereof shall be placed in the public domain along with the annual report.