

F. No. M.VI-16/68/2025-Mines VI
Government of India
Ministry of Mines

Shastri Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road
New Delhi-110 001

Dated: 11th July, 2025

NOTICE

Subject: Methodology for calculation of ASP in respect of Rock Phosphate - reg.

As per Rule 42(3) of the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 (MCR, 2016) the Average Sale Price (ASP) of any mineral grade / concentrate in respect of a month shall be the weighted average of the ex-mine prices of the non-captive mines and any merchant sale done by the captive mines, computed in accordance with the provisions of Rule 42(2) of the said rules, the weight being the quantity dispatched from the mining lease area of mineral grade / concentrate relevant to each ex-mine price.

2. As per Rule 43 of the aforesaid Rules, the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) publishes the ASP of each mineral grade / concentrate removed from the mining leases in a month in a State within 45 days from the due date for filing the monthly returns as required under the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules.

3. Various issues have been highlighted from time to time in implementing the current system of computation of ASP base on returns from the miners. Further, 90% of country's demand of phosphatic fertilizers is met through imports and the Department of Fertilizers, Government of India publishes monthly prices of rock phosphate based on imports. Therefore, Ministry of Mines proposes to amend the MCR, 2016 for linking the ASP of Rock Phosphate with international prices/ prices published by the Department of fertilizer. The proposed methodology for computation of ASP of Rock Phosphate has been arrived at by comparing the ASP of Rock Phosphate being published by the IBM and monthly prices of Rock Phosphate being published by Ministry of Fertilizers in its monthly bulletins.

4. Accordingly, in pursuance of the Pre-Legislative Consultation Policy, the draft amendment of the MCR, 2016 is placed as annexure for inviting the comments/ suggestions from the general public, Governments of States and Union Territories, mining industry stake-holders, industry associations, and other persons and entities concerned.

5. The last date for receipt of the comments/suggestions is 01.08.2025.

6. The comments/suggestions may be sent by e-mail in MS-Office Word file to the following ID:

jspolicy-mines@gov.in

The subject of the e-mail should be "Comments/ suggestions on the amendment of the MCR, 2016 for specifying methodology for ASP for Rock Phosphate".

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7. Alternatively, comments/suggestions may also be sent by post to the following address:

Shri Mustaq Ahmad, Director
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New Delhi -110 001

The envelope may kindly be superscribed on the top with:

"Comments/ suggestions on the amendment of the MCR, 2016 for specifying methodology for ASP for Rock Phosphate".

Encl.: As above.



(Mustaq Ahmad)
Director

Draft Notification to amend the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbon Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016

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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES**

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the ____ July, 2025

G.S.R.____(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 Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016, namely:—

1. Short title and commencement— (1) These rules may be called the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Amendment Rules, 2025.

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

2. In the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 in rule 45, after sub-rule (10), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:—

“(11) The following formula shall be used by Indian Bureau of Mines for arriving at the average sale price of Rock Phosphate:

Average Sale Price = Price of Rock Phosphate (CFR) X Average reference rate of Reserve factor for Rock bulletins of Department of Bank of India for Phosphate Fertilizers, Government of India. the said month

Where conversion factor for various grades of Rock Phosphate shall be as follows:

Grade	Conversion Factor
Above 30% P ₂ O ₅	0.85
Above 25% to 30% P ₂ O ₅	0.75
Above 20% to 25% P ₂ O ₅	0.33
Up to 20% P ₂ O ₅	0.22”.

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(Dinesh Mahur)
Joint Secretary

Note:- The Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Mineral) Concession Rules, 2016 were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) *vide* number G.S.R. 279(E), dated the 4th March, 2016 and lastly amended *vide* number G.S.R. 118(E), dated the 20th February, 2024.