

**NATIONAL MINERAL POLICY 2019**

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**3. ROLE OF STATE IN MINERAL DEVELOPMENT**

**3.1** The core functions of state in mining will be facilitation and regulation of exploration and mining activities, making provision for development of infrastructure and tax collection. An Annual Business Plan/Road map for the development of mineral sector shall be brought out by the respective states. There shall be transparency and fair play while reserving areas for State agencies unless security considerations or specific public interests are involved. Grant of clearances for commencement of mining operations shall be streamlined with simpler and time bound procedures facilitated through an on-line public portal with provision for generating triggers at higher level in the event of delay. As part of Initiative for ease of doing business the states shall make an endeavour to auction mineral blocks with pre-embedded statutory clearances. **Mineral bearing area/zone shall be earmarked as Mining Land in the land record by the states.** Endeavour shall be made to rationalize those areas that were reserved but remained unused by PSUs, for speedy development.

**6.10 Protection of Environment**

Mining operations shall not ordinarily be taken up in identified ecologically fragile and biologically rich areas. The Government shall identify such areas that are critically fragile in terms of ecology and declare as 'in-violate areas' or 'no-go areas' out of bounds for mining. **In order to achieve a better semblance between mineral based development and environment, there shall be an endeavour to create Exclusive Mining Zone (EMZ) with prior in-principle statutory clearances demarcated for the mineralized belt/zone to avoid conflict of interest and to curtail delay in commencement of mining operation.**