



No. SOT(M&M)8-15/90-Vol-IV  
**GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB**  
**MINES & MINERALS DEPARTMENT**

Dated Lahore the 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

**The Director General,**  
Mines & Minerals, Punjab,  
Lahore.

**Subject: - APPROVAL OF ROCK SALT UNIFORM POLICY TO BEST UTILIZE THE MINERAL ASSEST AND CREAT EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES.**

I am directed to refer the subject noted above and enclose herewith a copy of notification of Rock Salt uniform Policy duly approved by the Government of Punjab with the direction to prepare draft amendments required in the Punjab Mining Concession Rules, 2002 in light of approved policy and to send the same to this office within a period of *three days positively*.

**SECTION OFFICER (TECHNICAL)**

**CC to:-**

1. PS to the Secretary, Mines & Minerals Department.
2. PS to the Additional Secretary, Mines & Minerals Department.



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**NOTIFICATION**

**NO.SOT(M&MD)8-15/1990:** - In order to promote the sector and provide equal opportunities and a level play field for all the business community, the Government of the Punjab is pleased to approve the following uniform policy framework for Rock Salt concessions:-


- i. The Mines & Minerals Department will identify the auction-able Rock Salt blocks and grant prospecting/mining concessions through competitive bidding under the Punjab Mining Concession Rules, 2002.
- ii. The concessionaires should explore and prove the Rock Salt deposits through geological investigations within the Prospecting/Exploration period and thereafter converted into mining leases under the rules ibid.
- iii. The concessionaires at their discretion may install any industrial/commercial unit for value addition as well as entitled to produce and sell Rock Salt of any quality in the domestic or international markets to promote their rock salt based business. This uniform policy will be equally applicable to all the existing and past Rock Salt concessions without any discrimination.
- iv. The unutilized areas, kept idle by the Public Sector Organizations (PMDC & PUNJMIN) will be withdrawn based on the geo-scientific evaluation by the Mines & Minerals Department and put to open auction/bidding for grant of leases to the Private Sector.
- v. All the concessionaires shall have to follow the conservation of Rock Salt and relevant environment protection rules and policies in vogue.

SECRETARY  
MINES & MINERALS DEPARTMENT

**Endst. No.& date even:**

A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to: -

1. All administrative Secretaries, Government of the Punjab.
2. All heads of the attached departments in the Punjab.
3. All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab.
4. The Director General, Mines & Minerals, Punjab, Lahore.
5. The Chief Inspector of Mines, Punjab, Lahore.

  
SECTION OFFICER (TECH.)