

Prospecting / Exploration Licence Guide

Mining, Metals & Minerals

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

Background

Get a guide to prospecting and exploration rights in India — prospecting licence (PL), composite licence (PL-cum-ML), reconnaissance permit, and the exploration and reporting obligations that follow. Fill in your context below.

Purpose of this tool & output

Secure rights to explore a mineral deposit

How the output is used

Use it to secure rights to explore a mineral deposit — the Prospecting Licence or composite PL-cum-ML that lets you explore before you mine.

Who receives it

The PL / composite licence is granted by the State Government under the MMDR Act and Mineral Concession Rules.

How to submit / file it

Apply with the area, exploration programme and financial details through the prescribed route; a composite licence bundles exploration with a mining right.

Fees & charges

Application fee and, on grant, prospecting fee/dead rent per the rules; a bank guarantee for the exploration programme may be required.

Who should vet it

A geologist/RQP and a mining lawyer, to define the area and programme and file a compliant application.

Important cautions

AI-generated guide; confirm with the state mining department and MMDR rules.

Companion documents

- Mining / Quarry Business Setup Guide
- Mineral Concession Guide
- Minor Mineral Quarry Permit Guide
- Mining Lease Application Kit
- Mining Land & Surface Rights Guide
- Mining Ownership & Structure Advisor

This is AI-assisted guidance. Verify with a qualified professional before any binding decision. Fees, authorities and processes vary by state and change over time — confirm with your state authority.