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Sub: Violation of provisions of MCDR, 2017 in respect of your Gandabahali Graphite Mine over an area of 28.615 ha in Nuapada district of Odisha State.

Sir,

The following provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rule, 2017 (MCDR, 2017) were found violated in respect of the above said mine during inspection on 06.02.2024 by Shri Jitendriya Pradhan, Assistant Mining Engineer of this office, in presence of Agent Shri Subash Chandra Jayasing.

Rule No.	Proposed as per Mining Plan/ Rule Position	Violation
11(1)	(i) As per the Review of Mining Plan approved vide letter No. RMP/A/25-ORI/BHU/2020-21 dated 18.11.2020 it was proposed to drill 43 nos. of exploratory bore holes in the year 2021-22. (ii) The Approved production quantity of ROM was 26014 tonnes	(i) During inspection it was observed that only 7 nos. of bore holes drilled during the year 2021-22 and backlog of 36 nos. of bore holes has not been drilled till date. (ii) Actual production of ROM during the year 2022-23 is 2137 tonnes which is less than 10% of the approved quantity.
12(4)	In the case of existing mining leases, detailed exploration (G1 level) over the entire potentially mineralised area under the mining lease shall be carried out in the manner specified in the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015 or the Atomic Minerals Concession Rules, 2016, as the case may be, within a period of five years from the date of commencement of these rules.]	During inspection it was observed that, 4.893 ha. of the lease area has not been explored till date.

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02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR, 2017.

1/27342/2024 Besides, inability to comply with the provisions of Rule 11(1) is liable for suspension of mining operations according to the provisions of Rule 11(2) of MCDR, 2017.

03. You are advised to rectify the above violations immediately and intimate the position to this office within 45 (forty five) days from issue of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(Rajesh Kumar Das)
Deputy Controller of Mines

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