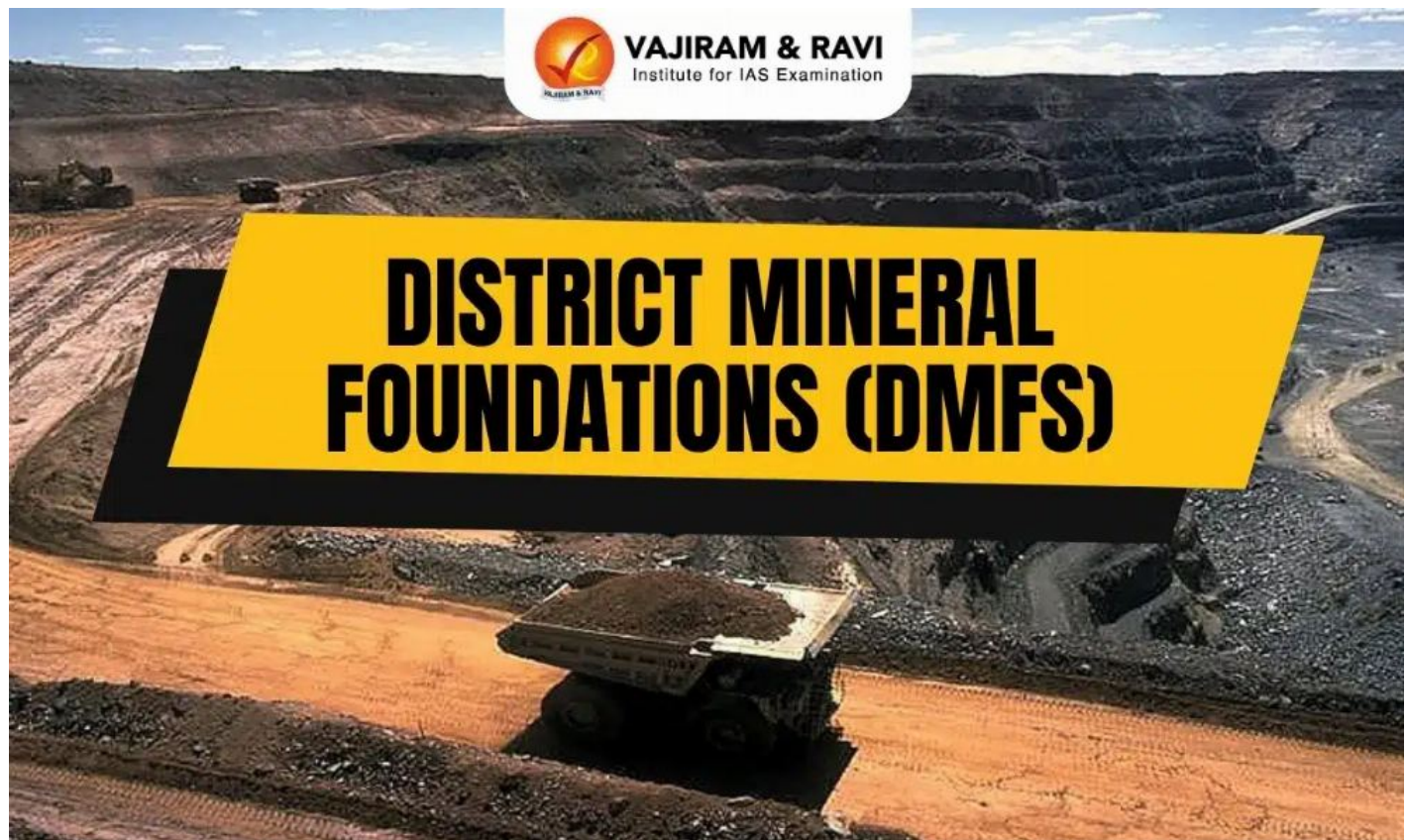


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The Allahabad High Court recently held that the formation of District Mineral Foundations is beneficial legislation and must be construed liberally for those who are affected negatively by mining operations.

About District Mineral Foundations

- DMFs are **statutory bodies** in India **established by the state governments** by notification.
- They derive their **legal status from** Section 9B of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended on 26 March 2015 as the **Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2015**.
- **In any district affected by mining-related operations**, the **State Government** shall, **by notification, establish a trust, as a non-profit body**, to be called the **DMF**.
- **Purpose:** To **work in the interest and benefit of persons and areas affected by mining-related operations** in a manner as may be prescribed by the respective State Government.
- **Jurisdiction:**

- The **operation of DMFs** falls under the **jurisdiction of the relevant State Government**.
- **Composition and functions** of the DMF are **prescribed by the State Governments**.
- **Funding:** It is funded through the **contributions from the holders of major or minor mineral concessions in the district**, as may be prescribed by the Central or State Government.
- The **Central Government has notified the rates of contribution** payable by miners **to the DMFs**.
 - **In the case of all mining leases executed before 12th January, 2015**, miners will have to **contribute an amount** equal to **30% of the royalty payable** by them to the DMFs.
 - **If mining leases are granted after 12.01.2015**, the rate of contribution would be **10% of the royalty payable**.
- The Fund available with the Trust shall be **used for:**
 - The overall **development of the area affected by mining**-related operations in the District in accordance with the Annual Action Plan prepared by the Trustees of the Foundation for the purpose.
 - **Creation of local infrastructure** for socio-economic purposes.
 - Providing, **maintaining, or upgrading community assets and services** for the local population in the area affected by mining-related operations.
 - Organising or **conducting training programmes** to skill development and capacity building for creating employment and self-employment capabilities.

Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY)

- The **Ministry of Mines** launched PMKKKY in **2015** for the **welfare of areas and people affected by mining**-related operations, **using the funds generated by DMFs**.
- **Objectives:**
 - To implement various **developmental and welfare projects in mining-affected areas**, complementing the existing ongoing schemes of the State and Central Government.
 - To **minimize/mitigate the adverse impacts, during and after mining**, on the environment, health, and socio-economics of people in mining districts.
 - To ensure **long-term sustainable livelihoods** for the affected people in mining areas.
- **Utilisation of Funds:**
 - **At least 60%** of PMKKKY funds to be utilized **for high-priority areas** such as **Drinking water supply, Health care, Education**, Environment preservation, etc.
 - **Up to 40%** of the PMKKKY to be utilized for other priority areas such as **Physical infrastructure, Irrigation, Energy, and Watershed Development**, etc.

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