

## Adopt zero tolerance approach towards illegal mining: Dy CM

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, on Wednesday reiterated the Government's firm commitment to completely ban illegal mining activities across Jammu and Kashmir.

He made these remarks while chairing a high-level review meeting of the Geology and Mining Department at the Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

The Dy CM emphasized the importance of taking stringent action against the violators to safeguard the region's natural mineral resources. He directed the officials to adopt a zero tolerance approach towards illegal mining, ensuring a complete ban on such activities.

The Dy CM instructed the District Mineral Officers to take full control of all mining resources while keeping strict monitoring and vigilance on the ground. He warned that any laxity or negligence, in this regard, would invite disciplinary action as per the law.

Underscoring the significance of protecting the public infrastructure, the Deputy CM directed the officers to closely monitor all functional mining blocks to ensure that critical infrastructure such as bridges, roads and water supply schemes remain unaffected.

"Immediately cancel the licenses of functional blocks if any damage to infrastructure is reported and impose penalties on the responsible firms," he instructed the officials.

He also directed the department to expedite the auctioning process of mineral resources strictly as per the existing rules and regulations, while ensuring robust enforcement and strict compliance with both the Central and UT mining Acts and Rules.

The meeting featured a

detailed presentation on the status of exploration and extraction of key minerals including limestone, granite, blue sapphire, gypsum, lithium and coal. The officials informed that 36 major mining leases for limestone and 233 minor mineral leases have been issued, so far.

To further strengthen enforcement, the Dy CM called for establishment of a robust monitoring mechanism involving multi-departmental district-level task forces, flying squads, informant networks, checkpoints and e-challan systems to

curb the illegal mining effectively.

Highlighting the potential of the mining sector, the Deputy CM stressed on promotion of mineral-based industries to enhance employment opportunities and revenue generation.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary Mining, Anil Kumar Singh, Director Geology and Mining, Suraj Prakash Rukwal, MD JKLM Pawan Kumar, Special Secretary Mining Dr. Suraya Fatima Tak, DMOs and other senior officers of the department.



## AUCTION NOTICE

**Subject: Auction of House along with Household items at village Shehar-e-Khas Ward No. 08, Tehsil Haveli, District Poonch.**

General public is hereby informed through medium of this notice about auction of the house of the respondent **Jagdeep Singh S/o Satpal Sudan** to the extent of his share as identified and attached on 17-02-2025 at village Shehar-e-Khas Ward No. 08 Tehsil Haveli and household items seized. The household items belong to respondent. All the interested parties can participate in the auction on **12-07-2025 at 10:00 A.M to 04:00 P.M.**

The description of items for sale/auction is as under:-

S.No.	Description of item	No. of items
1.	House to the extent of share	1
2.	Dewan Bed	1
3.	Mattress	1
4.	Blanket	4
5.	Bed sheet	4
6.	Suit case	1
7.	Table	1
8.	Table	1
9.	Water pump (Motor)	1
10.	Led	1
11.	Pillow	2
12.	Bags and other material, clothes etc	-

No.TH/JC/97-98  
Dated: 30-06-2025  
DIP/J-2932/25  
Dated: 02-07-2025

Sd/-  
Azhar Majid (JKAS)  
Executive Magistrate Class 1st  
Tehsildar Haveli (Poonch)

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**Sh. Manoj Sinha**  
Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K

**Venue - Tawi River Front, Left Bank near Fourth Bridge, Jammu.**

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