

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
BENCH AT JAIPUR

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 3140/2026

M/s D. N. D. Constructions And Building Suppliers

-----Petitioner

Versus

State Of Rajasthan & Ors.

-----Respondents

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Sandeep Singh Shekhawat with
Mr. Akshay Dutt Sharma

For Respondent(s) :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUROOP SINGHI

Order

18/02/2026

The present writ petition has been filed by the petitioner assailing the demand notice dated 19.01.2026, issued by respondent No.3 – Office of the Mining Engineer, Ajmer, raising a demand of Rs.4,78,481/- towards alleged District Mineral Foundation Trust (**DMFT**) dues.

Learned counsel for the petitioner Mr. Sandeep Singh Shekhawat, submits that the alleged illegal demand has been raised solely on account of the fact that the mineral – Feldspar, was converted into a major mineral vide notification dated 20.02.2025, however, the respondents, for reasons best known to them, failed to take the said change into account and continue to generate the e-Rawanna treating the said mineral to be a minor mineral. The consequential effect of the said inaction of the respondents was, that in respect of a minor mineral, the charge of DMFT is 10% of the royalty amount, whereas in respect of a major mineral, the charge of DMFT is 30% of the royalty amount. Thus,

the balance 20% of the DMFT amount is now being raised and demanded from the petitioner by issuance of the said impugned demand notice dated 19.01.2026.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that for the generation of e-Rawanna, the entire exercise is being carried out by the respondents through their portal and it is not at all within the control of the petitioner to fill in the amount *qua* the royalty and DMFT and thus, for the fault, if at all, committed by the respondents, the petitioner cannot be blamed and such a demand could not have been raised.

Learned counsel further submits that upto the period of 31.03.2025, the royalty and other charges were being collected through an Excess Royalty Collection Contract (ERCC) and thus, under no circumstances, for any payment, if made upto 31.03.2025, the petitioner could have been blamed.

Taking note of the above, issue notices to the respondents, returnable within four weeks. Notices may also be sent through registered post in addition to normal process.

Notices may also be given *dasti* to learned counsel for the petitioner.

Additionally, learned counsel for the petitioner would be at liberty to serve a copy of petition in the Office of Mr. Vigyan Shah, learned Additional Advocate General, who appears of behalf of Mining Department.

List the matter after four weeks after showing the name of Mr. Vigyan Shah, learned AAG, in the cause list.



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In the meanwhile and till further orders, the effect and operation of the demand notice dated 19.01.2026 shall remain stayed.

(ANUROOP SINGHI),J

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