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It generally authorizes all officers of the Directorate who are subordinate to the Chief Inspector-Cum-Facilitator and appointed as Inspector-Cum-Facilitator of Mines under section 34(1) of the Code to institute prosecutions for any offense under the Code. A prosecution may be brought against the owner, agent or manager of any mine within the officer's own area of jurisdiction.

The notification supersedes all the notifications published earlier in the Gazette of India on the subject. It doesn't list them, doesn't name any offense or penalty, and doesn't say from when it takes effect. It was dated September 1, 2026 and published in the Gazette on November 16, 2026.

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Authorized	All DGMS officers appointed as Inspector-Cum-Facilitator of Mines under section 34(1) of the Code
May prosecute	The owner, agent or manager of any mine in their area of jurisdiction, for any offense under the Code
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