

Ministry of Mines
Major Highlight / Activities for the month of September 2024

1. Important Decisions and Major achievements:

- Ministry of Mines appointed Smt. Farida M. Naik, Joint Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Mines as the “Designated Officer” for exercising the powers of the Central Government under the provisos to sub-sections (3) and (4) of section 10B, the provisos to sub – sections (4) and (5) of section 11 and section 11D of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulations) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957) and under the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015, vide Notification No. S.O. 3847 (E) dated 09.09.2024.
- Ministry of Mines notified private Exploration Agency, M/s GMMCO Technology Services Limited under second proviso to sub-section (1) of section 4 of the MMDR Act, 1957, to carry out prospecting operations, vide Notification No. S.O. 3929 (E) dated 13.09.2024.

2. Monthly Status of Action / PMKKKY – DMF:

- Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojna (PMKKKY) is being implemented through the funds collected under DMF and till August 2024 Rs.99100.77 Cr. was collected (monthly collection in August 2024 - Rs 1287.47 Cr.).

3. National Mineral Exploration Trust(NMET)

- NMET has approved 19 mineral exploration projects with the cost of Rs 28.02 Cr which include 09 projects of critical minerals with the Cost of Rs 16.46 Cr and out of the 19 Projects 02 Projects are of Notified Private Exploration Agencies with the cost of ₹ 4.60 Cr. NMET has also approved 02 Project of financial assistance for procurement of handheld XRF & ICP-MS, Rock Cutting Machine & Microscope instrument with the cost of ₹ 20.45 Cr. NMET also approved Financial sanction of Rs 4.07 Cr for establishing Data Processing Interpretation and Integration Centre (DPIIC) at RSAS, Bangaluru. NMET also approved Financial sanction of Rs 5.12 Cr for participating in India International Trade Fair (IITF) at Bharat Madapam, New Delhi. NMET has funded one day workshop on Enhancing Mineral Exploration through NMET, in the state of Meghalaya organized by DMR, Meghalaya. NMET has funded one day workshop to encourage the Mineral Exploration in the state of Punjab organized by DMG, Punjab. During the month NMET has incurred expenditure of Rs. 11.70 Cr. The overall expenditure incurred during FY.2024-25 is Rs. 141.59 Cr.

4. Progress in the auction of Mineral Blocks:

- i. Since the amendment to MMDR Act, 1957 in 2015, Total 417 mineral blocks have been auctioned till 30.09.2024 across various major mineral States.
- ii. During the month of September 2024, the State Government of Rajasthan successfully auctioned 11 limestone mineral blocks, while the State Government of Maharashtra auctioned 2 limestone mineral blocks.

Accordingly, 13 successful auctions of mineral blocks by the State Government have been reported for September 2024.

5. Progress made in the auction of critical & Strategic minerals:

- The process of auction of critical and strategic mineral blocks for Tranche IV continued with last sale of Tender documents ended on 11.09.2024 and bid due date on 24.09.2024.
- The opening of the bids by the Bid Opening Committee was conducted on 25.09.2024.
- The examination of the technical bids was initiated on 25.09.2024.

6. Conferences / Workshops/Seminars/Meeting and other activities:

- Secretary Mines led a delegation for International Non-Deal Roadshows (NDR) organized by DIPAM for seeking the investor's interest in Hindustan Zinc Limited shares during 09-13 September in UK (London) & USA (New York).
- The 9th meeting of the India-Russia Sub-Group on Mining of the Working Group on Modernization and Industrial Cooperation under the Intergovernmental Russian-Indian Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technical and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC) was held on 11th September, 2024 through hybrid mode at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. The Indian delegation was headed by Shri Vivek Kumar Bajpai, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India, the Co- chair of Indian side. The Russian delegation was headed by Mr. Ivan Markov, Director of the Department of Metallurgy and Materials of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation, the Co-chair of the Russian side.
- Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) meeting to consider the proposal for "Appraisal of National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM)" was held on 15.09.2024 in Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi.

7. Activities of Geological Survey of India (GSI) & Indian Bureau of Mines(IBM):

- DG, GSI inaugurated the 20th CGPB Sub-Committee X meeting in hybrid mode at CHQ, Kolkata on 05.09.2024, convening stakeholders & academic institutions for possible collaborations in emerging field of geoscientific research.
- GSITI, Hyderabad hosts ITEC-sponsored international training on "Image Processing Techniques for Mineral Prospecting". Dr. Mathew Joseph, Dy.DG, GSITI, inaugurated the program on 05.09.2024 with 20 Tanzanian geoscientists, fostering global learning experience.
- Shri. Viraj Singh, Additional Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, GoI visited GSI Training Institute, Hyderabad on 09th and 10th September, 2024. He also interacted with trainee participants from Tanzania of the ITEC-sponsored

international training on "Image Processing Techniques for Mineral Prospecting".

- DG, GSI, inaugurated the 20th CGPB Sub-Committee XI meeting in hybrid mode at CHQ, Kolkata on 06.09.2024 focused on promoting the use of geoinformatics and emerging technologies in advancing geoscientific studies. Representatives from MoES, IMD, CGWB, NIC, HCL, SAC- ISRO, AMDER, NRSC, DGM of various states like Karnataka, Kerala, Odisha, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh & Mizoram, shared their views on enhancing data dissemination & technological innovations.
- GSI, Southern Region, Hyderabad has participated in two-day AI Global Summit-2024 at HICC, Hyderabad on 5th & 6th September, 2024 organized by Information & Technology and Communication Department, Government of Telangana. The event was inaugurated by Shri. A Revanth Reddy, Hon. Chief Minister, and Shri. D. Sridhar Babu, Minister for Information Technology, Electronics, Communications, Industries and Commerce, Telangana State.
- Senior officers of GSI from SU: Jharkhand, met Shri Satish Chandra Dubey, Hon'ble Minister of State for Coal and Mines, in Ranchi on 07.09.2024. Hon'ble Minister discussed the mineral status of the state focusing on critical minerals, auction progress, & geotourism. Additionally, DDG, SU: Jharkhand briefed him regarding ongoing exploration projects for graphite and lithium in the state.
- A virtual meeting was held between GSI & Reliance Industries Limited on 11.09.2024, to explore collaboration & consultancy opportunities in the investigation of alternative energy resources. During the meeting, RIL expressed interest in leveraging GSI's expertise in geothermal energy, carbon capture, and other energy fields.
- GSI has organized a brainstorming session at Nagpur on 13.09.2024, focused on copper mineralization in India, exploring the current scenario and future prospects of mineral investigation. The brainstorming session was chaired by Director General, GSI and participated by representatives from GSI, IBM, NMET TEC, HCL, Vedanta, and other key stakeholders.
- Shri T. Ravikanth, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister of Rajasthan, visited GSI, WR, Jaipur, on 13.09.2024 to be apprised of the activities of GSI. Shri LMS Maura, Dy. DG, WR, warmly welcomed him and briefed him on GSI's activities.
- GSI's stall featured captivating displays of rocks, minerals, and fossils at the 27th National Exhibition 2024, Kolkata held on 14.09.2024. Organized by the Central Calcutta Science & Cultural Organization, the event attracted enthusiastic participation from officials, locals, and students.
- Senior officers from GSI participated in the 8th India Water Week at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on 17.09.2024 with exhibits on rocks, fossils, & critical minerals along with informational posters on geoheritage, public good geoscience & water resource projects attracting officials, scientists &

students.

- A 'SafaiMitra Suraksha Shivar' inaugurated by DG, GSI in collaboration with DESUN Hospital was organized at CHQ, on 18.09.2024. The event offered complimentary health check-ups and provided PPE kits and safety gear to sanitation workers and their families.
- All the offices of GSI have actively participated in GSI's ongoing Swachhata drive from 17th September, 2024 to 2nd October 2024. On the opening day of 'SwachhataHiSeva2024', GSI made a notable contribution by organizing total 89 events, including Swachhata pledge, plantation drives, cleanliness drives, & Safai Mitra Surakshya Shivar, for a clean & healthy India.
- DG, GSI, chaired a stakeholder workshop on exploration ecology in Jaipur on 19.09.2024, where key stakeholders convened to discuss strategies for improving exploration ecology and fostering collaboration in mineral exploration across Rajasthan and Gujarat. Senior officials from GSI, as well as representatives from NMET, DMG Rajasthan, GMRD Gujarat, AMD, DGH, Geovale, IBM etc shared their views during the event.
- GSI in association with MECL has hosted a workshop, "Revisit the Current Exploration Norms" at Nagpur on 20.09.2024, focused on reviewing current regulations in mineral exploration, critical minerals, optimizing auctionable blocks & utilizing the NGDR portal. Shri Sanjay Lohiya, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines was the chief guest where DG, GSI along with other senior officers participated.
- UNESCO & GSI unites for a collaborative training cum workshop at New Delhi, commenced with the gracious presence of Shri V.L. Kantha Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Mines, DG, GSI, Mr. Tim Curtis, Director, UNESCO & Ms. Neeta Prasad, JS, Ministry of Higher Education. The 4-day event, from 23-26 September 2024, aims to promote the UNESCO Global Geoparks philosophy in India, combining lecture sessions with a field visit. A status on geoheritage site in India was presented by GSI.
- The workshop on 'Enhancing Mineral Exploration through NMET,' begins at Shillong with the welcome of Shri. Conrad K. Sangma, Hon'ble CM, Meghalaya, Shri Asit Saha, DG, GSI and Ms. Geetika Sharma, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Mines & head of NMET, with formal pleasantries. The event was organized by the Directorate of Mineral Resources, Govt of Meghalaya at the State Convention Centre, Shillong, Meghalaya on 25.09.2024.
- GSI participated in the seminar on geospatial technologies for landslide risk mitigation, organized by FICCI in New Delhi on 26.09.2024. Senior officials from DGCO and CHQ GSI presented advanced workflows for generating landslide susceptibility maps, integrating diverse datasets, and issuing forecast bulletins through GIS platforms.
- A MOU has been signed between GSI and Digital India Corporation on "PMU for developing state-of-art Data Processing, Interpretation, and integration Centre (DPIIC), at GSI, Bengaluru" on 27.09.2024.

- Senior Officers of the Indian Bureau of Mines led by Shri P.K. Bhattacharjee, Controller of Mines (MTS) attended the 27th National Conference on e-Governance organised by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in Mumbai on 3rd September, 2024. During the Conference, a Paper on Mining Tenement System (MTS) of IBM was selected for publication in the compendium released by DARPG.
- **Training Programme on GIS, Utilisation of Digital Aerial (Drone and Satellite) Images for Monitoring of Mining Areas held at IBM HQ :** Two training programme on "Basics of GIS and Utilisation of Digital Aerial (Drone and Satellite) Images for Monitoring of Mining Areas" was organised by the GM&MM Cell at the Headquarters of the Indian Bureau of Mines in Nagpur from September 2nd to 6th, 2024 and from 9th to 13th September 2024. A total of 14 participants each from different regional offices of IBM attended the training programmes.
- **Training-cum-workshop for industry stakeholders at IBM Bengaluru :** A one-day training-cum-workshop was organised in Bengaluru on 12.09.2024 by the Office of Controller of Mines (South Zone), IBM, on "Digital Aerial Data Submission and Latest Reforms in Mineral Sector with respect to the MMDR Act 1957 (Amended)" for industry people. The workshop was aimed at popularizing drone data submission, SDF template and latest reforms/amendments in mineral sector with reference to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 for industry stakeholders and prospective investors.
- A total of 82 participants from different Industries /Mines of Bengaluru, Chennai, Goa, Hyderabad and Vijayawada Regional Offices, covering states of Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Goa & Maharashtra attended the workshop. All the queries from participants were resolved in the Group Discussion session.
- **Workshop on Digital Transformation in IBM and Latest Reforms in Mineral Sector at RO Raipur :** A workshop on "Digital Transformation in Indian Bureau of Mines and Latest Reforms in Mineral Sector" was held under the aegis of Office of the Controller of Mines (Central Zone) in Raipur on 25.09.2024. The workshop was attended by 111 representatives from Central Zone comprising mines/ preferred bidders of ML/CL/EL under the jurisdiction of IBM's Regional Offices in Raipur, Jabalpur and Nagpur. During the workshop, presentations on various subjects such as latest reforms/ amendments in mining sector, applicability of Drone Technology in mining , salient features of FMCP, CL & EL modules in Mining Tenement system (MTS) and Mining Plan submission through MPAS under MTS were delivered by Dr Y.G. Kale, Controller of Mines (Central Zone), Shri Sudip Majumdar, Regional Mining Geologist (RMG), Jabalpur Region, Shri Sanjay Girhe, RMG, MTS and Shri Prem Prakash, RCOM, Raipur region, respectively. The presentations were followed by group discussion/ question & answer session by all faculty members, including Shri Pukhraj Nenival, RCOM, Jabalpur and Shri G.Ram, DCOM(I/c), Nagpur region. A number of queries were raised by

the participants which were addressed by the panel of experts from IBM.

- **‘Swachhata Hi Seva’ Campaign at IBM** :Indian Bureau of Mines and all its Regional Offices had been actively joined the Nation in observing the Campaign on “Swachhata Hi Seva”. The initiative under the Swachh Bharat Mission launched by the Government of India is aimed at generating greater public participation in reinforcing the concept of cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation. As a curtain-raiser to the Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign that commenced on 14th September 2024, IBM had released a Poster which was prominently displayed on all its premises across the country.
- From Gandhinagar to Guwahati, Udaipur to Bhubaneswar and at the Headquarters in Nagpur -- Indian Bureau of Mines offices across the country actively participated in Swachhata Hi Seva Hai activities. Employees of Indian Bureau of Mines posted at Modern Mineral Processing Laboratory, Hingna, Nagpur participated in a Cyclothon to spread awareness about cleanliness. Some IBM officials from the Udaipur Regional Office conducted Swachhata Hi Seva-related activities at a local school. A walkathon was organised by the Kolkata Zonal Office of Indian Bureau of Mines. At the IBM Headquarters in Nagpur, employees donned Swachhata Hi Seva-themed T-shirts and held brooms as they engaged in a cleanliness drive. They were also seen holding placards carrying messages of cleanliness. The Bhubaneswar Regional Office organised a Safaimitra Shivar and honoured sanitation workers.
- As part of Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign activities, the Indian Bureau of Mines organised a TB Awareness & Screening Camp at its Headquarters in Nagpur on 26.09.2024. The camp received an enthusiastic response from the officers and staff of IBM who got themselves screened for the infectious disease. Expert talks were also delivered on the occasion, underscoring the importance of maintaining good hygiene practices.
- IBM carried out 131 inspections (under MCDR/ MP/Other references) during the month of September, 2024. As per the dashboard of Mining Plan (Including Mining Plan, Review of Mining Plan & Modification of Mining Plans), during the year 2024-25 at the beginning of September, 2024, 99 Mining plans (Including Mining Plan, Review of Mining Plan & Modification of Mining Plans) were under processing and 141 Mining Plan Applications were received during the month of September, 2024 (99+141=240). Out of these 240, during September, 2024, 17 mining Plans were approved, 05 were not approved, 03 Plans were withdrawn by the parties and 215 Mining Plans were under processing at the end of the month. Cumulatively during 2024-25, up to September, 2024, IBM carried out 563 inspections and approved 193 applications under MPAS.
- Revenue Generated* (as per amended statute):

i. Item	• During the month of • August, 2024 • (in Rupees)	• Cumulative from April 2024 (In Rupees)

• MP / RMP Processing Fees	• Rs.=26,75,000/-	• Rs. =1,11,75,000/-
• Penalty for fine/late fee/ amount collected as per MCDR Amendment Rules, 2021	• Rs. =39,69,000/-	• Rs. =2,68,60,000/-

- **Sustainable Development in Mines:** For the assessment year 2023-24, 1242 lessees have filed SDF templates online.
- **Mining Surveillance System:** During the Phase IV (2022-23), 138 triggers are generated so far up to August, 2024 of which 40 triggers are verified by the concerned State manner. Governments and 07 cases of unauthorized mining have been detected.
- **Uploading the 157 triggers on MSS portal:** After the approval accorded by competent authority i.e. Ministry of Mines for uploading the 157 triggers generated during 2023-24 on MSS portal, the same were forwarded to the respective State Governments for verification and appropriate action.
- **Average Sale Price (ASP)** for Minerals and Metals for the month of July, 2024 has been hosted on IBM website. IBM has recently made a giant leap forward with the advancements of its MTS Project by launching the New Average Sale Price (ASP) Module. This New ASP Module enables IBM to bridge the time gap in the release of the Average Sale price of minerals.
- **Mining Tenement System (MTS):** Two new modules – Final Mine Closure Plan module and Exploration License/Composite License/Prospecting License module of Mining Tenement System were unveiled by the Hon'ble Minister of Mines, in the programme to recognize the performance of 5-star rated mines held at a Felicitation Ceremony at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi on 07.08.2024. Registration Module: During the FY 24-25 till September, 2024, a total of 422 Nos. of registration for different business domains has been carried out in the portal. Cumulatively Up to August, 2024, 8112 Miners, 5562 End Users, 10557 Traders, 3024 Stockiest, 1676 Exporters have registered online. Returns Module: During the FY 24-25 till August, 2024, 1769 miners and 748 End Users have submitted Annual Returns for 2023-24. Mining Plan Module: During 2024-25, till September, 2024, 193 Mining Plans have been approved online in IBM-MPAS. DPR in respect of the other modules is in progress and they will become operational in phased.
- IBM completed 5.25 Ore Dressing Investigations, 1892 Chemical Analysis and 251 Mineralogical Examinations in the month of September, 2024. Cumulatively up to September, 2024, IBM carried out 27 Ore Dressing Investigations, 13,217 Chemical Analysis and 1428 Mineralogical

Examinations.

- Domestic Sale from Captive Mines (in pursuance to MCDR amendment Rules, 2021):

- **(Quantity in tones)**

S.No	Mineral	Sale Quantity during August, 2024 (P)	Cumulative sale quantity from April, 24 to August, 2024
1	Bauxite	31539	2,20,271
2	Iron Ore	461151	25,88,230
3	Limestone	24712	1,67,087
4	Manganese Ore	7585	38,063

(P); Provisional,

Source: MCDR Returns Note: Dispatch data is provisional and may change at a later stage.

- **Updation of National Mineral Inventory (NMI)** :For Updation of NMI adopting UNFC as on 01.04.2025, work initiated for 1.Mapping of leasehold deposits (3724 deposits) of NMI as on 01.04.2020 and 2. Checking and validation of existing 4787 free hold deposits from NMI as on 01.04.2020.
- **UAV survey related activities:** A register of receipt of drone/ satellite data submitted by the lessees under rule 34A of MCDR 2017 is being maintained at IBM. Action is being taken to create GIS layers, through Mining Plan Data/ the boundary pillar co-ordinates of the auctioned blocks & leases, for comparison with drone/satellite data.
- **Drone Data Management System:** IBM at its Headquarters has recently commissioned its largest Data Centers with capacity of 131 Terabytes. During the FY 24-25 till September, 2024, 1269 mines have submitted online Drone data on Drone Data Management System portal.
- **Training Centre:** Two week Induction Training Programme for 42 new appointees is underway w.e.f 26.08.2024. Training for 1st week from 26.08.2024 to 01.09.2024 was held at IBM HQ Nagpur and 2nd week training is being held at in the respective division/Section/Region of their posting.Cumulatively, till September, 2024, IBM organized 04 training programmes in which 102 IBM and 23 State DGM officers participated.
- **Capacity Building Plan of IBM:** Annual Capacity Building Plan (ACBP) of IBM has been approved by the competent authority and is being implemented. Monitoring the implementation of ACBP (2024-25) as per the set quarterly target as mentioned in ACBP Training Calendar (2024-25), is in progress at Divisional head level.

8 .Activities and highlights of National Aluminium Company (NALCO) & Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL), CPSEs under the Ministry of Mines are as under:

NALCO:

Production:

- Bauxite production is 5,07,256 tonnes as against provisional target of 5,50,000 tonnes in September 2024. Provisional annual target is 75,25,000 tonnes in 2024-25.
- Alumina Hydrate production is 1,70,000 tonnes as against provisional target of 1,70,000 tonnes in September, 2024. Provisional annual target is 21,00,000 tonnes in 2024-25.
- Aluminium Cast Metal production is 36,312 tonnes as against provisional target of 38,468 tonnes in September, 2024. Provisional annual target is 4,70,000 tonnes in 2024-25.

Sales:

- Alumina /Hydrate sale is 1,25,285 tonnes as against provisional target of 1,25,000 tonnes in September, 2024. Provisional annual target is 11,04,000 tonnes in 2024-25.
- Aluminium Export is 1019 tonnes as against provisional target of 2000 tonnes in September, 2024. Provisional annual target is 25,000 tonnes in 2024-25.
- Domestic Metal sale is 38,660 tonnes as against provisional target of 38,000 tonnes in September, 2024. Provisional annual target is 4,45,000 tonnes in 2024-25.

Sales Highlights:

- Achieved highest ever cumulative domestic metal sale of 2,21,966 MT in any H1 since inception, surpassing the previous H1 highest of 2,18,995 MT in FY 2022-23.

HCL:

- The 57th Annual General Meeting of Hindustan Copper Ltd. was held on 26th September, 2024, at the Registered office in Kolkata through VC.
- A one to one discussion was held between Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh (M.P.) in the sideline of the Roadshow of Govt. of M.P. held in Kolkata on 20.09.2024. The investment plan of HCL at MCP was apprised.
- HCL has won the ASSOCHAM "Award for Excellence in Non-Coal Mining - Outstanding Contribution in the Non-Coal Mining Industry" in Kolkata on 27.09.2024. The award was received by CMD, HCL, and Director (Mining), HCL, along with other senior executives.
- An open tender for sale of entire quantity of copper concentrate of the company has been finalized, M/s Kutch Copper Limited emerged as H1 Bidder & M/s Hindalco became H2 bidder. As per terms of the tender, Lol has been placed to H1 & H2 bidders in 70:30 ratio with the quoted price of H1 bidder for a period of one year. The H1 offer received against current tender

is better than last year.

- An Underground Mine Safety Training session was conducted by Prof. R.M. Bhattacharjee from IIT-ISM, Dhanbad, at HCL's Corporate Office. CMD, HCL, Director (Mining) & other senior officers attended the session.
- HCL begins the Swachhata Hi Sewa (SHS) Campaign 2024 from 17.09.2024 which would last till 02.10.2024, under the theme of "Swabhav Swachhata – Sanskaar Swachhata", marking a decade of progress in cleanliness and sanitation. CMD, HCL, administered the Swachhata pledge to all employees of HCL. HCL has planned a series of activities across its various Units focusing on extensive cleanliness drives, thrust on fitness with Prabhat Pheris and Cyclathons, plantation drives ("Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam") to encourage the green mission, promotion of cultural activities, beautification of parks, wall paintings, waste to art activities, awareness against waste of food, health camps for sanitation workers, etc.
- HCL organized a Health Camp on 30.09.2024 on the occasion of Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign 2024 in association with National Institute of Homoeopathy (NIH) and Apollo Clinic, Ballygunge, for local people surrounding its Corporate Office in Kolkata. Health camps were also organized in the Units of HCL too.
- **UPDATE FOR SURDA MINE** – Surda Lease deed has been executed by the Govt. of Jharkhand on 28.09.2024.
- **UPDATE FOR KENDADIH MINE** - MoEF&CC, New Delhi on 11.09.2024 has raised EDS (18 points) to State Forest Department and also requested for Site Inspection Report (SIR) by Regional Office (RO), MoEF&CC, Ranchi. Site Inspection by RO, MoEF&CC, Ranchi was completed on 20.09.2024. Further, EDS was forwarded from State Forest Department to PCCF(Nodal) on 23.09.2024 and from PCCF(Nodal) to DFO, Jamshedpur on 27.09.2024. Reply to the raised EDS will be uploaded upon receiving communication in this regard from DFO, Jamshedpur. On 20.09.2024 Cabinet of Jharkhand has approved the extension of Kendadih Mining Lease over 1139.60 ha total ML area for further 20 years period till 02.06.2043.
- **UPDATE FOR RAKHA MINE** - MoEF&CC, New Delhi on 11.09.2024 has raised EDS (19 points) to State Forest Department and also requested for Site Inspection Report (SIR) by Regional Office (RO), MoEF&CC, Ranchi. Site Inspection by RO, MoEF&CC, Ranchi was completed on 20.09.2024. Further, EDS was forwarded from State Forest Department to PCCF(Nodal) on 23.09.2024 and from PCCF(Nodal) to DFO, Jamshedpur on 27.09.2024. Reply to the raised EDS will be uploaded upon receiving communication in this regard from DFO, Jamshedpur. On 20.09.2024 Cabinet of Jharkhand has approved the extension of Rakha Mining Lease over 785.091 total ML area for further 20 years period till 28.08.2041.

- **MECL**

The physical performance i.e., exploratory drilling during the month of

September, 2024 was 30,245 m. Further, till September, 2024 a total of 1,97,379 m has been completed.

9. District Mineral Foundation (DMF) Funds to combat Covid-19:

State Governments are continuing to use District Mineral Foundation (DMF) funds to combat Covid-19, wherein Rs. 1517.98 Cr. has been spent till 31.08.2024. Details are given as under:

Daily expenditure report for Covid - 19 - DMF funds				
Till August 2024				
S.No.	Name of State	DMF fund available as on 28th March 2020 (Rs.in crore)	DMF fund available as on 31st March 2021 (Rs.in crore)	Cumulative amount spent on activities related to COVID-19 since 28 Mar 2020 (Rs. in crore)
1	Andhra Pradesh	623.12	278.68	139.79
2	Assam	77.5	-	0.65
3	Bihar	84.5	-	0
4	Chhattisgarh*	1190.04	1707.59	106.41
5	Goa	187.89	-	30.53
6	Gujarat	153.52	83.68	26.23
7	Haryana	20.24	-	0
8	Himachal Pradesh	135.66	-	0.43
9	Jharkhand	2056.85	-	22.85
10	Karnataka	1281.64	1211.64	205.04
11	Kerala	2	-	0
12	Madhya Pradesh	1297.65	1185.56	9.24
13	Maharashtra	687.99	-	59.5
14	Odisha**	3274.18	6418.9	482.72
15	Punjab	26.16	-	0.65
16	Rajasthan	2020.08	2625.28	60.03
17	Tamilnadu	98.93	99.6	17.92
18	Telangana\$	1001.2	-	334.08

19	Uttar Pradesh	383.22	423.22	11.29
20	Uttarakhand	74.39	110.62	10.16
21	West Bengal	17.7	-	0.46
Total		14694.46	14144.77	1517.98

Note: **Total balance available in DMF as on 28 March is 14694.47 cr. and 30% of this comes as approx. 4408 cr.**

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As per D.O.No.7/2/2020-MIV, dated 28.03.2020 Rs 334.08 crore from 19 districts has been transferred to Chief Minister's relief fund.

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Chhattisgarh reported correction in COVID19 reporting in Jan 23 for districts Bijapur (5.14 cr. reduced to 2.53 cr.) and Korea (7.66 cr. reduced to 2.63 cr.)

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Odisha reported reduction of 2.08 Cr. from August 23 COVID19 reporting in September 23