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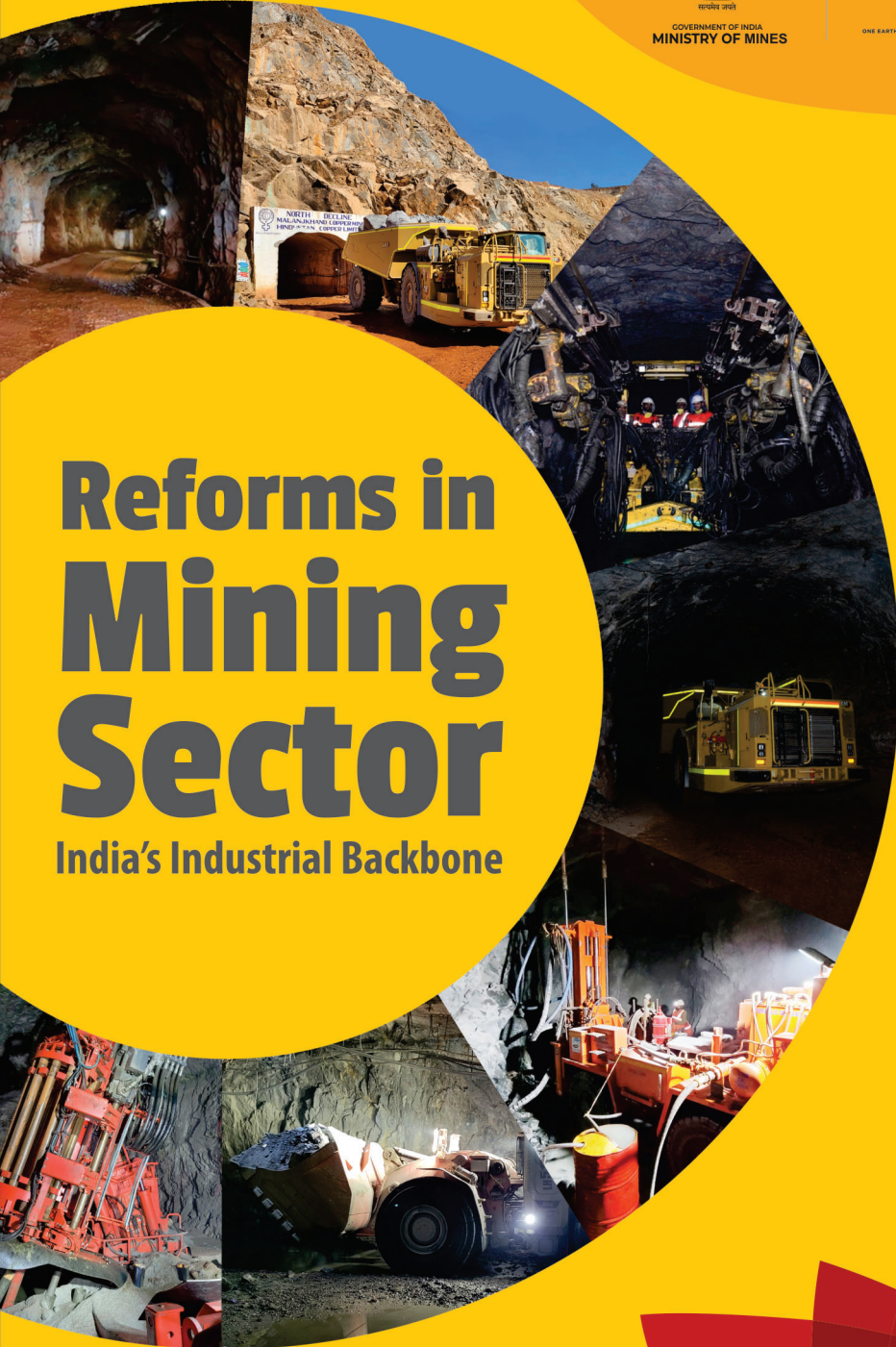


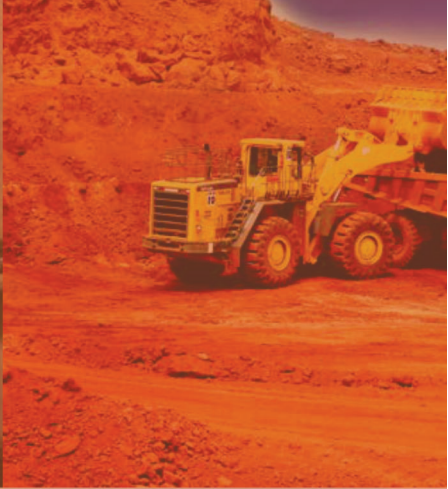
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# Reforms in Mining Sector

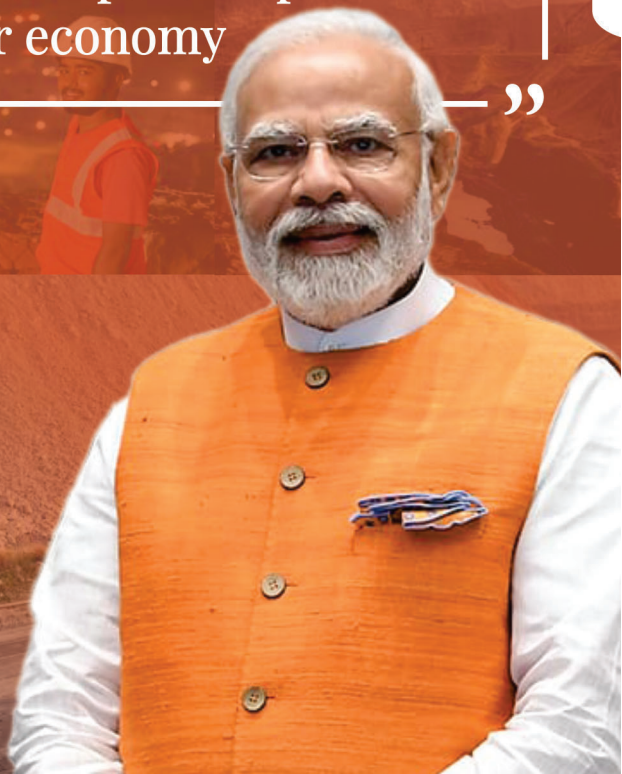
India's Industrial Backbone





# Assuring India's Mineral Security

Self-reliance is not possible without a strong mining and minerals sector; because minerals and mining are important pillars of our economy



# Major Reforms

## Amendment in the MMDR Act, 1957 in 2015

- Auction Regime
- National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET)
- District Mineral Foundation (DMF)

# 2015

## Amendment in the MMDR Act, 1957 in 2020

- To facilitate seamless transfer of valid rights/clearances to new leases
- To overcome the impact on mineral production due to expiry of large number of mineral blocks in March 2020
- To ensure sustained mineral production in the country

# 2020

## Amendment in the MMDR Act, 1957 in 2021

- All future auctions to be without any end use restrictions
- Allowed all captive mines to sell up to 50% of minerals produced
- Allowed transfer of all ML/CL without any charges
- Transfer of all valid rights and clearances to successful bidders
- Resolved pending cases by bringing them under auction regime
- Prescribed timeline from auction of a mine to operationalization
- Notified Private exploration agencies can undertake prospecting operation without PL
- Central Government is empowered to give directions regarding composition and utilization of fund under DMF

# 2021

## Amendment in the MMDR Act, 1957 in 2023

- New part D introduced in First Schedule of the Act for 24 critical and strategic minerals.
- Empowered Central Government to exclusively auction mineral concession for critical and strategic minerals.
- Introduced exploration license for deep-seated and critical minerals

## OAMDR

## Amendment Act, 2023

- Introduced transparent and non-discretionary auction process as methodology for grant of production lease and composite license in #Offshore areas of the country.

# 2023

# Other Reforms

- › Requirement of bid security and net worth reduced to increase participation in auctions.
- › Transfer of Lol without any charges
- › Incentive for early production & dispatch of minerals.
- › Empowered interested people to propose area for auction to grant a composite licence
- › Introduced Drone survey for better mine planning and improved regulations
- › **49** rules in Mineral Concession Rules, **24** rules in Mineral Conservation and Development Rules and **27** rules in Atomic Mineral Concession Rules have been decriminalized.
- › No fresh public consultation is required for issue of Environment Clearance for expansion of mineral production upto 40% capacity.
- › For notification of CL blocks for Auction:-
  - Simplified the procedure for demarcation of area.
  - Removed the requirement for detailed land classification.

# Reform

- › Auction-only regime
- › Removal of distinction between captive and merchant mines to promote competition
- › Auction of mineral blocks at G4 level of exploration for Composite Licence and Mining Lease on G3 level for notified minerals
- › Reduction in Bid security for more participation (0.25% of ₹50 Cr. whichever is less for Mining Lease, ₹50 Lakh for Composite Licence at G4 level)

## AUCTION SUMMARY OF MINERALS

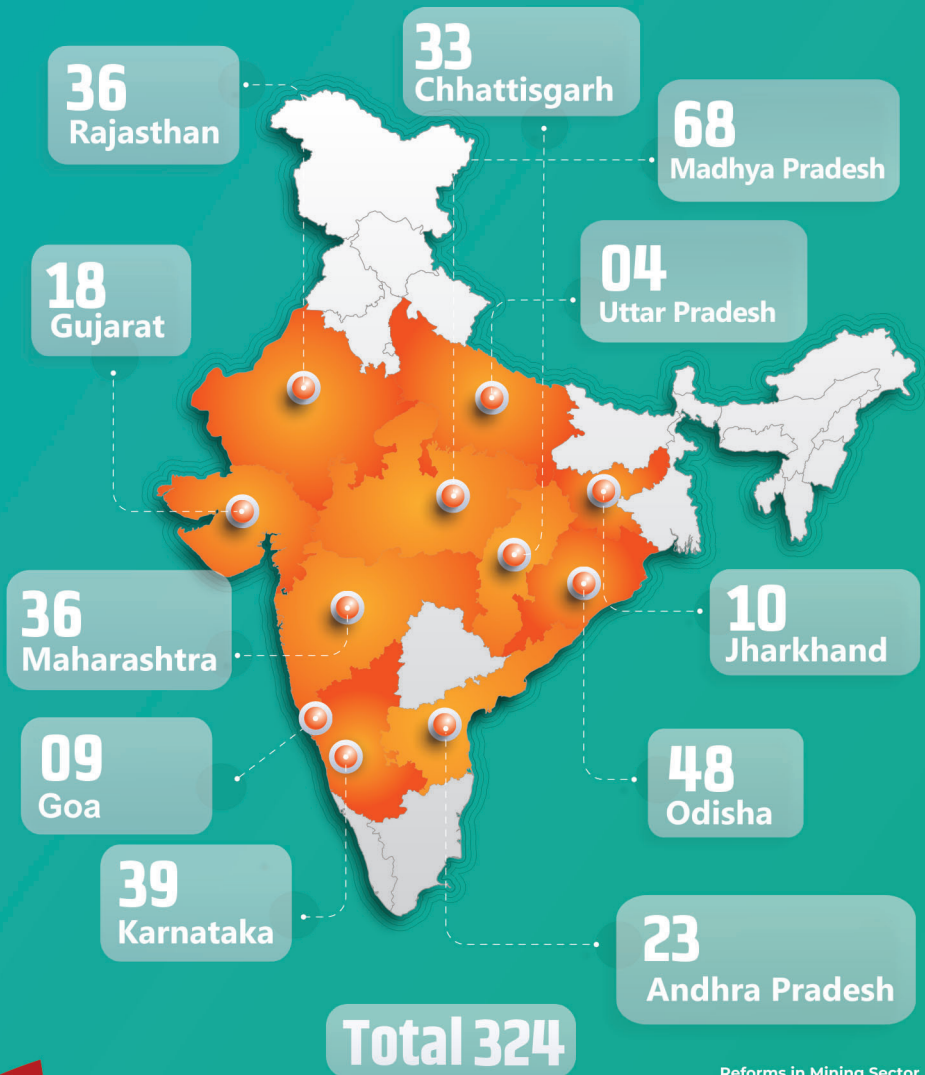
**2015-2023**  
(as on 22.09.2023)



# Impact

- Resolved legacy issues by amending **Section 10A(2)(b)** of MMDR Act
- Freed up around **500 potential mineral blocks** for auction
- Boosting transparency and trust in the system
- **324 mineral blocks** have been successfully auctioned since 2015.
- NITs for auction of **97(ML-51, CL-46) mineral blocks** are in process.
- **281 Blocks** put on auction at CL Level

## AUCTION SUMMARY OF STATES 2015-2023 (as on 22.09.2023)



# Reform

Transfer of all valid rights, statutory clearances, approvals to successful bidders

Deemed extension of ML to Government companies for unhindered production

All leases can be transferred without any transfer charge for all types of mines

Part surrender of mining lease area allowed in all cases, instead of only non-grant of Forest Clearance

Minimum area requirement for grant of ML reduced from **5 ha to 2 ha** for certain minerals



# Impact

So far, 25 mines in Odisha and 6 mines in Karnataka availed the benefit of transfer of valid rights, clearances etc.

Transfer of leases completed in 9 cases.

Facilitated merger and acquisition in the mining sector



# Reform



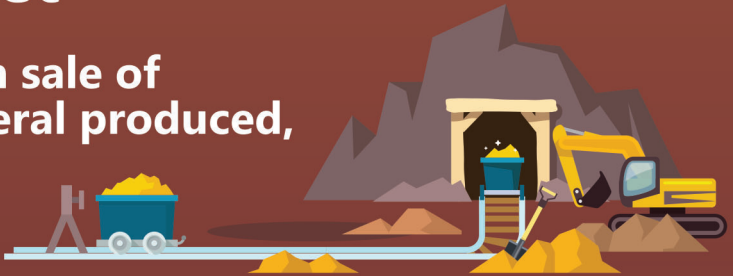
Allowed **sale up to 50%** of the mineral produced in the open market by captive miners

**50% rebate** on revenue share on early operationalization of mines till scheduled date of operation

Boost to **Ease of Doing Business** with clarification on illegal mining

# Impact

With sale of mineral produced,



SAIL generated revenue of approx. **₹3000 Cr.** since 2020



# Reform

Prescribed timelines for production and despatch

Reservation to PSUs shall lapse if the mines are not timely operationalized

Central Govt. can conduct auctions if State Govt. face challenges while conducting auction

Any individual can identify auctionable blocks and submit proposal to the State Govt.

# Impact

More revenue for State Govt.

30 applications for auction of CL blocks received by States from individuals. Approval of Central Government issued for auction of 3 CL blocks

# Reform

## DMF

Formulated **Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshethra Kalyan Yojana** under DMF

With amendment in **2021**, local MPs, MLAs and MLCs have been made members of DMF governing council

Fund shall not be transferred from the DMF to State Exchequer or State level fund or any other fund or scheme.

Preparation of 5 years perspective plan mandated for implementation of works using DMF fund.

# Impact

Total amount collected till July 23 is **₹81282.99 Cr**

Participative development of **mining-affected regions**



# Reform

- Establishment of National Mineral Exploration Trust
- Notification of private exploration agencies

# Impact

Total Amount collected in NMET till Sept., 2023 is **₹4906 Cr.**

- Obvious Geological Potential has increased from 5.71 lakh sq. km to 6.88 lakh sq. km
- Area under exploration has increased to 30% of OGP
- So far **16** private exploration agencies have been notified under second proviso to Section 4(1) of the Act

**11 mineral blocks** funded through NMET have been auctioned, with an estimated revenue generation of **₹1.69\* lakh Cr. (\*approx.)**

## Incentives to States

- ₹20 Lakh for each successful auction to States, so far ₹21 Cr. released to 20 States
- Partial reimbursement up to 50% of the direct cost of exploration to holders of Composite Licence for deep seated minerals
- Notified Private Exploration Agencies (NPEA) to be funded by State Governments/NMET for exploration projects
- NMET has approved 15 projects of NPEAs for exploring Graphite, REE, Nickel, Platinum Group of Elements, etc. in 5 States.



# Other Initiatives

Prescribed royalty on newly explored minerals. Glauconite, Potash, Emerald, Platinum Group of Metals, Andalusite. Sillimanite and Molybdenum and Kyanite

State Governments have been awarded for taking initiative for auction of mineral Blocks.

## Impact

- Facilitate auction of Glauconite, Potash, Emerald, Platinum Group of Metals, Andalusite and Molybdenum
- 2 Blocks of platinum group of metals & 1 block of Glauconite successfully auctioned in Chattisgarh.
- Auction would help bring down their imports
- All the accrued revenue goes to State Govt.



# Generating Additional Revenue Sources For State Govt.

Since  
**2015**

Karnataka earned  
**₹ 5075.69 Cr**  
\*from 11 Operational Auctioned Mines

Odisha earned  
**₹ 55028.80 Cr**  
\*from 23 Operational Auctioned Mines



# Current Overview

Iron Ore reached record production level of **254 MMT**  
in **FY 2021-22**

Limestone reached record production level of  
**393 MMT** in **FY 2021-22**

**534** potential blocks have been handed over to State Govt.  
for auction of **CL/ML**

**324** mineral blocks have been successfully auctioned since **2015**

**46** mineral blocks have been successfully auctioned in **FY 2021-22**,  
**105** mineral blocks have been successfully auctioned in **FY 2022-23**  
**65** mineral blocks have been successfully auctioned in **FY 2023-24**  
(upto 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2023)



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