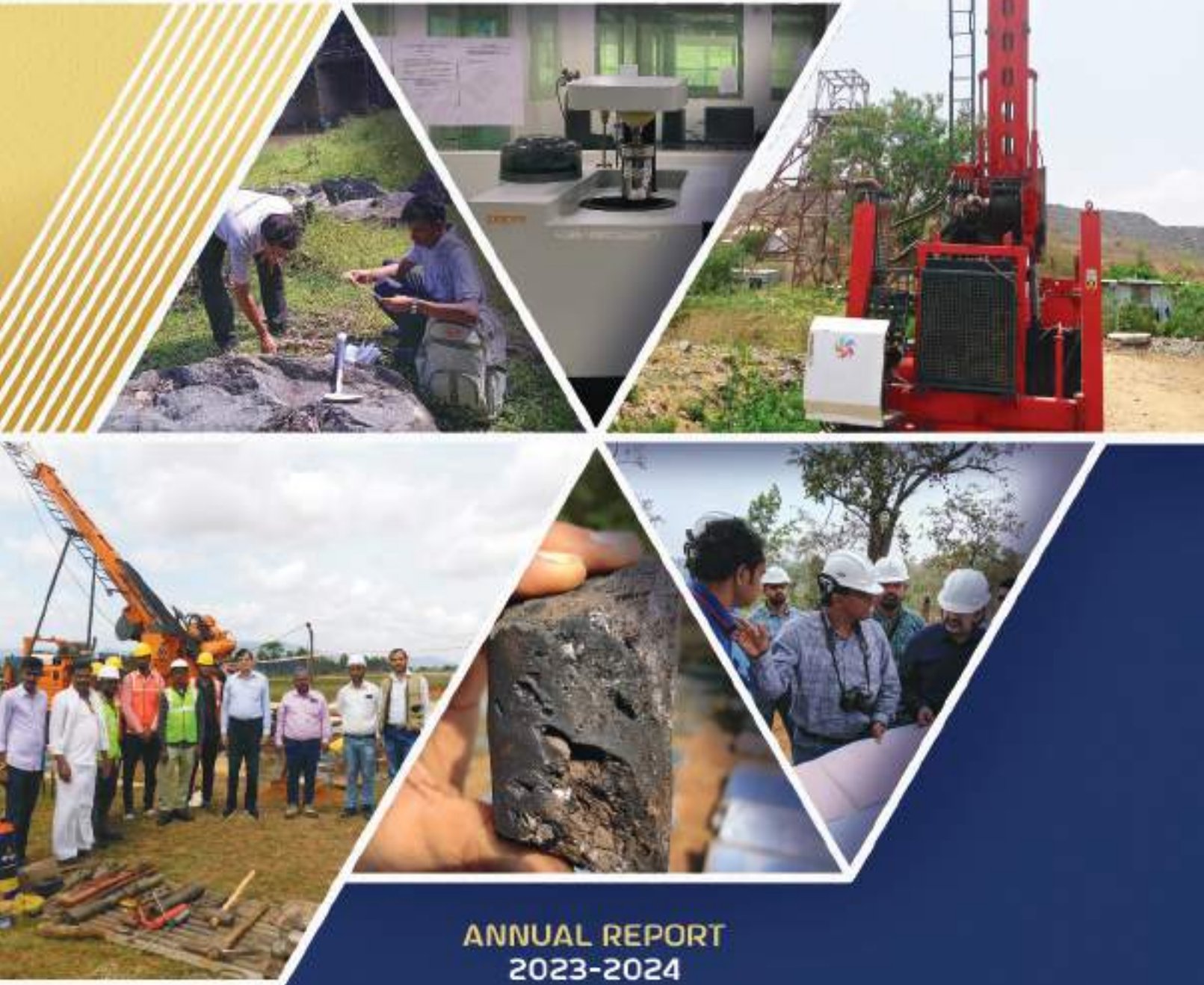




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National Mineral Exploration Trust: An Overview

In exercise of powers conferred by Section 9C (1) and 9C (2, 3, 4 & 13) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, the Central Government established 'National Mineral Exploration Trust' (NMET) by Gazette notification dated 14th August, 2015 and National Mineral Exploration Rules, 2015, respectively with objectives to boost the regional and detailed mineral exploration activities, mineral development, sustainable mining adoption and mineral extraction metallurgical based on advanced scientific and technological practices etc. The Trust receives contribution from Mining Lease and Prospecting Licence-cum-Mining Lease holders. The NMET contribution is equivalent to 2% of the royalty, for minerals under second schedule. The NMET notification and Rules are appended as Annexures-1, 2 and 3.

The overall control, periodical reviews and policy directions of the Trust vest with the Governing Body (GB) chaired by Hon'ble Union Minister of Mines. The Governing Body shall lay down the broad policy framework for the functioning of the trust and review its working. The Executive Committee (EC), chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Mines, manages administer and supervises the activities of the Trust and monitor and review the activities of the trust at regular intervals. A Technical-cum-Cost Committee (TCC) has also been constituted to evaluate the technical as well as cost parameters of the mineral exploration, capacity building and baseline survey project proposals. The TCC recommends the suitable proposals to EC for approval.



Vision:

To enhance regional and detailed exploration activities for growth and development of the mining sector in India.

Objective and functions:

1.	To identify, explore, extract, beneficiate and refine deep-seated or concealed mineral deposits.
2.	To undertake studies for mineral development, sustainable mining adoption of advanced scientific and technological practices and mineral extraction metallurgy.
3.	To take up exploration of areas for regional and detailed exploration for grant of mineral concessions in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder, giving priority particularly to strategic and critical minerals.
4.	To facilitate completion of brown-field regional exploration projects in obvious geological potential (OGP) areas (G3) including conducting high-risk exploration for deep-seated mineral deposits through modern technologies.
5.	To promote detailed exploration (G2 and G1) across India in the G3 stage exploration completed areas.
6.	To facilitate geophysical, ground and aerial, survey and geochemical survey of OGP areas and rest of India.
7.	To facilitate a national core repository for encouraging research in earth sciences and for evaluation of the mineral prospects
8.	To organize capacity building programmes for raising technical capability of personnel engaged in or to be engaged in exploration.



National Mineral Exploration Trust Setup

The National Mineral Exploration Trust works in a two tier structure with Governing Body (GB) and Executive Committee (EC) as its two supreme authorities. The overall control, periodical reviews and policy directions of NMET vest with the Governing Body while the Executive Committee manages, administers and supervises the day to day activities of the Trust.

Functions of Governing Body

1. The Governing Body lays down the broad policy framework for the functioning of the NMET and review its working.
2. The Governing Body also approves the annual plan and annual budget of the NMET upon the recommendations of the Executive Committee.



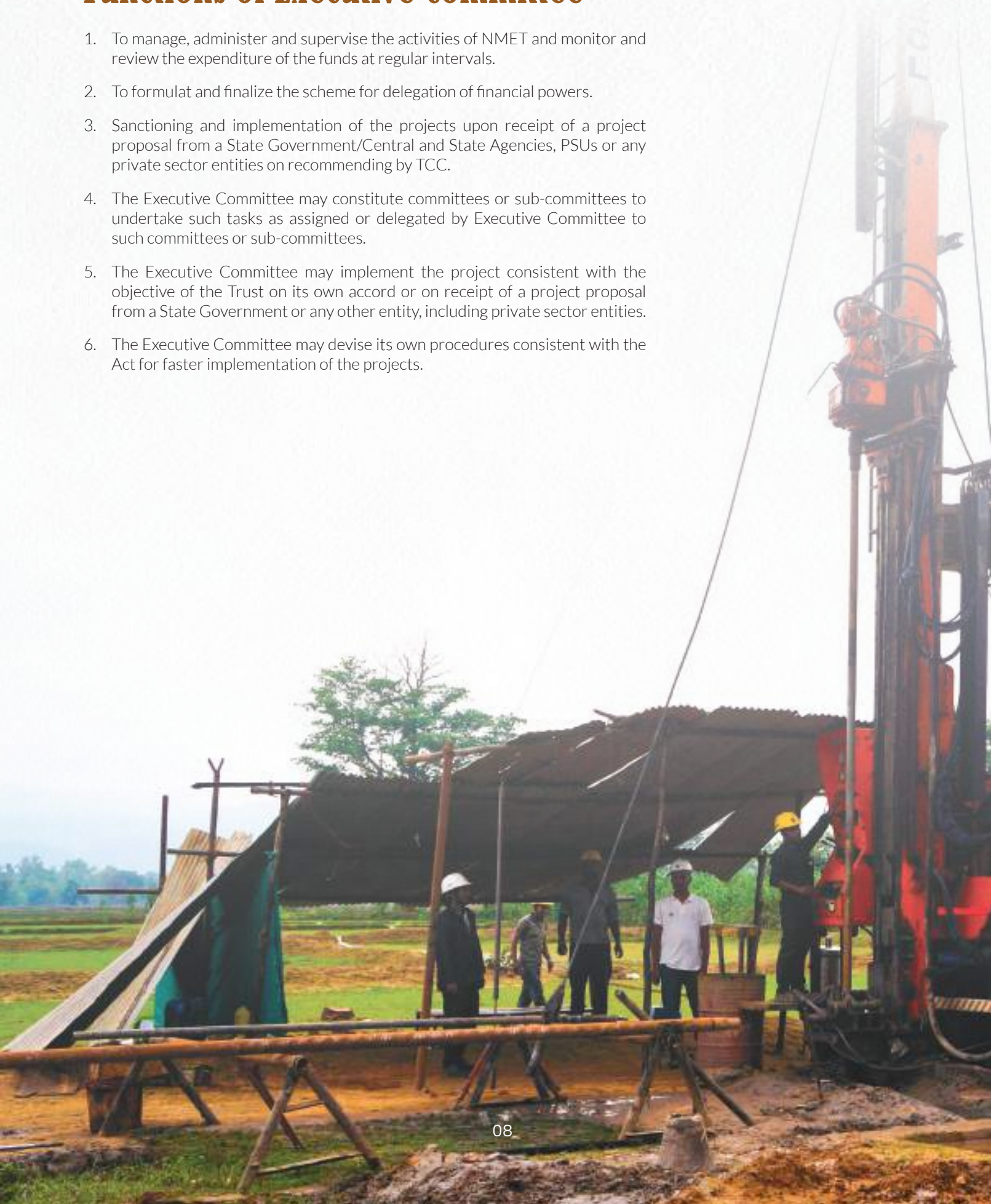
Composition of Governing Body

S. No.	Members
1	Sh. Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Minister of Coal and Mines Chairman, ex-officio
2	Sh. Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Member, ex-officio
3	Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State for Atomic Energy Member, ex-officio
4	Sh. Rao Sahib Patil Danve, Hon'ble Minister of State for Mines Member, ex-officio
5	Sh. P. Ramachandra Reddy, Hon'ble Minister of Mines & Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Member, ex-officio
6	Sh. Jogen Mohan, Hon'ble Minister of Mines & Mineral Department, Government of Assam, Member, ex-officio
7	Sh. Prafulla Kumar Mallik, Hon'ble Minister of Steel & Mines, Government of Odisha, Member, ex- officio
8	Sh. Bhupesh Baghel, Hon'ble Chief Minister & Minister of Mining, Government of Chhattisgarh, Member, ex-officio
9	Sh. Achar Halappa Basappa, Hon'ble Minister of Mines & Geology, Government of Karnataka, Member, ex-officio
10	Sh. Bhupendra Patel, Hon'ble Chief Minister & Minister of Industries & Mines, Government of Gujarat, Member, ex-officio
11	Sh. Vivek Bharadwaj, Secretary, Ministry of Mines (up to August, 2023) Sh. V.L. Kantha Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Mines (from September, 2023) Convener, ex-officio



Functions of Executive Committee

1. To manage, administer and supervise the activities of NMET and monitor and review the expenditure of the funds at regular intervals.
2. To formulate and finalize the scheme for delegation of financial powers.
3. Sanctioning and implementation of the projects upon receipt of a project proposal from a State Government/Central and State Agencies, PSUs or any private sector entities on recommending by TCC.
4. The Executive Committee may constitute committees or sub-committees to undertake such tasks as assigned or delegated by Executive Committee to such committees or sub-committees.
5. The Executive Committee may implement the project consistent with the objective of the Trust on its own accord or on receipt of a project proposal from a State Government or any other entity, including private sector entities.
6. The Executive Committee may devise its own procedures consistent with the Act for faster implementation of the projects.



Composition of Executive Committee

S. No.	Members
1	Sh. Vivek Bharadwaj, Secretary, Ministry of Mines (up to August, 2023) Sh. V.L. Kantha Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Mines (from September, 2023) Chairman, ex-officio
2	Sh. Sanjay Lohiya, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines & CG, IBM Member Secretary, ex-officio
3	Dr. S. Raju, Director General, GSI (up to May, 2023) Sh. Janardan Prasad, Director General, GSI (from June, 2023) Member, ex-officio
4	Smt. Nirupama Kotru, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, Ministry of Mines Member, ex-officio
5	Dr. B. Sarvanan, Director, Atomic Mineral Directorate, Department of Atomic Energy Member, ex-officio
6	Sh. Anandji Prasad, Advisor, Ministry of Coal Member, ex-officio
7	Sh. R.K. Kureel, Director, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas Member, ex-officio
8	Sh. Raghendra Pratap Singh, Principal Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh State Representative, Member
9	Sh. Ravindra Gurav, Joint Secretary, Government of Maharashtra State Representative, Member
10	Sh. Sandesh Nayak, Director, Government of Rajasthan State Representative, Member
11	Sh. J. Jayakanthan, Commissioner (Industries), Government of Tamil Nadu State Representative, Member
12	Sh. Naresh Nautiyal (Retd.), Head (BD&P), MECL, Technical Expert
13	Sh. Alok Sharma (Retd.), GM & HoD (Exploration), CMPDIL, Technical Expert
14	Dr. L.S. Shekhawat, DDG (Retd.), GSI, Technical Expert (from Oct, 2022)
15	Dr. Yamuna Singh, Scientist-H (Retd.), AMD, Technical Expert (from Oct, 2022)
16	Dr. Sahendra Singh, Assoc. Professor, IIT (ISM), Dhanbad, Technical Expert (from Oct, 2022)
17	Sh. Janardan Prasad, Additional Director General, GSI & Chairman, TCC, Invitee (up to May, 2023) Dr. S. Ravi, Dy. Director General, GSI & Chairman, TCC, Invitee (from June, 2023)

Technical Evaluation of the Projects

The Executive Committee in its 4th meeting held on 21st February, 2021 approved the constitution of Technical-cum-Cost Committee (TCC) of NMET for technical and cost evaluation of the projects.

Composition of Technical-cum-Cost Committee

S. No.	Members
1	Sh. Janardan Prasad, Additional Director General, GSI & Chairman, TCC (up to May, 2023) Dr. S. Ravi, Dy. Director General, GSI & Chairman, TCC (from June, 2023)
2	Sh. I.R. Kirmani, Addl. Director General (Retd.), GSI
3	Sh. Hemraj Suryavanshi, Addl. Director General (Retd.), GSI
4	Sh. K. Koteswara Rao, Dy. Director General (Retd.), GSI
5	Sh. S.K. Adhikari, Chief Mining Geologist, IBM, Nagpur
6	Sh. S.K. Kulshrestha, Dy. Director General, GSI,
7	Dr. E.V.S.S.K. Babu, Scientist-H, CSIR-NGRI, Hyderabad
8	Sh. K.L. Mundra, Head-RMRE, Atomic Mineral Directorate
9	Sh. A.R. Sengupta, Director (IFD), Ministry of Mines
10	Sh. Vivek Kumar Sharma, Director & HoD, NMET, Ministry of Mines
11	Smt. Vandana, Cost Accounts Officer, GSI, SR, Bangalore
12	Sh. P.K. Maharana, AGM (Finance), NALCO, Bhubaneswar
13	Sh. Ravi Gupta, DGM (Finance), HCL, Kolkata
14	Sh. C. Parthasarathi, Director, GSI (Member Secretary)





Composition of NMET Secretariat

S. No.	Members
1	Sh. Vivek Bharadwaj, Secretary, Ministry of Mines (up to August, 2023) Sh. V.L. Kantha Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Mines (from September, 2023)
2	Sh. Sanjay Lohiya, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines
3	Sh. Vivek Kumar Sharma, Director & HoD
4	Dr. Sangeeta Gupta, Superintending Geologist
5	Smt. Anju C.S., Superintending Geologist
6	Sh. Seabrata Das, Senior Geologist
7	Sh. Ravi Dutt, Cost Account Officer
8	Dr. Rajesh Sharma, Senior Geologist
9	Sh. Akshay Verma, Geologist
10	Sh. Jayant Gupta, Assistant Cost Account Officer
11	Sh. Sunil Kumar, Administrative Officer
12	Smt. Ujjawala Sharma, Assistant Manager (Geology)
13	Sh. Yogesh Agarwal, Assistant

Meetings of Governing Body, Executive Committee and Technical-cum-cost Committee

(a) Governing Body

The 5th meeting of Governing Body was held on 28th June, 2023. The important discussions of the meeting are as follows:

1. The overall control, periodical reviews and policy directions of the Trust vest with the Governing Body (GB).
2. NMET had launched the scheme for engagement of Notified Private Exploration Agencies (NPEAs) with the objective to lay down the mechanism for engagement of NPEAs in mineral exploration and enable funding of these operations through NMET or State Government. NMET has approved 23 projects of 06 NPEAs in 9 states with an estimated cost of ₹ 24.74 Cr (Annexure-4).
3. (i) Scheme for financial incentives to State Governments from National Mineral Exploration Trust to facilitate the states to expedite auction of mineral blocks was approved by Hon'ble Minister of Mines and Chairperson, Governing Body of NMET on 29th Dec, 2021. NMET has released a total of ₹ 25.66 Cr. in FY 2023-24 (Annexure-5) as incentives to State Governments.
(ii) Scheme on financial assistance for procurement of machinery/ equipment/ instruments/ upgradation of existing software and other latest technology instruments to Central Government organizations and State DGMs/DMGs has been approved. Under this scheme, eight projects of State DGMs/DMGs worth ₹ 45.10 Cr. have been approved (Annexure-6).
4. For spreading the vision and objective of NMET amongst all the State Governments, a meeting of all State Mining Ministers needs to be organized to inform them about the opportunities at NMET for the State Governments for maximum utilization of NMET schemes by them.
5. The accounts for FY 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 were audited by C&AG. 6 out of 8 Sub-Paras of C&AG Audit Para were settled during F.Y. 2023-24.
6. The Annual Report of NMET for the financial year 2022-23 was circulated by NMET.
7. An amount of Rs. 160 Crore has been approved in the Supplementary Grant for FY 2022-23 for payment of NMET funded exploration projects. For FY 2023-24, a Budget Estimate of Rs. 400 Crore has been approved for expenditure on approved projects. The GB approved the Annual Plan and Annual Budget for the financial year 2023-24.
8. Since, the tenure of the presently nominated Members (ex-officio) of EC from States Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand has been completed; the representatives of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu were inducted in the EC as Members (ex-officio). Other major mineral States may be called as invitees.
9. Hon'ble Minister of Mines and Chairperson, Governing Body of NMET has nominated Ministers in-charge of Mines & Geology of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka and Odisha as ex-officio Member of the Governing Body of NMET.
10. Hon'ble Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs & Chairperson, GB, NMET urged the State Governments and exploration agencies to increase exploration activities in the country. He informed that in the coming years, mining sector is expected to contribute 2.5 % of the GDP of the country. He advised State Governments to draw examples from States of Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Chhattisgarh where the exploration activities have brought about substantial revenue generation to States.

(b) Executive Committee (EC)

During the year 2023-24, five meetings (30th to 34th) of Executive Committee were organized. EC accorded approval for eighty-nine (89) projects for a cost of ₹ 502.49 Crore, during the year which includes 72 projects for mineral exploration in the country, 8 projects for Baseline Survey, 8 projects for financial assistance for procurement of machineries to Central Agencies and State Government for their capacity building and upgradation of labs and 1 projects under S&T PRISM scheme of Ministry of Mines (Annexure-7).

The EC took following important decisions during the financial year 2023-24:

Decision of 30th EC Meeting

- EC approved the constitution of Technical-cum-Cost Committee (TCC) of NMET and approved the nomination of Dr. S. Ravi, Dy.D.G., GSI as Chairman, TCC.
- EC approved the Multi-Sensor Aero-Geophysical Survey in Obvious Geological Potential (OGP) Blocks -5, 9, 10 and 12 with an estimated cost of ₹ 150.68 Crore.
- EC enhanced the honorarium charges to the peer reviewers from ₹10000/- to 30000/-.
- EC also approved the list of 19 additional items for the procurement through NMET funds.
- EC has approved 14 projects for mineral exploration with an estimated cost of ₹ 16.40 Crore.

Decision of 31st EC Meeting

- EC approved the empanelment of experts as External Peer Reviewers to review the mineral exploration reports of NMET funded projects.
- EC approved the Multi-Sensor Aero-Geophysical Survey in Obvious Geological Potential (OGP) Block - 7 with an estimated cost of ₹ 35.75 Crore.
- EC approved the modifications in Schedule of Charges (SoC) of NMET and enhanced the Exploration Incentive from 10% to 25% and Rates for Ash Analysis from ₹ 335/- to ₹13,664/-.
- EC approved the geochemical analysis of samples under Gujarat Geochemical Mapping Programme with an estimated cost of ₹ 22.67 Crore.
- EC approved 12 projects for mineral exploration with an estimated cost of ₹ 19.68 Crore and 02 projects of procurement to State Governments with an estimated cost of ₹1.17 Crore.





Decision of 33rd EC Meeting

- EC approved an expenditure of ₹1.54 Crore for organizing 2nd State Mining Ministers' Conference at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- EC also approved the expenditure of ₹ 27.62 Lakhs incurred on Launch of National Geoscience Data Repository (NGDR) Portal and Road show for the auction of Critical Mineral Blocks.
- EC approved the exploration incentive of ₹ 44.16 lakhs to MECL for critical mineral finding in a G4 block.
- EC accorded approval for fifteen (15) exploration proposals with a cost of ₹19.53 Crore and approved 3 proposals for financial assistance to State Government and Central Agencies with the cost of ₹ 36.65 Crore during the meeting.
- EC accorded approval for a project of Start-up under Science & Technology (S&T), Promotion of Research and Innovation in Startups and MSMEs in Mining, Mineral Processing, Metallurgy and Recycling Sector (PRISM) scheme of Ministry of Mines with an estimated cost of ₹1.20 Crore.

Decision of 32nd EC Meeting

- EC accorded approval for the nomination of Prof. P.R. Sahoo as an External Peer Reviewer to review the mineral exploration reports of NMET funded projects.
- EC also approved an expenditure of ₹ 2.66 Crore for setting up Mining Pavilion at India International Trade Fair, New Delhi.
- EC also approved the list of 32 additional items for the procurement through NMET funds.
- Baseline Geoscience Data Generation Project on "Deep Seismic Reflection Survey (DSRS) & Magnetotelluric (MT) Survey along Northern Transect was approved by EC with an estimated cost of ₹ 99.733/- Crore.
- EC approved 19 projects for mineral exploration with an estimated cost of ₹ 68.22 Crore and 03 projects of procurement to State Governments with an estimated cost of ₹ 0.81 Crore.

Decision of 34th EC Meeting

- EC delegated the powers for timeline extension to Technical-cum-Cost Committee (TCC) for NMET proposals up to three months (only on one occasion).
- EC accorded approval for eleven (11) exploration proposals with a cost of ₹17.10 Crore and approved 2 proposals for financial assistance to State Governments with the cost of ₹ 6.91 Crore during the meeting.
- EC also decided to host workshops and seminars in all the States for spreading the vision and objective of NMET among all the State Governments/ NPEAs/ NEAs.

(c) Technical-cum-Cost Committee (TCC)

A total of twelve TCC meetings (52nd to 63rd) were held during F.Y. 2023-24 and 89 project proposals were evaluated and recommended for NMET funding.

The details of the TCC meetings and projects approved are as follows:

- 52nd TCC recommended 9 exploration proposals with a cost of ₹ 10.45 Crore. It reviewed 16 ongoing projects and provided timeline extension to 9 ongoing projects. It provided additional cost approval to Thakurdih-Charakmara Block (₹3.10Lakh), Bharusari North Block (₹57.36Lakh) and Mundadevta (₹18,967).
- 53rd TCC recommended 8 exploration proposals with a cost of ₹ 9.70 Crore. It reviewed 24 ongoing projects and provided timeline extension to 14 ongoing projects. It provided additional cost approval to Hardatal Block (₹6.90 Lakh).
- 54th TCC recommended 4 exploration proposals with a cost of ₹ 3.37 Crore. It reviewed 17 ongoing projects and provided timeline extension to 5 ongoing projects. It provided additional cost approval to Lakhasar East Block (₹ 2.81 Crore), Bharusari North Block (₹2.06 Crore) and Procurement of Ore Microscope to DGM, Karnataka (₹ 12 Lakh). It also recommended a proposal of baseline survey (NAGMP, Block 7). It also approved the alternate area of 731 sq.km. for TDEM Heliborne Survey.
- 55th TCC recommended 9 exploration proposals with a cost of ₹ 15.53 Crore and 3 procurement proposals with a cost of ₹ 2.52 Crore. It reviewed 25 ongoing projects and provided timeline extension to 9 ongoing projects. It recommended additional cost to North of Urtan North Block (₹4,08,266) and for Procurement of DGPS and Total Station to DGM, Goa (₹5,59,400) for approval of EC. TCC also recommended Geochemical Analysis of GGCMF samples with a cost of 22.67 Crore for approval of EC.
- 56th TCC recommended 3 exploration proposals with a cost of ₹ 4.89 Crore. It reviewed 17 ongoing projects and provided timeline extension to 8 ongoing projects. It also recommended a proposal of baseline survey (TS-QC, Block 14) with a cost of ₹2.67 Crore.
- 57th TCC recommended 7 exploration proposals with a cost of ₹ 42.60 Crore. It reviewed 13 ongoing projects and provided timeline extension to 9 ongoing projects. It provided additional cost approval to two projects Kiranagi-1 & Kiranagi-2 Block (₹ 1.49 Lakh) and Malkhed-1 & Malkhed-2 Block (₹10.19 Lakh).
- 58th TCC recommended 6 exploration proposals with a cost of ₹ 13.47 Crore. It reviewed 31 ongoing projects and provided timeline extension to 15 ongoing projects. Besides this procurement proposals of State Government of Tripura and Manipur with a cost of ₹ 1.11Crore were also recommended for EC approval. It also recommended a proposal of baseline survey (TS-QC, Block 15) with a cost of ₹ 2.15 Crore and DSRS & MT Survey in Northern Transect with a cost of ₹ 99.773 Crore.



- 59th TCC recommended 6 exploration proposals with a cost of ₹ 12.15 Crore. It reviewed 15 ongoing projects and provided timeline extension to 6 ongoing projects. It provided additional cost approval to project East of Chuperbhita Block (₹ 1.54 Lakh).
- 60th TCC recommended 4 exploration proposals with a cost of ₹ 6.94 Crore and one procurement proposal of DGM, Bihar at a cost of ₹ 6 Lakh. It also reviewed the procurement proposal of MECL and recommended it for approval of EC. It reviewed 17 ongoing projects and provided timeline extension to 7 ongoing projects.
- 61st TCC recommended 11 exploration proposals with a cost of ₹ 12.93 Crore. It reviewed 24 ongoing projects and provided timeline extension to 14 ongoing projects. Procurement proposal of the State Governments of Gujarat with a cost of ₹4.14 Crore was also recommended for approval. It also provided in-principle approval to 7 projects of NPEAs for exploration of critical and strategic minerals. TCC also recommended the exploration incentive of ₹44.16 lakhs to MECL for critical mineral finding in a G4 block.
- 62nd TCC recommended 11 exploration proposals with a cost of ₹ 17.03 Crore. It reviewed 30 ongoing projects and provided timeline extension to 22 ongoing projects. Procurement proposal of the State Governments of Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh with a cost of ₹6.91 Crore was also recommended for approval. It also provided in-principle approval to 3 projects of NPEAs for exploration of critical and strategic minerals.
- 63rd TCC recommended 7 exploration proposals with a cost of ₹ 13.58 Crore. It reviewed 31 ongoing projects and provided timeline extension to 18 ongoing projects. Procurement proposal of the State Governments of Mizoram and Telangana with a cost of ₹7.53 Crore were also recommended for approval of EC. It also provided in-principle approval to 2 projects of NPEAs for exploration of critical and strategic minerals.



The 5th Governing Body meeting held on 28.06.2023

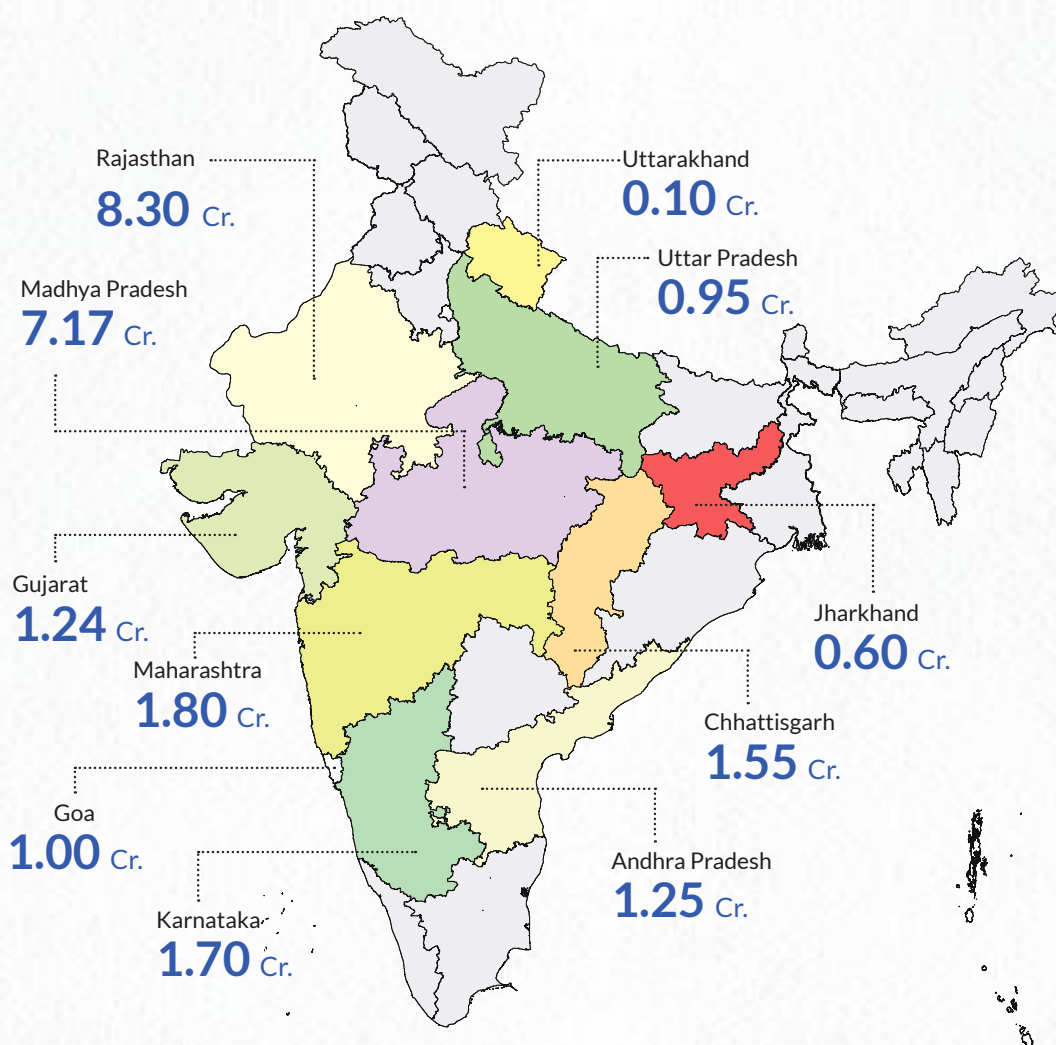
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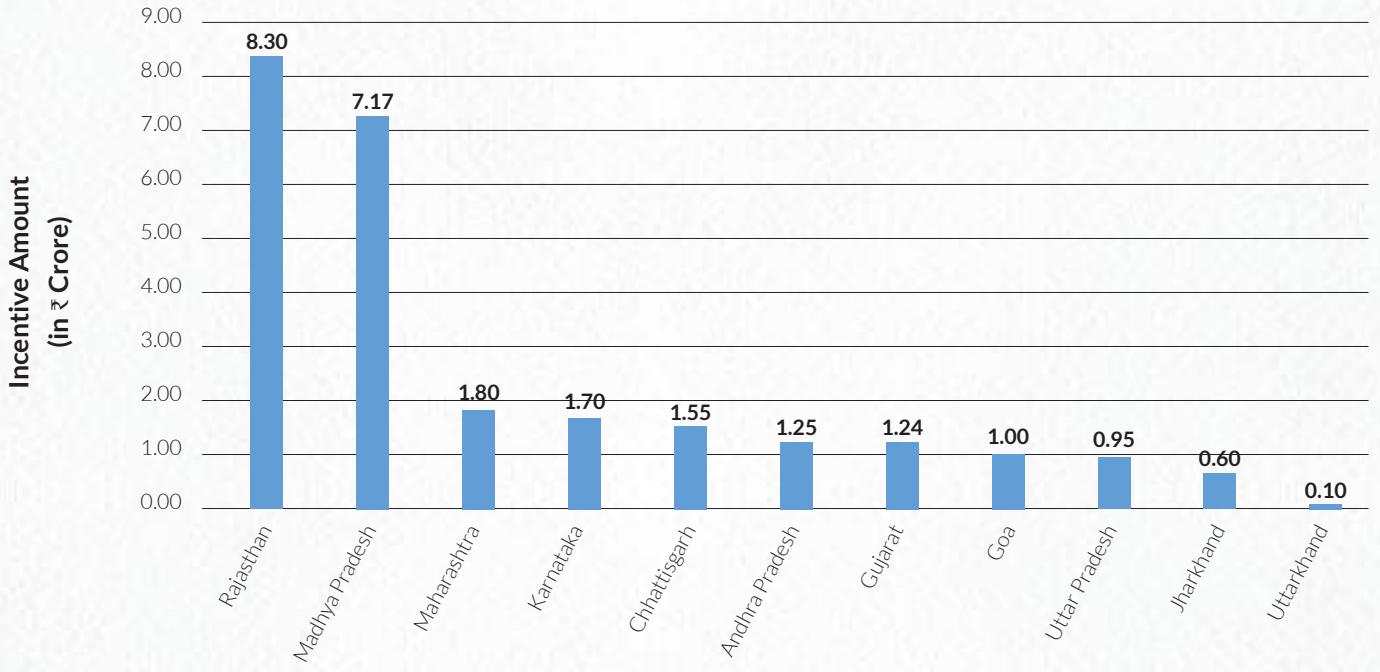
NEMT has launched various schemes to boost the morale of exploration agencies and encourage them to submit more and more mineral exploration proposals for auction of more blocks for making India “Self-reliant” in the field of minerals.

In financial year 2023-24, an amount of ₹18.80 Crore was released to the State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Andhra

Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Goa and Jharkhand for successful auction of 94 mineral blocks.

An amount of ₹ 6.87 Crore was given to the State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Uttarakhand towards annulled mineral blocks which were put up for auction by the State Governments.





Baseline Surveys and Data Generation

Ground Surveys consisting of Systematic Geological Mapping (SGM) at scale 1:50,000, Specialized thematic mapping (STM) at scale 1:25,000, National Geochemical Mapping (NGCM) at scale 1:50,000 and National Geophysical Mapping (NGPM) to carry out the land gravity and magnetic surveys at scale 1:50,000. Multisensor Airborne Geophysical surveys are carried out by engaging Twin Otter Airborne Survey System (TOASS) and Heliborne Geophysical Survey System (HGSS) as a significant aid in exploring mineral resources, particularly base metals (Annexure-8).

National Aero-Geophysical Mapping Program (NAGMP):

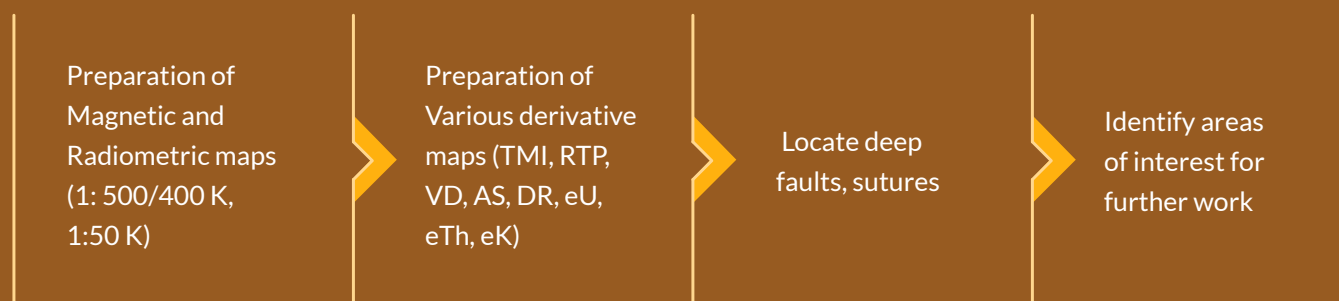
National Aero-Geophysical Mapping Program (NAGMP) with Magnetic- Gradiometry and Radiometric Surveys has been taken up by GSI through NMET Fund to acquire uniform aero-geophysical data, initially over the areas of Obvious Geological Potential (OGP) in two phases followed by coverage of whole country by engaging Project Implementing Agencies (PIA) with an objective to:



The programme was approved by the EC in its 7th meeting under NMET funding. The area has been divided in 22 Blocks i.e., Blocks 1-12 and Blocks 13-22 in two phases to cover Obvious Geological Potential (OGP) and adjoining areas at a line spacing of 300m and at an altitude of 80 m above ground level. The program is aimed to acquire uniform aero-geophysical data initially over the OGP and its adjoining areas followed by the coverage of whole country in a specific time to prognosticate suitable areas for mineral targeting in order to enhance the exploration activities in the country and attract investments in the mineral sector.

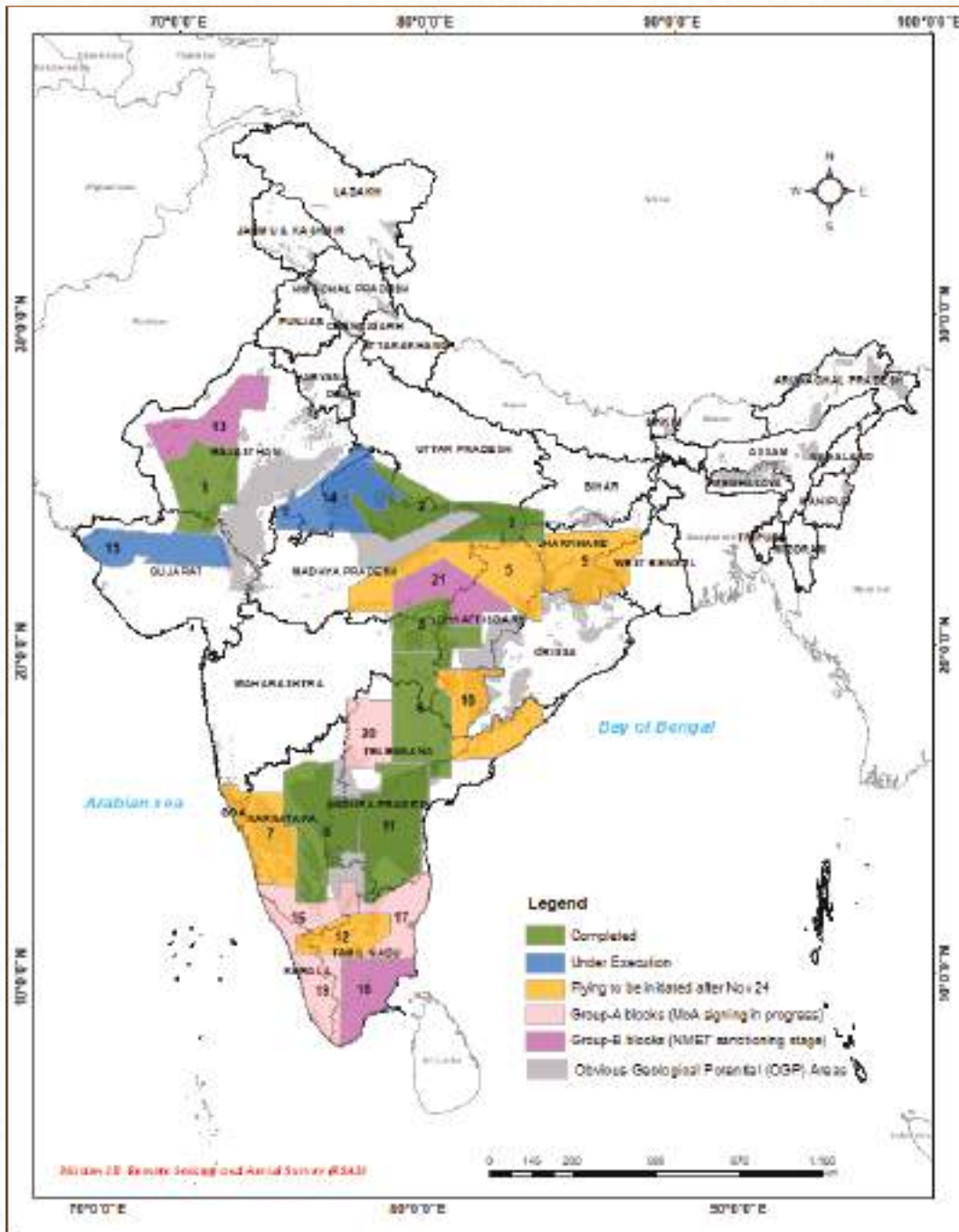
Internationally recognized consultant firms have been entrusted with the work of Technical Supervision-cum-Quality Control (TS-QC) of the overall activities of Multi-sensor Aero-Geophysical Survey (NAGMP).

NAGMP is an integrated project of Data acquisition, processing, interpretation and Integration. It will help in:



Under NAGMP, the survey and data acquisition work of OGP Blocks-1, 2, 3, 4 and 11 have been completed. Based on integration of these aero-geophysical data with archived geophysical, geological and known mineralization data, 150 potential blocks have been identified for follow up action.

The objective of aero-geophysical survey is to cover the whole OGP areas in a short time span and to quickly identify areas to be taken up for more detailed helicopter surveys. This will serve as an important tool for enhancing mineral exploration work and make available aero-geophysical data for various stake holders through the National Geoscience Data Repository to provide aid to exploration activities. Presently, work in nine OGP blocks is under progress.



MAP 1: Status map of the NAGMP Survey of RSAS, GSI, Bengaluru

National Geoscience Data Repository (NGDR):

National Geoscience Data Repository (NGDR) project has been approved by Executive Committee. Geological Survey of India (GSI) has been declared as nodal agency for implementation of the NGDR project. The National Geoscience Data Repository (NGDR) creation project was conceptualized by the Ministry of Mines (MoM) as part of the National Mineral Exploration Policy (NMEP), 2016. The vision of the project is to make available all geological, geochemical, geophysical and mineral exploration data in public domain on a digital geospatial platform. The NGDR Portal has baseline geo-science data and collates all mineral exploration information generated by various Central and State Government agencies as well as mineral concession holders and maintains these on a Single Point of Truth (SPOT). The NGDR Portal functions as a single window system for on-demand mineral exploration and baseline geoscience data repository over an interoperable platform. The greater goal of this initiative is to increase the investment attractiveness of the mining sector in India. The project has two components:

1. Implementation of NGDR
2. Operation and Maintenance of NGDR

The work related to implementation of NGDR Portal in public domain has been completed by GSI in association with Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N). The NGDR Portal was launched by Hon'ble Minister of Mines on 19th December, 2023 which is accessible to all Hon'ble Minister of Mines on 19th December, 2023 which is accessible to all stakeholders across the globe.

National Geophysical Mapping Program (NGPM):

The National Geophysical Mapping Program (NGPM) was initiated in 2002-03 by GSI. The program is systematically generating gravity and magnetic data in a station density (one station/2.5 sq.km) to cover the entire country with preference to OGP areas. The OGP areas are taken on priority with a view to identify potential zones for mineral occurrences. This project will pave the way to target concealed/ deep seated deposits to augment mineral resources. The program will lead to the preparation of 1mGal gravity and 50nT magnetic anomaly contour maps of the country. This project has been approved by EC to carry out gravity and magnetic surveys over priority areas covering an area of 2099 toposheets with an estimated cost of ₹ 385.86 Crores. NGPM work in 207 toposheets is already completed by GSI and tendering for 84 priority toposheets is in progress.

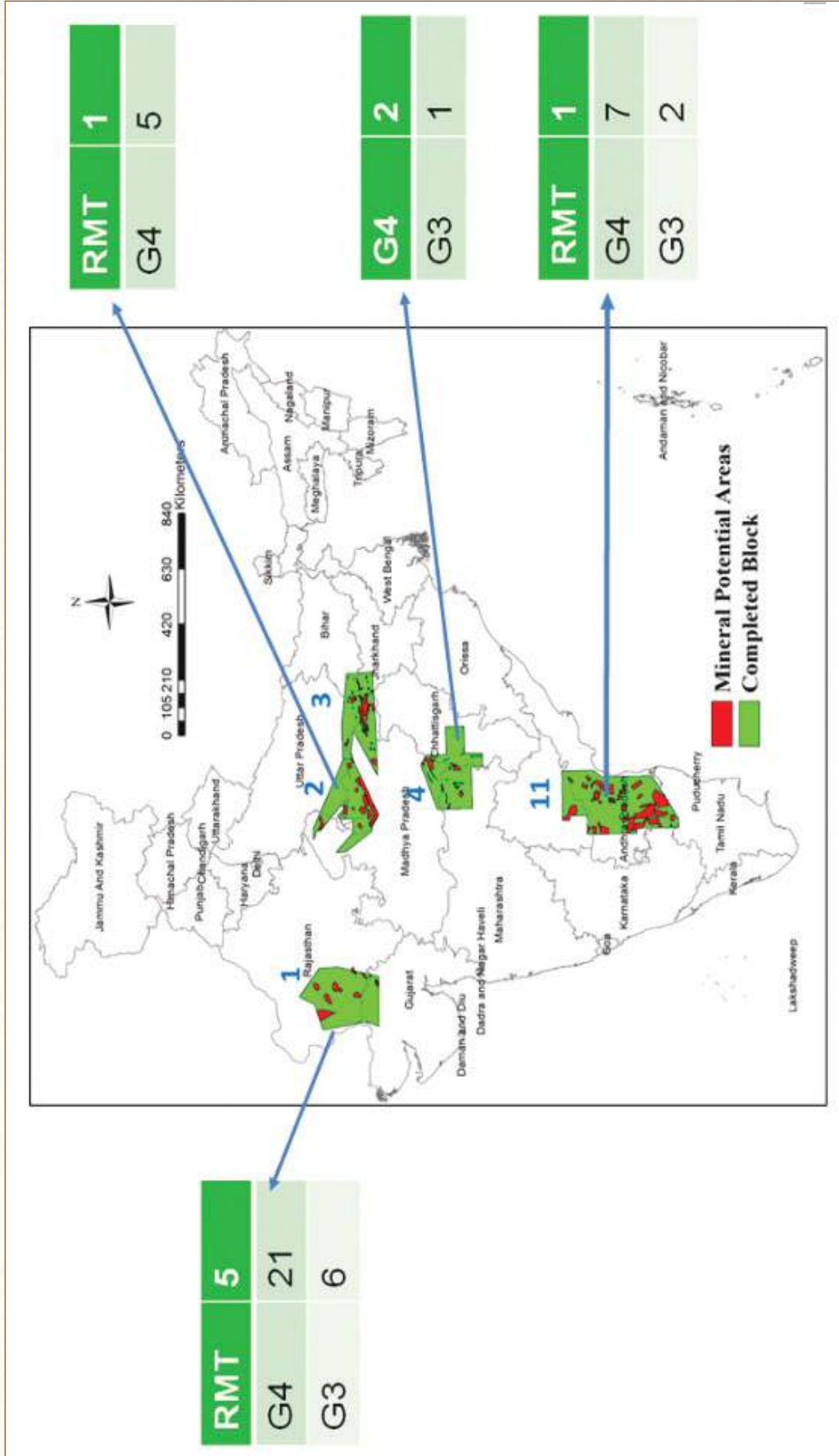
Deep-Seismic Reflection Survey (DSRS) & Magnetotelluric Survey (MT):

DSRS and MT surveys are an essential requirement to understand the lithospheric architecture to understand mineral system components' footprinting of concealed mineral deposits. India has a rich history of accumulated geo-scientific data for mineral exploration and knowledge about the continent's mineral endowment. This, combined with the application of advanced geophysics (DSRS and MT), geochemistry, drilling, etc., will serve as a potential source for targeting undiscovered mineral deposits. The acquisition, processing, and interpretation of DSRS and MT surveys elucidate lithospheric architecture up to the depth of lithosphere-asthenosphere including the crust mantle interface.

MT survey in different modes (AMT, BBMT & LPMT) will be carried out as per the objective and feasibility along the DSRS profile.

The EC, at its 32nd meeting has approved deep reflection seismic data acquisition, processing, and Interpretation for a total of ~215-line km by Vibroseis Source and ~485-line km by Explosive Source, and MT data acquisition, processing, and Interpretation for ~500-line km with an estimated cost of ₹ 99.73 Crore to GSI.





MAP 2: Outcome of Multi-sensor Aero-Geophysical Mapping Programme (NAGMP)

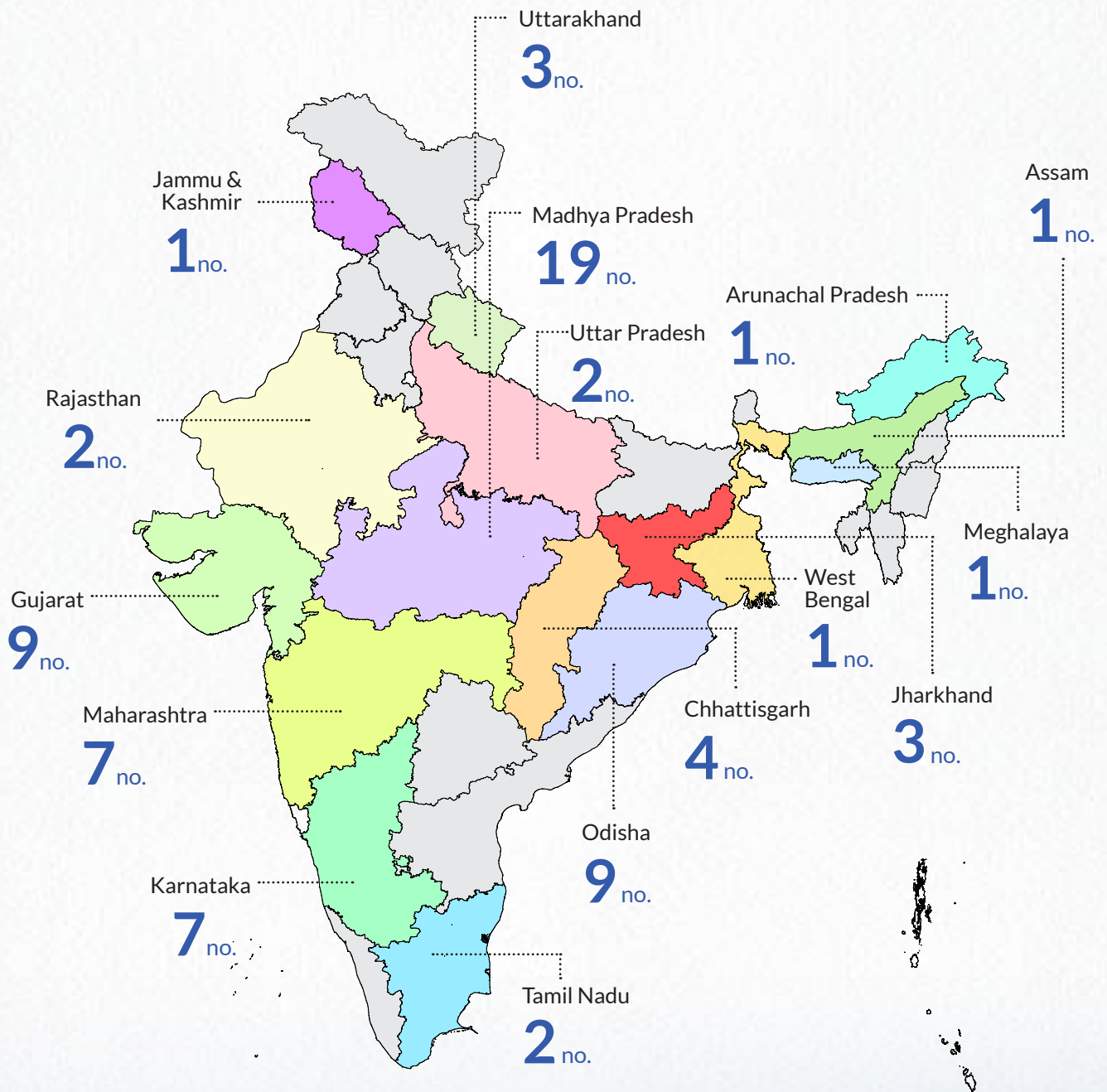
Status of the Projects

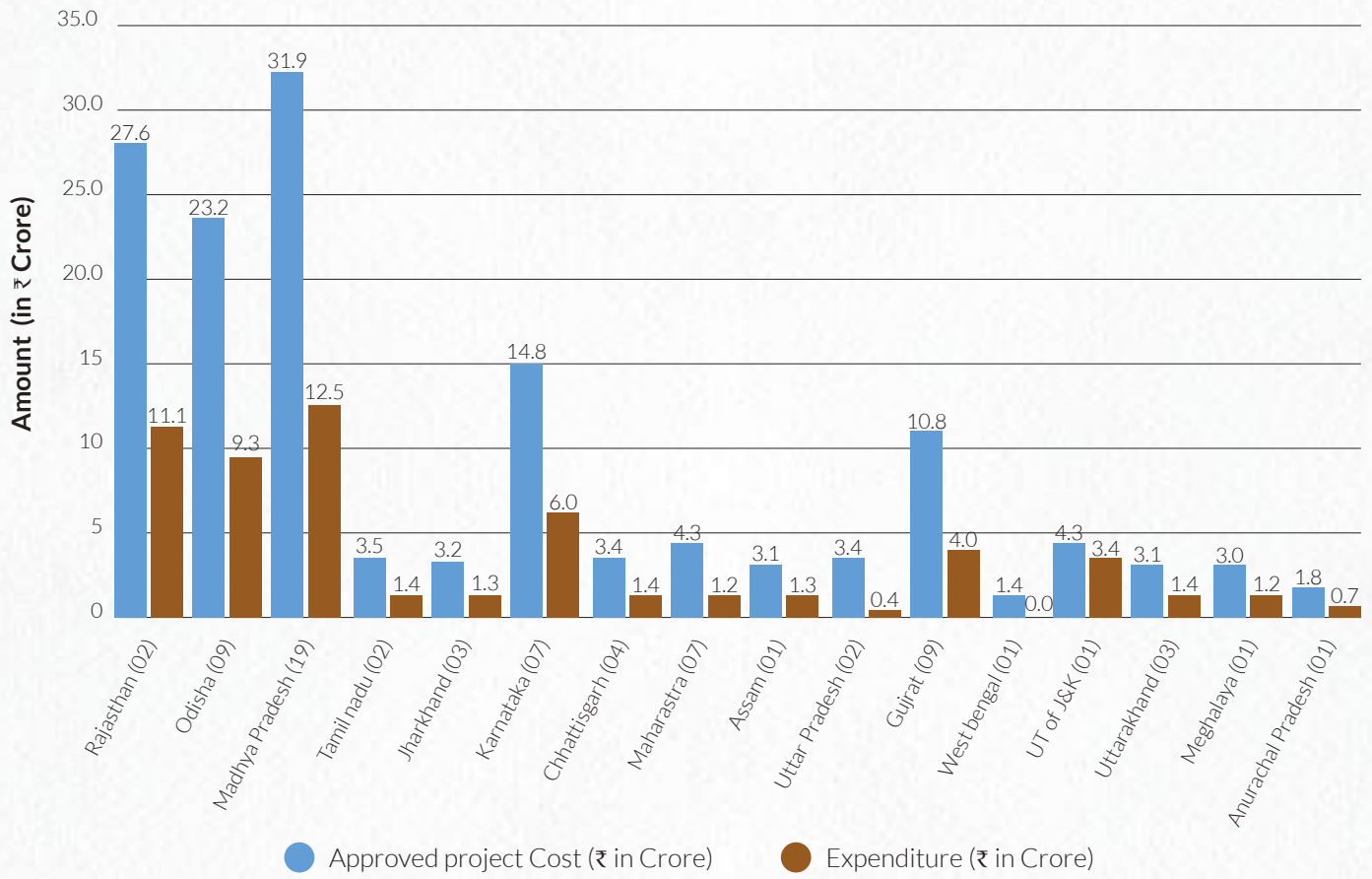
On the recommendation of Technical-cum-Cost Committee, the Executive Committee approved 72 mineral exploration projects, 8 baseline survey projects, 8 procurement projects and 1 project under S&T PRISM scheme with an estimated cost of ₹ 502.49 Crore during Financial year 2023-24. Out of 72 exploration projects sanctioned by NMET, 32 projects are of critical and strategic minerals. The details of the projects are at Annexure-8, 9 & 10.

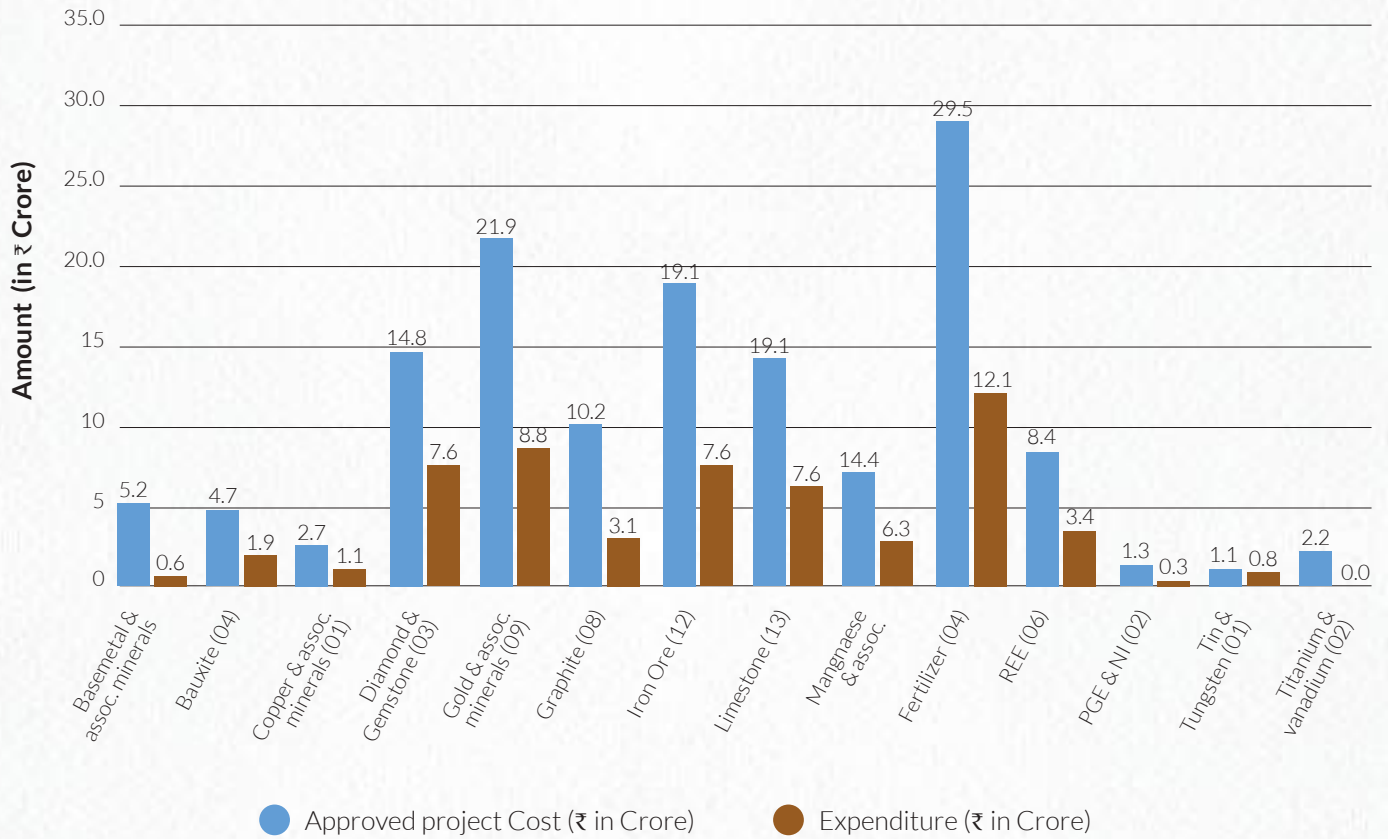
The Mineral-wise distribution of mineral exploration projects approved by the EC in the year 2023-24 is tabulated below:

Basemetal No. of projects 02	Basemetal & Gold No. of projects 04	Bauxite & assoc. minerals No. of projects 02	Copper & assoc. mineral No. of projects 01
Diamond & Gemstone No. of projects 03	Gold & assoc. minerals No. of projects 09	Graphite No. of projects 08	Iron Ore & assoc. minerals No. of projects 03
Limestone No. of projects 13	Manganese & assoc. minerals No. of projects 04	PGE & assoc. minerals No. of projects 02	Phosphorite No. of projects 02
Potash No. of projects 01	REE No. of projects 06	Rock Phosphate No. of projects 01	Tin No. of projects 01

State wise distribution of mineral exploration projects







Financial Performance

The financial performance of the National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) for the financial year 2023-24 is as under:

- As per the provisions of sub-section 4 of section 9 (C) of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957, collection of ₹ 950.97 Crore has been deposited in the Consolidated Fund of India (CFI) as NMET receipts. Since inception, ₹ 5504.37 of NMET receipts has been collected till 31.03.2024.

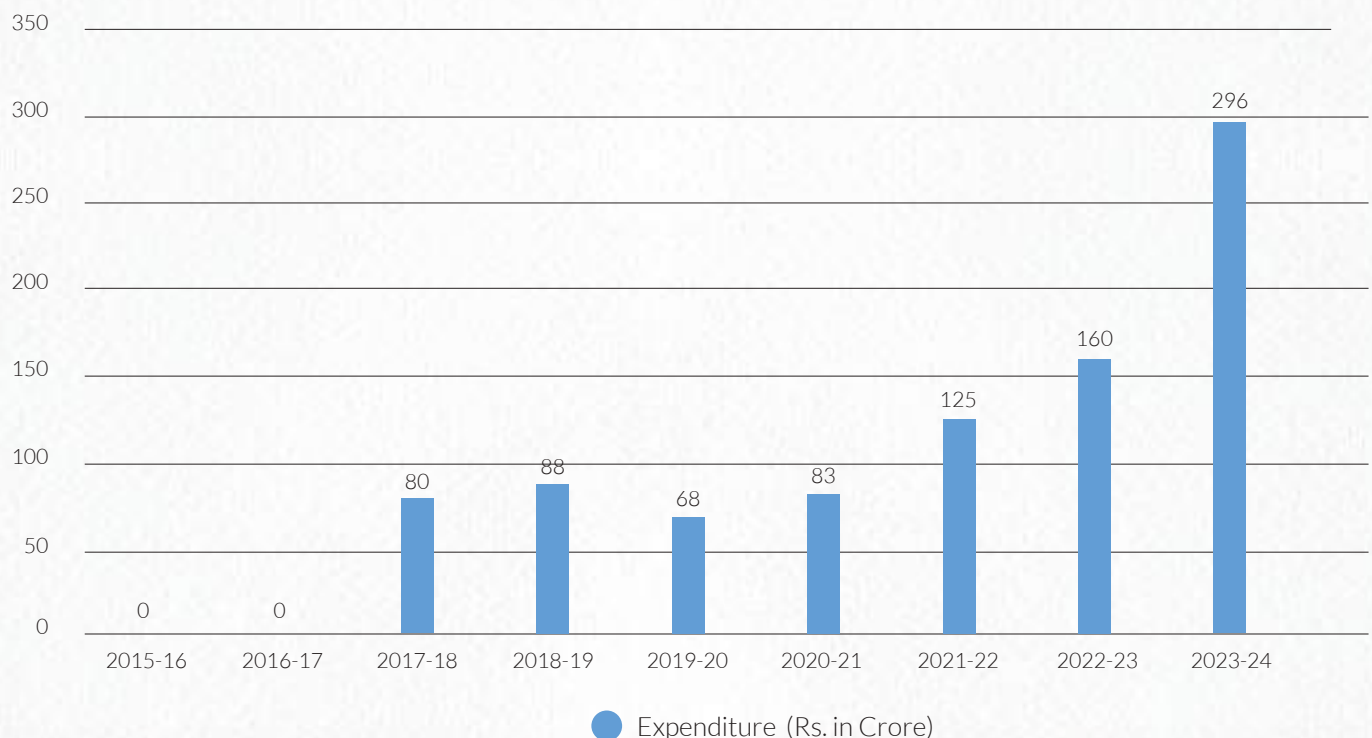
The State wise and total Collection of NMET receipts are appended below:

(Rs. in Crore)

S. No.	State(s)	2023-24	Total
1	Odisha	349.62	1,709.90
2	Chhattisgarh	128.23	843.07
3	Jharkhand	132.33	748.14
4	Rajasthan	71.16	479.79
5	Madhya Pradesh	98.62	456.74
6	Karnataka	71.08	296.59
7	Telangana	26.42	176.38
8	Maharashtra	40.22	189.01
9	Tamil Nadu	12.03	110.38
10	Andhra Pradesh	10.48	55.96
11	Gujarat	4.92	48.17
12	Uttar Pradesh	-	29.75
13	Goa	-	29.41
14	Himachal Pradesh	1.88	15.07
15	Meghalaya	1.59	9.22
16	Assam	0.76	4.25
17	West Bengal	0.36	2.76
18	J & K	0.23	1.43
19	Kerala	0.31	1.32
20	Uttarakhand	0.72	0.75
21	Misc.		296.29
	Total	950.96	5,504.37

2. As per the approved accounting procedure of NMET, budget provisions were made to initiate transfer of NMET receipts from Consolidated Fund of India to National Mineral Exploration Trust Public Fund Account as a result of which ₹1296.50 Crore has been transferred from CFI to NMET Public Fund Account during F.Y. 2023-24. Since inception, ₹ 4738.32 Crore has been transferred from CFI to NMET Public Fund Account.
3. NMET has received Budget Estimate of ₹ 400 Crore during F.Y. 2023-24 which was later revised to ₹ 296.50 Crore to meet the expenditure of projects related to Baseline Geoscience Data Generation, Mineral Exploration etc. Out of ₹296.50 Crore, ₹ 296.27 Crore has been utilized (almost 100% utilization) in 2023-24. During the year 2023-24, the NMET's expenditure has increased with positive growth of 85% in comparison to previous F.Y. 2022-23

The year-wise amount of expenditure incurred by NMET is appended below:



4. The details of the payment made during FY 2023-24 is enclosed as Annexure.
5. During the F.Y. 2023-24, 89 projects were sanctioned amounting to ₹502.50 Crore. Since inception, 378 projects amounting to ₹ 2262.59 Crore were sanctioned by NMET till 31.03.2024.
6. O/o the Director General of Audit, Mines, Kolkata formed a Thematic Audit Para on the Functioning of National Mineral Exploration Trust in the year 2023. This para consists 8 sub-paras on various aspects related to NMET. Reply was submitted with justification and supporting documents to the O/o the Director General of Audit, Mines as a result of which 6 sub-paras out of 8 were settled during the Financial Year 2023-24. The compliance for remaining 2 sub-paras is under progress.

Notified Private Exploration Agencies

The National Mineral Exploration Policy (NMEP), 2016 envisages private sector participation in mineral exploration to facilitate, encourage and incentivize private sector participation in all spheres of mineral exploration to harness the technical expertise, technological capability and the financial resources of the private sector to discover and exploit the country's vast mineral resources. It also envisages incentive for exploration agencies to mitigate their risk for exploration works.

Amendments in Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act) in the year 2021 have empowered the Central Government to notify private sector entities to undertake prospecting operations. The involvement of notified private sector exploration agencies (NPEAs) has provided an impetus to the exploration activities in the country and enabled identification of more blocks suitable for auction.

In line with the amendments, the Governing Body of NMET approved the scheme for engagement of Notified Private Exploration Agencies (NPEAs) in mineral exploration through NMET funding in May 2022.

Further, with the Amendments in Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act) in the year 2023, Central Government has introduced the changes in the scheme of engagement of NPEAs in exploration of mineral as specified in Part D of the First Schedule and the Seventh Schedule of the MMDR Act, 1957 project proposals submitted by NPEAs are being directly handled by National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) for approval and sanction. NMET is also providing Mobilization Advance to NPEAs from NMET fund for early execution of the project proposals submitted directly to NMET.

Since March, 2022 Ministry of Mines has notified 20 Private Exploration Agencies to take up exploration projects from NMET funding.

During Financial Year 2023-24, 23 projects to 7 Notified Private Exploration Agencies (NPEAs) have been sanctioned from NMET funds amounting to ₹29.12 Crore. Out of 23 projects sanctioned so far, 15 are of critical minerals.



List of NPEAs

S. No.	Title	Date of Notification
1	M/s Kartikay Exploration and Mining Services Pvt. Ltd	14 Sep 2023
2	M/s Engeotech Consultant	31 Aug 2023
3	M/s Infrastructure Logistics Private Limited	28 Feb 2023
4	M/s Novomine India Private Limited	28 Feb 2023
5	M/s Ecomen Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.	29 Sep 2022
6	M/s Geo Exploration and Mining Solutions	29 Sep 2022
7	M/s Geo Marine Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	29 Sep 2022
8	M/s Maheshwari Mining Private Limited	29 Aug 2022
9	M/s V. M. Salgaocar and Brother Private Limited	22 May 2022
10	M/s GeoExpOre Private Limited	02 May 2022
11	M/s Geovale Services Private Limited	02 May 2022
12	M/s Gemcokati Exploration Private Limited	07 Apr 2022
13	M/s Geotechnical Mining Solutions	07 Apr 2022
14	M/s United Exploration India Private Limited	07 Apr 2022
15	M/s Indian Mine Planners and Consultants	05 Apr 2022
16	M/s Natural Resources Division-Tata Steel Limited	02 Mar 2022
17	M/s Ramgad Mineral and Mining limited	19 Jan 2024
18	M/s PRB Infraprojects Limited	19 Jan 2024
19	M/s Kundan Concentrates Private Limited	19 Jan 2024
20	M/s Gems Project Private Limited	19 Jan 2024
21	M/s Critical mineral trackers	24 June 2024
22	M/s Mining Tech Consultancy Services Limited	24 June 2024

Highlights of the work done by NMET

Since its inception, NMET has been funding mineral exploration activities in the country. This includes studies on mineral development; upgrading the status of mineral exploration in an area from G3 to G2/G1 level; detailed and regional exploration for strategic and critical minerals; exploration leading to the grant of mineral concessions; aerial and ground geophysical surveys; geochemical surveys; and capacity building of implementing agencies through procurement of machinery/ laboratory equipment /instruments etc.

NMET has introduced various scheme and incentives for promoting exploration activities in the country, such as, incentive to the States to expedite auction of mineral blocks, exploration incentive to implementing agencies on upgradation/ auction of mineral exploration projects of G4 stage, scheme for engaging Notified Private Exploration agencies (NPEAs) for exploration of all major minerals except minerals in Part B of First Schedule of MMDR Act, 1957 directly through NMET (Annexure-11), funding of Start-ups and MSMEs projects under S&T-PRISM scheme of Ministry of Mines through JNARDCC, Schemes for partial reimbursement of exploration expenses from NMET for holders of Composite Licenses (CL).

NMET is targeting to double its expenditure to promote the exploration activities in the country in order to increase the nation's mineral resources.

NMET is also strengthening the Central Government agencies and State Governments by providing financial support for creation of state of the art laboratories cum advanced centers for promoting and incentivizing exploration of critical, deep seated and rare earth minerals.

Ministry of Mines is focusing on engagement of more private exploration agencies by conducting National and State level workshops and creating awareness through social media, events, virtual meetings etc resulting in enhancing exploration activities in the country. The goal is to double the amount of expenditure on improving regional and in-depth exploration in order to increase the nation's mineral resources.

The development of the dynamic web portal for NMET is in progress. This will ease out the process of submission of projects, monitoring of the projects, streamline the approval process and enhance information sharing/ collaboration among the agencies.

NMET has approved a total of 378 projects for funding to various implementing agencies up to March, 2024. A total of 206 nos. of projects have been completed by March, 2024. The work in remaining projects is under execution.

The highlights of various exploratory activities are as follows-

1. NMET funded, G1 and G3 stage explored Coal Blocks, namely South of Damuda and North of Urtan North (Lamatola Block) in the States of Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh respectively have been successfully auctioned that will generate a revenue of ₹65000 Crore over the life of mine.
2. NMET has sanctioned 33 nos. projects for Critical and Strategic mineral exploration amounting to ₹70.69 Crore.
3. NMET has made a record achievement of expenditure on exploration activities by utilizing ₹ 296.27 Crore during F.Y. 2023-24 which was 85% higher utilization than that of previous financial year.





To incentivize States for auction of mineral blocks and promote more and more blocks to be put up for auction by State Governments NMET provided ₹25.67 Crore to State Governments as incentive for auctioning of mineral blocks during FY 2023-24.

Further, for faster implementation of NMET approved projects by Notified Private Exploration Agencies (NPEAs) in line with the August, 2023 Amendments in MMDR Act, 1957, NMET introduced a transformative scheme for engagement of NPEAs for exploration of Deep-seated, Critical and Strategic Minerals directly through NMET in December, 2023. NMET has sanctioned 7 projects of 5 NPEAs amounting to ₹ 9.10 Crore under the scheme.

NMET has formulated and circulated a scheme in FY 2022-23 to provide financial assistance for

procurement of machinery/ equipment/ instruments/ upgradation of existing software and other latest technology and instruments in Central Government organizations and State DGMs/DMGs aimed at strengthening technical infrastructure. The scheme has picked up pace in FY 2023-24 and State Governments and other Central Agencies are coming forward to submit their proposals for financial assistance to NMET. Under this scheme, one project of Central Government organizations worth ₹ 32.45 Cr. and six projects of State DGMs/DMGs worth ₹12.65 Cr. have been approved. All North-Eastern States of India have been funded by NMET under the scheme to strengthen their infrastructure for promoting mineral exploration activities in the North-Eastern States of the country. The list of equipment is attached at Annexure -12.



Achievements of NMET - F.Y. 2023-24

Approved 89 mineral exploration/
financial assistance, procurements
/ Baseline Survey/ Research &
Innovation Projects.



Cost Rs. 502.49 Cr.

38 Projects of Critical Minerals.
(Target was 20 Projects)



Cost Rs. 95.13 Cr.

23 Projects of NPEAs.
(Target was 20 Projects)



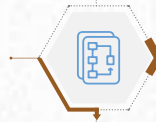
Cost Rs. 24.74 Cr.

Financial assistance to
05 States and 01 PSU



Cost Rs. 45.10 Cr.

01 Projects under
ST&PRISM Scheme.



Cost Rs. 1.2 Cr.

Utilized Rs. 296.27 Cr. in FY 2023-24.
(Target was Rs. 296.50 Cr.)



**Budget utilization enhanced
85% than FY 2022-23.**

Field inspection visits in 4 states
for 11 nos. of projects being
executed by NPEAs



**Effective Project Review &
Monitoring Mechanism**

Unveiled the transformative scheme for
leveraging NPEAs for the exploration of
critical and strategic minerals directly
through NMET.



**Boost to the exploration of
Critical & Strategic Minerals**




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सा.का.नि.633(अ).-केन्द्रीय सरकार, खान और खनिज (विकास और विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1957 (1957 का 67) की धारा 9ग की उपधारा (1) द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए, एक न्यास जिसे शासकीय निकाय और कार्यकारी समिति के साथ राष्ट्रीय खनिज खोज न्यास कहा जाएगा, की स्थापना करती है।

(1) शासकीय निकाय में निम्नलिखित सदस्य होंगे, अर्थात् :-

(क)	खान मंत्रालय का भार साधक संघ मंत्री;	अध्यक्ष, पदेन
(ख)	कोयला मंत्रालय का भार साधक संघ मंत्री या उसका नामनिर्देशिती ;	सदस्य, पदेन
(ग)	पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय का भार साधक संघ मंत्री या उसका नामनिर्देशिती ;	सदस्य, पदेन
(घ)	परमाणु ऊर्जा के लिए राज्य मंत्री या उसका नामनिर्देशिती ;	सदस्य, पदेन
(ङ)	खान के लिए राज्य मंत्री ;	सदस्य, पदेन
(च)	खान और भूविज्ञान का भारसाधन रखने वाले राज्य सरकारों के छह मंत्री, राष्ट्रीय खनिज खोज न्यास के शासकीय निकाय के अध्यक्ष द्वारा चक्रानुक्रम आधार पर पुनर्नामनिर्देशन के लिए पात्रता के साथ, दो वर्ष से अनधिक अवधि के लिए नामनिर्दिष्ट किया जाएगा ;	सदस्य, पदेन

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| (छ) | सचिव, खान मंत्रालय ; | संयोजक, पदेन |
| (ज) | विशेष आमंत्रित, जो सुसंगत क्षेत्र से अनुभव रखते हो, राष्ट्रीय खनिज खोज न्यास के शासकीय निकाय के अध्यक्ष द्वारा आमंत्रित किए जाएंगे ; | |
- (2) कार्यकारी समिति में निम्नलिखित सदस्य होंगे, अर्थात् :-
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| (क) | सचिव, खान मंत्रालय | अध्यक्ष, पदेन |
| (ख) | संयुक्त सचिव से अन्यून श्रेणी का एक अधिकारी, परमाणु ऊर्जा विभाग | सदस्य, पदेन |
| (ग) | संयुक्त सचिव से अन्यून श्रेणी का एक अधिकारी, कोयला मंत्रालय | सदस्य, पदेन |
| (घ) | संयुक्त सचिव से अन्यून श्रेणी का एक अधिकारी, पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय | सदस्य, पदेन |
| (ङ) | संयुक्त सचिव और वित्तीय सलाहकार, खान या कोयला मंत्रालय | सदस्य, पदेन |
| (च) | महानिदेशक, भारतीय भूवैज्ञानिक सर्वेक्षण या केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा नामनिर्दिष्ट कोई अन्य प्रतिनिधि | सदस्य, पदेन |
| (छ) | महानियंत्रक, भारतीय खान ब्यूरो या केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा नामनिर्दिष्ट कोई अन्य प्रतिनिधि | संयोजक, पदेन |
| (ज) | केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा यथा विनिश्चित किन्हीं चार राज्य सरकारों में से एक प्रतिनिधि, जो राज्य सरकार के सचिव या समतुल्य की श्रेणी से नीचे का न हो, चक्रानुक्रम आधार पर पुनर्नामनिर्देशन के लिए पात्रता के साथ, दो वर्ष से अनधिक अवधि के लिए ; | सदस्य, पदेन |
| (झ) | संयुक्त सचिव, खोज का भारसाधक, खान मंत्रालय | सदस्य सचिव, पदेन |
| (ञ) | राष्ट्रीय खनिज खोज न्यास की कार्यकारी समिति के अध्यक्ष द्वारा नामनिर्दिष्ट, ऐसे व्यक्तियों को, जिनके पास संबंधित खोज या अनुसंधान का दो वर्षों की अवधि का अनुभव हो, में से पांच व्यक्ति। | |

2. यह अधिसूचना राजपत्र में प्रकाशन की तारीख से प्रवृत्त होगी।

[फा.सं. 11/8/2015-एम.आई.]

आर.श्रीधरन, अपर सचिव

MINISTRY OF MINES

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 14th August, 2015

G.S.R.633(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 9C of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957), the Central Government hereby establishes a Trust to be called as the National Mineral Exploration Trust with a Governing Body and an Executive Committee.

(I) The Governing Body shall consist of the following members, namely:-

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| (a) Union Minister In-charge of Ministry of Mines | —Chairperson, <i>ex officio</i> ; |
| (b) Union Minister In-charge of Ministry of Coal or his nominee | —Member, <i>ex officio</i> ; |

- (c) Union Minister In-charge of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas or his nominee —Member, *ex officio*;
- (d) Minister of State for Atomic Energy or his nominee —Member, *ex officio*;
- (e) Minister of State for Mines —Member, *ex officio*;
- (f) Six Ministers of State Governments, holding charge of Mines and Geology to be nominated by the Chairperson of the Governing Body of the National Mineral Exploration Trust, on rotation basis, for a term not exceeding two years at a time with the eligibility for re-nomination —Members, *ex officio*;
- (g) Secretary, Ministry of Mines —Convener, *ex officio*.
- (h) Special invitees having experience in the relevant field to be invited by the Chairperson of the Governing Body of the National Mineral Exploration Trust.

(II) The Executive Committee shall consist of the following members, namely:-

- (a) Secretary, Ministry of Mines —Chairperson, *ex officio*;
- (b) an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy —Member, *ex officio*;
- (c) an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary, Ministry of Coal —Member, *ex officio*;
- (d) an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas —Member, *ex officio*;
- (e) Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor of Ministries of Mines or Coal —Member, *ex officio*;
- (f) Director General of Geological Survey of India or any other representative to be nominated by the Central Government —Member, *ex officio*;
- (g) Controller General of Indian Bureau of Mines or any other representative to be nominated by the Central Government —Member, *ex officio*;
- (h) One representative from any four State Governments, as decided by the Central Government, not below the rank of Secretary to the State Government or equivalent, on rotation basis, for a term not exceeding two years at a time, with the eligibility for re-nomination —Members, *ex officio*;
- (i) Joint Secretary, in-charge of Exploration, Ministry of Mines —Member Secretary, *ex officio*;
- (j) five persons, from among persons with experience in exploration or in research in a related field at least for a period of two years, to be nominated by the Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the National Mineral Exploration Trust.

2. This Notification shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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सा.का.नि.632 (अ).- केन्द्रीय सरकार, खान और खनिज (विकास और विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1957 (1957 का 67) की धारा 9ग की उपधारा (2), उपधारा (3) और उपधारा (4) तथा धारा 13 द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए निम्नलिखित नियम बनाती है, अर्थात् :-

1. संक्षिप्त नाम और प्रारंभ--(1) इन नियमों का संक्षिप्त नाम राष्ट्रीय खनिज खोज न्यास नियम, 2015 है।

(2) ये उनके राजपत्र में प्रकाशन की तारीख को प्रवृत्त होंगे।

2. परिभाषाएं--(1) इन नियमों में जब तक कि संदर्भ से अन्यथा अपेक्षित न हों,--

- (क) "अधिनियम" से खान और खनिज (विकास और विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1957 (1957 का 67) अभिप्रेत है ;
- (ख) "अध्यक्ष, कार्यपालक समिति" से अधिनियम की धारा 9ग की उपधारा (1) के अधीन स्थापित राष्ट्रीय खनिज खोज न्यास की कार्यपालक समिति का अध्यक्ष अभिप्रेत है ;
- (ग) "अध्यक्ष, शासी निकाय" से अधिनियम की धारा 9ग की उपधारा (1) के अधीन स्थापित राष्ट्रीय खनिज खोज न्यास के शासी निकाय का अध्यक्ष अभिप्रेत है ;
- (घ) "कार्यपालक समिति" से न्यास की कार्यपालक समिति अभिप्रेत है ;
- (ङ) "निधि" से नियम 6 में निर्दिष्ट निधि अभिप्रेत है ;
- (च) "शासी निकाय" से न्यास का शासी निकाय अभिप्रेत है ;
- (छ) "सदस्य, कार्यपालक समिति" से कार्यपालक समिति का सदस्य अभिप्रेत है ;
- (ज) "सदस्य, शासी निकाय" से शासी निकाय का सदस्य अभिप्रेत है ;

- (इ) "सुस्पष्ट भू-गर्भीय संभावना क्षेत्र" से भारत के भू-गर्भीय सर्वेक्षण द्वारा समय-समय पर पहचान किया गया क्षेत्र अभिप्रेत है ;
- (ज) "न्यास" से अधिनियम की धारा 9ग की उपधारा (1) के अधीन केंद्रीय सरकार द्वारा स्थापित राष्ट्रीय खनिज खोज न्यास अभिप्रेत है ।

(2) शब्द और पद, जो इन नियमों में प्रयुक्त हैं, किंतु परिभाषित नहीं हैं, का वहीं अर्थ होगा जो उनका अधिनियम में है ।

3. शासी निकाय और कार्यपालक समिति के कृत्य—(1) शासी निकाय, न्यास द्वारा कार्य करने के लिए वृहत्त नीति ढांचे को अधिकथित करेगी और उसके कार्यकरण का पुनर्विलोकन करेगी ।

(2) शासी निकाय, कार्यपालक समिति की सिफारिशों पर न्यास की वार्षिक योजना और वार्षिक बजट का अनुमोदन करेगा और यह वर्ष में कम से कम एक बैठक करेगा।

(3) कार्यपालक समिति न्यास का प्रबंध, प्रशासन और पर्यवेक्षण करेगी तथा नियमित अंतरालों पर न्यास निधि के व्यय की मानीटरी और पुनर्विलोकन भी करेगी ।

(4) कार्यपालक समिति अपने कृत्यों का निर्वहन करते हुए नीति ढांचे का और समय-समय पर शासी निकाय द्वारा दिए गए निदेशों का अनुसरण करेगी ।

(5) कार्यपालक समिति का अध्यक्ष किसी नामनिर्दिष्ट सदस्य की पदावधि में फेरफार कर सकेगा या उसकी पदावधि के पूरा होने से पूर्व उसे कार्यपालक समिति से हटा सकेगा ।

4. शासी निकाय की सदस्यता—(1) शासी निकाय के सदस्य पदेन सदस्य होंगे ।

(2) शासी निकाय के विशेष आमंत्रिती, यदि कोई हों, ऐसी बैठक फीस, यात्रा व्यय और जेब से किए गए खर्च के हकदार होंगे, जैसा शासी निकाय विनिश्चय करे ।

5. कार्यपालक समिति की सदस्यता—(1) पदेन सदस्यों को मत देने का अधिकार होगा।

(2) पदेन सदस्यों से भिन्न सदस्य, जिसके अंतर्गत विशेष आमंत्रिती हैं, को मत देने का अधिकार नहीं होगा, किंतु वे ऐसी बैठक फीस, यात्रा व्यय और जेब से किए गए खर्च के हकदार होंगे, जैसा शासी निकाय विनिश्चय करे ।

6. न्यास के अधीन निधि का गठन—(1) केंद्रीय सरकार आदेश द्वारा "राष्ट्रीय खनिज खोज न्यास निधि" के नाम से ज्ञात न्यास के अधीन एक निधि स्थापित करेगी, जिसका प्रबंधन न्यास की कार्यपालक समिति द्वारा किया जाएगा ।

(2) न्यास निधि नियम 8 के उपबंधों के अनुसार संदाय करने के लिए धन प्राप्त करेगी और यह ऐसे अन्य स्रोतों से, जो केंद्रीय सरकार द्वारा अनुमोदित किए जाएं, अशंदान भी प्राप्त करेगी ।

7. न्यास निधि में अंशदान—(1) न्यास को भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक अधिनियम, 1934 (1934 का 2) की दूसरी अनुसूची में यथाविनिर्दिष्ट किसी अधिसूचित बैंक में अपने स्वयं के नाम से बैंक खाते खोलने और प्रचालित करने की शक्ति होगी ।

(2) न्यास अधिनियम की धारा 9ग की उपधारा (4) के अधीन किए जाने के लिए अपेक्षित संदायों के प्रयोजन के लिए राज्य सरकार को अपने बैंक खाते की विशिष्टियों से संसूचित करेगा ।

(3) खनन पट्टे और पूर्वेक्षण अनुज्ञप्ति-सह-खनन पट्टे के धारक न्यास निधि को अंशदान के लिए राज्य सरकार को अधिनियम की धारा 9ग की उपधारा (4) के अधीन संदेय रकम का स्वामिस्व के संदाय के साथ संदाय करेंगे ।

(4) राज्य सरकार ऐसे संदायों से एकत्रित रकम को न्यास के बैंक खाते में जमा करेगी ।

(5) उपनियम (4) में निर्दिष्ट जमा को यथाशीघ्र किंतु किसी भी दशा में उस मास, जिसकी बाबत किसी विशिष्ट मास में रकम एकत्रित की गई है, के पश्चातवर्ती मास के दस दिन से पूर्व जमा किया जाएगा ।

(6) इस प्रकार एकत्रित रकम को एकत्रित करने और न्यास निधि में जमा करने तथा केंद्रीय सरकार के साथ लेखाओं को बांटने के लिए, अपेक्षित लेखाओं का अनुरक्षण करने का उत्तरदायित्व राज्य सरकार का होगा ।

(7) राज्य सरकार अधिनियम की धारा 9ग की उपधारा (4) के अनुसरण में संदत्त रकमों और भारतीय खान ब्यूरो को स्वामिस्व के संदाय की बाबत सूचना मासिक आधार पर उपलब्ध कराएगी ।

(8) भारतीय खान ब्यूरो न्यास के बैंक खाते में अंतरित धन का अद्यतन अभिलेख को रखने के साथ स्वामिस्व संदायों के डाटा बेस का अनुरक्षण करेगा तथा न्यास को आवधिक आधार पर ऐसी सूचना उपलब्ध कराएगा ।

8. कार्यालय और बैंक खाता—(1) न्यास का कार्यालय, खान मंत्रालय, शास्त्री भवन, डा. राजेन्द्र प्रसाद रोड, केंद्रीय सचिवालय, नई दिल्ली-110001 या ऐसे अन्य स्थान पर, जो कार्यपालक समिति द्वारा विनिश्चित किया जाए, होगा।

(2) न्यास के बैंक खाते को सदस्य सचिव या कार्यपालक समिति के किसी अन्य सदस्य या केंद्रीय सरकार के किसी अन्य अधिकारी द्वारा, जैसा कार्यपालक समिति द्वारा प्राधिकृत किया जाए, के माध्यम से खोला और प्रचालित किया जाएगा।

9. न्यास के उद्देश्य और कृत्य—(1) न्यास खनिजों के लिए प्रादेशिक और विस्तृत खोज करेगा तथा यह ऐसे कार्यकलाप हाथ में लेगा जैसा शासी निकाय द्वारा अपने उद्देश्यों को पूरा करने के लिए आवश्यक समझे जाएं, जिसके अंतर्गत निम्नलिखित हैं,—

- (क) विशेष अध्ययनों और परियोजनाओं का वित्तपोषण करना, जो गहरे या छिपे हुए खनिज भंडारों की पहचान, खोज, निकालने, धातु शोधन और परिष्करण के लिए डिजाइन की गई हैं ;
- (ख) खनिज विकास, उन्नत, वैज्ञानिक और प्रौद्योगिकीय पद्धतियों तथा खनिज निकासी, धातु विज्ञान के लिए भरणीय खनन को अंगीकार करने के लिए अध्ययन हाथ में लेना ;
- (ग) प्रादेशिक और विस्तृत खोज के लिए क्षेत्रों को पूर्विकता देते हुए विशिष्टता सामरिक और महत्वपूर्ण खनिजों की खोज को हाथ में लेना ;
- (घ) न्यास द्वारा खोज के लिए पूर्विकताओं का विनिश्चय करने के लिए केंद्रीय भू-गर्भीय कार्यक्रम बोर्ड से परामर्श करना ;
- (ङ) ऐसी रीति में खोज कार्यकलापों को सुकर बनाना, जिससे खोज गए क्षेत्रों को अधिनियम और उसके तद्विन बनाए गए नियमों के उपबंधों के अनुसार खनिज छूटों को अनुदत्त करने के लिए हाथ में लिया जा सके ;
- (च) स्पष्ट भू-गर्भीय संभावना क्षेत्रों (जी3) में ब्राउन फील्ड प्रादेशिक खोज परियोजनाओं को पूरा करने को सुकर बनाना, जिसके अंतर्गत आधुनिक प्रौद्योगिकीयों के माध्यम से गहरे खनिज भंडारों की उच्च जोखिम खोज संचालित करना है ;
- (छ) संपूर्ण भारत में उन क्षेत्रों में, जहां जी3 स्तर की खोज पूरी कर ली गई है, विस्तृत खोज (जी2 या जी1) को पूरा करने का संवर्धन करना ;
- (ज) भू-भौतिकीय, भू और हवाई सर्वेक्षण और स्पष्ट भू-गर्भीय संभावना क्षेत्रों के सर्वेक्षण और शेष भारत के सर्वेक्षण को सुकर करना ;
- (झ) पृथ्वी विज्ञान और खनिज पूर्वक्षण के मूल्यांकन के लिए अनुसंधान को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए राष्ट्रीय कोर निक्षेपागार को सुकर बनाना ;
- (ञ) खोज में लगे हुए या लगने वाले कार्मिकों की तकनीकी सक्षमता को बढ़ाने के लिए सक्षमता निर्माण कार्यक्रमों का आयोजन करना ; और
- (ट) न्यास निधि का ऐसे अन्य प्रयोजनों के लिए इस्तेमाल करना, जैसा शासी निकाय विनिश्चय करे, या कार्यपालक समिति को भारत में खनिज संसाधनों के संरक्षण, विकास और खोज के हित में समीचीन या आवश्यक के लिए कार्यपालक समिति को प्राधिकृत करना, जो अधिनियम के उपबंधों से असंगत नहीं है।

(2) उपनियम (1) में निर्दिष्ट उद्देश्यों के लिए शासी निकाय कार्मिकों को नियोजित कर सकेगा या भाडे पर ले सकेगा, संपत्ति, जिसके अंतर्गत बौद्धिक संपदा है, का स्वामी हो सकेगा या उसका निपटान कर सकेगा, प्रशासनिक व्यय उपगत कर सकेगा और दस्तावेजों का निष्पादन कर सकेगा, जैसा अपेक्षित हो।

10. न्यास का प्रबंधन—(1) न्यास का समग्र नियंत्रण, आवधिक पुनर्विलोकन और नीति निदेश शासी निकाय में विहित होंगे।

(2) कार्यपालक समिति न्यास के दिन-प्रतिदिन के कार्यकलापों का प्रबंध, प्रशासन और पर्यवेक्षण करेगी।

(3) शासी निकाय कार्यपालक समिति को उपनियम (1) में यथावर्णित अपनी किसी या सभी शक्तियों का उपयोग करने के लिए प्राधिकृत कर सकेगी।

(4) कार्यपालक समिति वित्तीय शक्तियों के प्रत्योजन के लिए स्कीम की विरचना करेगी और उसे अंतिम रूप देगी।

11. समितियां—(1) कार्यपालक समिति ऐसे कार्यों में हाथ में लेने के लिए, जो कार्यपालक समिति द्वारा समिति या समितियों को सौंपे जाएं या प्रत्यायोजित किए जाएं, के लिए समिति या उप समितियों का गठन कर सकेगी।

(2) उपनियम (1) के अधीन गठित समिति या उप समिति इन नियमों के अधीन कर्तव्यों और उत्तरदायित्वों के निर्वहन करने के लिए तथा ऐसी शक्तियों और कृत्यों का पालन करने के लिए, जैसा कार्यपालक समिति द्वारा विनिर्दिष्ट किए जाएं, स्वयं की प्रक्रिया बनाएगी।

12. कार्यपालक समिति द्वारा परियोजनाओं का कार्यान्वयन—(1) कार्यपालक समिति स्वयं या राज्य सरकार या किसी अन्य निकाय, जिसके अंतर्गत प्राइवेट सेक्टर निकाय हैं, से परियोजना प्रस्ताव की प्राप्ति पर न्यास के उद्देश्यों से संगत परियोजनाओं का कार्यान्वयन कर सकेगी।

(2) कार्यपालक समिति उपनियम (1) में निर्दिष्ट परियोजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन के लिए अधिनियम और तद्दीन बनाए गए नियमों से सुसंगत स्वयं की प्रक्रिया की विरचना कर सकेगी।

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13. परियोजनाओं की मॉनिटरी.—(1) न्यास परियोजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन की मॉनिटरी स्वयं या किसी सरकारी सत्ता के माध्यम से करेगा, जिसके अंतर्गत भारतीय खान ब्यूरो है।

(2) उपनियम (1) के प्रयोजनों के लिए न्यास अधिनियम और उसके अधीन बनाए गए नियमों से संगत अपनी प्रक्रिया बनाएगा।

14. शासकीय निकाय की बैठकें. —(1) शासकीय निकाय एक वर्ष में कम से कम एक बार बैठक करेगा।

(2) शासकीय निकाय की बैठकों की अध्यक्षता शासकीय निकाय के अध्यक्ष द्वारा की जाएगी और अध्यक्ष की अनुपस्थिति में शासकीय निकाय के पदेन सदस्यों में से किसी स्थानापन्न अध्यक्ष का निर्वाचन कर सकेंगे।

(3) सभी विनिश्चय और संकल्प जिनके अंतर्गत शासकीय निकाय के परिपत्र संकल्प है, आम सहमति द्वारा किए या अंगीकार किए जाएंगे।

(4) किसी असहमति या विस्ममति की दशा में, अध्यक्ष, शासकीय निकाय का विनिर्णय अंतिम होगा।

15. कार्यपालक समिति की बैठकें —(1) कार्यपालक समिति प्रत्येक तीन मास की अवधि में कम से कम एक बार बैठक करेगी।

(2) कार्यपालक समिति की बैठकों की अध्यक्षता अध्यक्ष, कार्यपालक समिति द्वारा की जाएगी। अध्यक्ष, कार्यपालक समिति की अनुपस्थिति में कार्यपालक समिति के पदेन सदस्य, सदस्यों में से स्थानापन्न अध्यक्ष का निर्वाचन करेंगे।

(3) कार्यपालक समिति की बैठकें भौतिक या वास्तविक या परिचालन द्वारा या दोनों से मिलकर होगी :

परंतु परिचालन द्वारा बैठक न्यास के लेखों के अंगीकरण, न्यास की वार्षिक योजना, वार्षिक बजट और वार्षिक रिपोर्ट के अनुमोदन हेतु शासकीय निकाय की सिफारिश को लागू नहीं होगी।

(4) सभी विनिश्चय और संकल्प जिनके अंतर्गत कार्यपालक समिति के परिपत्र संकल्प हैं, कार्यपालक समिति के उपस्थित और मतदान करने वाले सदस्यों के बहुमत द्वारा किए जाएंगे या अंगीकार किए जाएंगे।

(5) मतों की बराबरी की दशा में, अध्यक्ष, कार्यपालक समिति या उसकी अनुपस्थिति में अध्यक्ष के रूप में ऐसी बैठक की अध्यक्षता करने वाले सदस्य का निर्णायक मत होगा:

परंतु कोई सदस्य, कार्यपालक समिति या उसकी किन्हीं समितियों या उप-समितियों की बैठक में विचार-विमर्श हेतु किसी विषय पर चर्चा में मतदान नहीं करेगा या भाग नहीं लेगा, यदि मामला ऐसा है जिसमें ऐसे सदस्य का कोई प्रत्यक्ष, अप्रत्यक्ष या धनीय हित है।

16. शासकीय निकाय और कार्यपालक समिति की बैठक के लिए नोटिस और कार्यसूची. —(1) शासकीय निकाय का अध्यक्ष या संयोजक, अध्यक्ष, शासकीय निकाय की सहमति से शासकीय निकाय की बैठक का यह आयोजन सभी सदस्यों को न्यूनतम 15 दिन का नोटिस देते हुए करेगा :

परंतु अध्यक्ष, शासकीय निकाय इससे लघुतर नोटिस-अवधि के साथ बैठक को आयोजित करने हेतु प्राधिकृत कर सकेगा।

(2) कार्यपालक समिति का अध्यक्ष या सदस्य-सचिव, अध्यक्ष की सहमति से कार्यपालक समिति की बैठक का यह आयोजन सभी सदस्यों को न्यूनतम 7 दिन का नोटिस देते हुए करेगा :

परंतु कार्यपालक समिति का अध्यक्ष इससे लघुतर नोटिस-अवधि के साथ बैठक को आयोजित करने हेतु प्राधिकृत कर सकेगा।

(3) किसी बैठक के लिए नोटिस के अंतर्गत उस बैठक की कार्यसूची, पूर्वतर बैठक का प्रारूप कार्यवृत्त और पूर्वतर बैठक के कार्यवृत्त पर कृत कार्रवाई रिपोर्ट हो सकेगी।

17. बैठक की गणपूर्ति. —(1) शासकीय निकाय की किसी बैठक की गणपूर्ति, विशेष निमंत्रितों को अपवर्जित करते हुए, छह से होगी।

(2) कार्यपालक समिति की किसी बैठक, जिसके अंतर्गत कोई वास्तविक बैठक है, नामनिर्देशित सदस्यों को अपवर्जित करते हुए, की गणपूर्ति सात से होगी।

18. कार्यपालक समिति के सदस्य-सचिव की शक्तियों, कर्तव्यों और उत्तरदायित्व - (1) कार्यपालक समिति के कृत्यों का निर्वहन करने के लिए कार्यपालक समिति का एक सदस्य-सचिव होगा।

(2) कार्यपालक समिति का सदस्य सचिव, -

(क) कार्यपालक समिति के अधीक्षण, नियंत्रण और निर्देशन के अध्यक्षीन न्यास का प्रशासन और प्रबंध करेगा।

(ख) ऐसी प्रशासनिक और वित्तीय शक्तियों का प्रयोग करेगा, जो कार्यपालक समिति द्वारा प्रत्यायोजित की जाए या जो अध्यक्ष, कार्यपालक समिति द्वारा समनुदेशित की जा सकेगी।

(3) उप नियम (2) और (3) की व्यापकता पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव डाले बिना, कार्यपालक समिति के सदस्य-सचिव के निम्नलिखित कर्तव्य और उत्तरदायित्व होंगे, अर्थात् :-

- (क) वार्षिक योजना और संबंधित वार्षिक बजट तैयार करवाना और उनको कार्यपालक समिति को शासकीय निकाय के विचार और सिफारिश हेतु प्रस्तुत करना;
- (ख) यह सुनिश्चित करना कि न्यास द्वारा अपने जिम्मे लिए जाने वाले प्रस्तावों और परियोजनाओं पर विचार करने से पूर्व कार्यपालक समिति की प्रथाओं, प्रक्रियाओं, नियमों या निदेशों के अनुसार सम्यक तत्परता का प्रयोग किया गया है;
- (ग) यह सुनिश्चित करना कि न्यास के कार्यकलाप वार्षिक योजना और संबंधित वार्षिक बजट के अनुसार संचालित किए जा रहे हैं; और
- (घ) शासकीय निकाय को प्रत्येक वित्तीय वर्ष के लिए अनुमोदित वार्षिक योजना और संबंधित वार्षिक बजट केंद्रीय सरकार को पूर्ववर्ती वित्तीय वर्ष के जनवरी के अंत तक प्रस्तुत करना।

19. वार्षिक योजना - कार्यपालक समिति का सदस्य सचिव प्रत्येक वित्तीय वर्ष के प्रारंभ में सुसंगत वित्तीय वर्ष में न्यास द्वारा अपने जिम्मे लिए जाने हेतु प्रस्तावित अल्पावधि परियोजनाओं और दीर्घावधि परियोजनाओं के लिए योजना, जिसे वार्षिक योजना के रूप में निर्दिष्ट किया जाएगा, ऐसे समय के दौरान, परियोजनाओं को पूरा करने का अनुमानित समय और ऐसी परियोजनाओं हेतु लागत न्यास द्वारा अपने जिम्मे लिए जाने वाले या पूरे किए जाने वाले कार्यकलापों के व्यौरे सहित तैयार करवाएगा।

(2) वार्षिक योजना में न्यास द्वारा अपने उद्देश्यों को प्राप्त करने के लिए अपने जिम्मे लिए जाने हेतु प्रस्तावित सभी परियोजनाएं, कार्यक्रम, कार्यकलाप अंतर्विष्ट होंगे और सुस्पष्टतः निर्धारित लक्ष्य होंगे।

20. वार्षिक बजट - कार्यपालक समिति का सदस्य सचिव प्रत्येक वित्तीय वर्ष के प्रारंभ में उस विशेष वित्तीय वर्ष हेतु वार्षिक योजना के अंतर्गत कार्यकलापों पर प्रस्तावित आय और व्यय के व्यौरों से अंतर्विष्ट वार्षिक बजट तैयार करवाएगा, जिसके अंतर्गत इस संबंध में निधिकरण अपेक्षाओं के व्यौरों सहित न्यास द्वारा उपगत किए जाने हेतु प्रस्ताव विधिक, प्रशासनिक और अन्य खर्च हैं, किसी वार्षिक बजट के रूप में निर्दिष्ट किया जाएगा।

21. वार्षिक योजना और वार्षिक बजट का अनुमोदन - (1) वार्षिक योजना और वार्षिक बजट शासकीय निकाय के समक्ष उनके अनुमोदन के लिए रखे जाएंगे।

(2) कार्यपालक समिति का सदस्य-सचिव शासकीय निकाय के संयोजक से सम्यक रूप से अनुमोदित वार्षिक योजना और संबंधित वार्षिक बजट की प्रतियां प्राप्त करने पर उनको शासकीय निकाय के अनुमोदन की प्राप्ति की तारीख से तीस दिन की अवधि के भीतर केंद्रीय सरकार को प्रस्तुत करेगा।

(3) उप नियम (2) के उपबंधों पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव डाले बिना न्यास, अध्यक्ष, शासकीय निकाय के विनिर्दिष्ट अनुमोदन के अध्यक्षीन, ऐसे कार्यकलापों हेतु व्यय का जिम्मा ले सकेगा जो वार्षिक योजना में अनुमोदित नहीं किए गए हैं, जिनको शासकीय निकाय के समक्ष अगले वार्षिक बजट सहित रखा जाएगा।

(4) वार्षिक योजना और संबंधित वार्षिक बजट, अध्यक्ष, शासकीय निकाय के अनुमोदन के अध्यक्षीन किसी भी समय संशोधित किए जा सकेंगे, जो अगले वर्ष की वार्षिक योजना या बजट सहित शासकीय निकाय के समक्ष रखे जाएंगे।

22. वार्षिक रिपोर्ट – (1) कार्यपालक समिति का सदस्य-सचिव प्रत्येक वित्तीय वर्ष के अंत से 90 दिन के भीतर ऐसी सूचना जो कार्यपालक समिति द्वारा समुचित समझी जाए, से अंतर्विष्ट एक वार्षिक रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत करेगा।

(2) वार्षिक रिपोर्ट कार्यपालक समिति द्वारा अनुमोदित की जाएगी और उसमें, अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ, न्यास द्वारा वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान पूरे किए गए कार्यकलापों के ब्यौरे और ऐसे वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान न्यास द्वारा उपगत व्यय अंतर्विष्ट होंगे।

(3) वार्षिक रिपोर्ट की एक प्रति उसके कार्यपालक समिति द्वारा अनुमोदन की तारीख से तीस दिन की अवधि के भीतर केंद्रीय सरकार को भेजी जाएगी।

23. वित्तीय वर्ष – (1) न्यास का लेखांकन या वित्तीय वर्ष 1 अप्रैल से 31 मार्च तक होगा।

(2) न्यास की संक्रियाओं का प्रथम वर्ष आंशिक वर्ष हो सकता है।

24. लेखों का अनुरक्षण और संपरीक्षा –(1) न्यास के लेखे ऐसे प्ररूप, पद्धति और रीति में अनुरक्षित की जाएगी, जो केंद्रीय सरकार द्वारा विनिश्चित की जाए।

(2) न्यास निधि के लेखे ऐसे रीति में संपरीक्षित किए जाएंगे जो केंद्रीय सरकार द्वारा विनिश्चित की जाए।

(3) न्यास, उपनियम (2) में निर्दिष्ट संपरीक्षा के पश्चात् वार्षिक रिपोर्ट केंद्रीय सरकार को प्रस्तुत करेगा।

[फा. सं. 11/8/2015-एम.आई]

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MINISTRY OF MINES

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 14th August, 2015

G.S.R.632 (E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (2), (3) and (4) of section 9C and section 13 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:—

- 1. Short title and commencement.**- (1) These rules may be called the National Mineral Exploration Trust Rules, 2015.
(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
- 2. Definitions.**- (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-
 - (a) “Act” means the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957);
 - (b) “Chairperson, Executive Committee” means the Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the National Mineral Exploration Trust established under sub-section (1) of section 9C of the Act;
 - (c) “Chairperson, Governing Body” means the Chairperson of the Governing Body of the National Mineral Exploration Trust established under sub-section (1) of section 9C of the Act;
 - (d) “Executive Committee” means the Executive Committee of the Trust;
 - (e) “Fund” means the fund referred to in rule 6;
 - (f) “Governing Body” means the Governing Body of the Trust;
 - (g) “Member, Executive Committee” means the member of the Executive Committee of the Trust;
 - (h) “Member, Governing Body” means the member of the Governing Body of the Trust;
 - (i) “obvious geological potential areas” means the area identified by the Geological Survey of India from time to time; and
 - (j) “Trust” means the National Mineral Exploration Trust established by the Central Government under sub-section (1) of section 9C of the Act.(2) Words and expressions used and not defined in these rules but defined in the Act shall have the same meanings as assigned to them in the Act.
- 3. The Functions of the Governing Body and the Executive Committee.**- (1) The Governing Body shall lay down the broad policy framework for the functioning of the Trust and review its working.

- (2) The Governing Body shall approve the annual plan and annual budget of the Trust upon the recommendations of the Executive Committee and it shall meet at least once in a year.
- (3) The Executive Committee shall manage, administer and supervise the Trust and shall also monitor and review the expenditure of the Trust fund at regular intervals.
- (4) The Executive Committee shall, while discharging its functions, follow the policy framework and the directions of the Governing Body from time to time.
- (5) The Chairperson of the Executive Committee may vary the term of office of any nominated member or remove him from the Executive Committee before the completion of his term.
- 4. Membership of Governing Body.-** (1) The members of the Governing Body shall be *ex officio* members.
- (2) Special invitees, if any, of the Governing Body shall be entitled to such sitting fee, conveyance and out of pocket expenditure as the Governing Body may decide.
- 5. Membership of Executive Committee.-** (1) The *ex officio* members only shall have voting rights.
- (2) Members, other than *ex-officio* members including special invitees shall have no voting rights but shall be entitled to such sitting fee, conveyance and out of pocket expenditure as the Governing Body may decide.
- 6. Constitution of a fund under the Trust.-** (1) The Central Government shall, by order, set up a fund under the Trust to be called as the "National Mineral Exploration Trust Fund" to be managed by the Executive Committee of the Trust.
- (2) The Trust Fund shall receive monies to be paid in accordance with the provisions of rule 8 and may also receive contributions from such other sources as may be approved by the Central Government.
- 7. Contribution to Trust Fund.-** (1) The Trust shall have power to open and operate bank accounts in its own name at any Scheduled Bank as specified in the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 (2 of 1934).
- (2) The Trust shall communicate the particulars of its bank account to the State Government for the purposes of payments required to be made under sub-section (4) of section 9C of the Act.
- (3) The holders of mining lease and prospecting licence-cum-mining lease shall make payments for contribution to the Trust Fund of amount payable under sub-section (4) of section 9C of the Act to the State Government simultaneously with payments of the royalty.
- (4) The State Government shall deposit the amount collected from such payments into the bank account of the Trust.
- (5) The deposit referred to in sub-rule (4) by the State Government into the designated bank account of the Trust, shall be made as soon as possible, but in any case not later than tenth day of the succeeding month in respect of the amount collected in any particular month.
- (6) The responsibility of collection and depositing the amount so collected in the Trust Fund and maintaining necessary accounts to be shared with the Central Government shall be that of the State Government.
- (7) The State Government shall provide information regarding amounts paid pursuant to sub-section (4) of section 9C of the Act and royalty payments to the Indian Bureau of Mines on a monthly basis.
- (8) The Indian Bureau of Mines shall maintain an updated record of the monies transferred to the bank account of the Trust along with a database of royalty payments and provide such information to the Trust on a periodic basis.
- 8. Office and bank account.-** (1) The office of the Trust shall be situated at Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, Central Secretariat, New Delhi 110001 or at such other place as may be determined by the Executive Committee.
- (2) The bank accounts of Trust shall be opened and operated through the Member Secretary or any other Member of the Executive Committee or any officer of the Central Government, as may be authorised by the Executive Committee.
- 9. Objects and Functions of the Trust.-** (1) The Trust shall carry out regional and detailed exploration for minerals and it shall undertake such activities as may be deemed necessary by the Governing Body to achieve its objects including,-
- (a) funding special studies and projects designed to identify, explore, extract, beneficiate and refine deep-seated or concealed mineral deposits;
- (b) undertaking studies for mineral development, sustainable mining adoption of advanced scientific and

technological practices and mineral extraction metallurgy;

- (c) taking up exploration of areas for regional and detailed exploration, giving priority particularly to strategic and critical minerals;
- (d) consulting Central Geological Programming Board to decide the priorities for exploration of the Trust;
- (e) facilitating exploration activities in such a manner that areas explored can be taken up for grant of mineral concessions in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder;
- (f) facilitating completion of brownfield regional exploration projects in obvious geological potential areas (G3) including conducting high-risk exploration for deep-seated mineral deposits through modern technologies;
- (g) promoting completion of detailed exploration (G2 or G1) across India in the areas where G3 stage exploration has been completed;
- (h) facilitating geophysical, ground and aerial, survey and geochemical survey of obvious geological potential areas and rest of India;
- (i) facilitating a national core repository for encouraging research in earth sciences and for evaluation of the mineral prospects;
- (j) organizing capacity building programmes to raise technical capability of personnel engaged in or to be engaged in exploration; and
- (k) using the Trust Fund for such other purposes that the Governing Body may decide, or authorise the Executive Committee, to be necessary or expedient in the interest of conservation, development and exploitation of mineral resources of India, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act.

(2) In furtherance of the objectives referred to in sub-rule (1), the Governing Body may employ or hire personnel, own and dispose off property, including intellectual property, incur administrative expenses and execute documents as may be necessary.

- 10. Management of the Trust.-** (1) The overall control, periodical reviews and policy directions the Trust shall vest with the Governing Body.
- (2) The Executive Committee shall manage, administer and supervise the day to day activities of the Trust.
- (3) The Governing Body may authorise the Executive Committee to exercise any or all of its powers as mentioned in sub-rule (1).
- (4) The Executive Committee shall formulate and finalise the scheme for delegation of financial powers.
- 11. Committees.-** (1) The Executive Committee may constitute committees or sub-committees to undertake such tasks that may be assigned or delegated by the Executive Committee to such committees or sub-committees.
- (2) The committee or sub-committee constituted under sub-rule (1) shall devise its own procedure in the discharge of the duties and responsibilities under these rules and in exercise of such powers and functions as may be specified by the Executive Committee.
- 12. Implementation of projects by the Executive Committee.-** (1) The Executive Committee may implement the projects consistent with the objectives of the Trust on its own accord or upon receipt of a project proposal from a State Government or any other entity, including private sector entities.
- (2) In implementation of the projects referred to in sub-rule (1), the Executive Committee may devise its own procedure consistent with the Act and the rules made thereunder.
- 13. Monitoring of projects.-** (1) The Trust shall monitor implementation of the projects either by itself or by engaging any government entity, including the Indian Bureau of Mines.
- (2) For the purposes of sub-rule (1), the Trust may devise its own procedure consistent with the Act and the rules made thereunder.
- 14. Meetings of the Governing Body.-** (1) The Governing Body shall meet at least once in a year.
- (2) The meetings of the Governing Body shall be presided by the Chairperson, Governing Body and in the absence of the Chairperson, Governing Body, the ex-officio Members of the Governing Body may elect an officiating Chairperson, from among themselves.
- (3) All decisions or resolutions including circular resolutions of the Governing Body shall be made or adopted by consensus.
- (4) In case of any disagreement or dissent, the ruling of the Chairperson, Governing Body shall be final.
- 15. Meetings of the Executive Committee.-** (1) The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months.

- (2) The meetings of the Executive Committee shall be presided by the Chairperson, Executive Committee and in the absence of the Chairperson, Executive Committee, the ex-officio Members of the Executive Committee may elect an officiating Chairperson, from among themselves.
- (3) The meetings of the Executive Committee may be either physical or virtual or by circulation or by combination of both:
Provided that the meeting by circulation shall not apply for adoption of accounts of the Trust, recommendation to Governing Body for approval of annual plan, annual budget and annual report of the Trust.
- (4) All decisions or resolutions including circular resolutions of the Executive Committee shall be made or adopted by a majority of votes of the members of the Executive Committee present and voting.
- (5) In case of equality of votes, the Chairperson, Executive Committee, or in his absence, the member presiding over such meeting as the Chairperson shall have a casting vote:
Provided that no member shall vote or take part in the discussion of any matter coming up for consideration at a meeting of the Executive Committee or any of its committees or sub-committees, if the matter is one in which such member has any direct, indirect or pecuniary interest.
- 16. Notice and agenda for meeting of the Governing Body and Executive Committee.-** (1) The Chairperson or the Convenor of the Governing Body with the consent of the Chairperson, Governing Body, shall convene the meeting of the Governing Body by giving a minimum fifteen days' notice to all the members:
Provided that the Chairperson, Governing Body may authorise to convene a meeting with a shorter notice period.
- (2) The Chairperson or the Member Secretary of the Executive Committee, with the consent of the Chairperson shall convene the meeting of the Executive Committee by giving a minimum seven days' notice to all the Members:
Provided that the Chairperson of the Executive Committee may authorise to convene a meeting with a shorter notice period.
- (3) Notice for any meeting may include an agenda for that meeting, draft minutes of the earlier meeting and action taken report on the minutes of the earlier meeting.
- 17. Quorum for meeting.-** (1) The quorum for any meeting of the Governing Body shall be six, excluding the special invitees.
- (2) The quorum for any meeting of the Executive Committee, including a virtual meeting, shall be seven, excluding the nominated members.
- 18. Powers, Duties and Responsibilities of the Member Secretary of the Executive Committee.-** (1) There shall be a Member Secretary of the Executive Committee to discharge the functions of the Executive Committee.
- (2) The Member Secretary of the Executive Committee shall,-
- administer and manage the Trust subject to the superintendence, control and direction of the Executive Committee.
 - exercise such administrative and financial powers as may be delegated by the Executive Committee or as may be assigned by the Chairperson, Executive Committee.
- (3) The Member Secretary of the Executive Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities, without prejudice to the generality of sub-rule (2) and (3), namely:-
- to cause the preparation of the annual plan and related annual budget and submit them to the Executive Committee for consideration and recommendation to the Governing Body;
 - to ensure that due diligence has been exercised before considering proposals or projects to be undertaken by the Trust in accordance with the practices, procedure, rules or directions of the Executive Committee;
 - to ensure that the activities of the Trust are being conducted in accordance with the annual plan and related annual budget; and
 - to submit to the Governing Body the approved annual plan and related annual budget for each financial year to the Central Government, by the end of January of previous financial year.
- 19. Annual Plan.-** (1) The Member Secretary of the Executive Committee shall, at the beginning of each financial year, cause preparation of plans for short term projects and long term projects proposed to be undertaken by the

- Trust in the relevant financial year, to be referred as the **annual Plan**, together with details of the activities to be undertaken or completed by the Trust during such time, the expected time for completion of the projects and cost for such projects.
- (2) The annual plan shall contain all projects, programmes, activities proposed to be undertaken by the Trust for achieving its objective and shall have clearly demarcated milestones.
20. **Annual Budget.-** The Member Secretary of the Executive Committee shall, at the beginning of each financial year, cause preparation of an annual budget containing the details of the proposed income and expenditure on activities covered in the annual plan for that particular financial year, including the legal, administrative and other costs and expenditure proposed to be incurred by the Trust together with details of the funding requirements in this regard, to be referred as the **annual budget**.
21. **Approval of the Annual Plan and the Annual Budget.-** (1) The annual plan and the annual budget shall be laid before the Governing Body for its approval.
- (2) The Member Secretary of the Executive Committee shall, on receipt of the copies of the duly approved annual plan and the related annual budget from the Convener of the Governing Body, submit the same to the Central Government within a period of thirty days from the date of receipt of approval of the Governing Body.
- (3) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-rule (2), the Trust may undertake expenditures for activities that are not approved in the annual plan subject to specific approval by the Chairperson, Governing Body, which shall be laid before the Governing Body with the next annual budget.
- (4) The annual plan and related annual budget may be amended at any time subject to the approval of the Chairperson, Governing Body, which shall be laid before the Governing Body with the next year annual plan or budget.
22. **Annual Report.-** (1) The Member Secretary of the Executive Committee shall, within ninety days of the end of each financial year, submit an annual report containing such information as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.
- (2) The annual report shall be approved by the Executive Committee and shall contain details, *inter alia*, of the activities completed by the Trust during the financial year and the expenditure incurred by the Trust during such financial year.
- (3) A copy of the annual report shall be sent to the Central Government within a period of thirty days from the date of its approval by the Executive Committee.
23. **Financial year.-** (1) The accounting or financial year of the Trust shall be from the 1st of April to the 31st of March.
- (2) The first year of operations of the Trust may be a partial year.
24. **Maintenance and Audit of Accounts.-** (1) The accounts of the Trust shall be maintained in the form, mode and manner as may be decided by the Central Government.
- (2) The accounts of the Trust Fund shall be audited in such manner as may be decided by the Central Government.
- (3) After the audit referred to in sub-rule (2), the Trust shall submit the annual report to the Central Government.

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सा.का.वि. 208 (अ).—केंद्रीय सरकार, खान और खनिज (विकास और विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1957 (1957 का 67) की धारा 9A की उप-धारा (2), उपधारा (3) और उपधारा (4) द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए राष्ट्रीय खनिज खोज न्याय नियम, 2015 का संशोधन करने के लिए निम्नलिखित नियम बनाती है, अर्थात्:-

- (1) इन नियमों का संक्षिप्त नाम राष्ट्रीय खनिज खोज न्याय (संशोधन) नियम, 2018 है।
(2) ये राजपत्र में प्रकाशन की तारीख को प्रवृत्त होंगे।
- राष्ट्रीय खनिज खोज न्याय नियम, 2015 (जिसे इसमें इसके पश्चात उक्त नियम कहा गया है) के नियम 6 के उपनियम (2) के स्थान पर निम्नलिखित उप नियम रखा जाएगा, अर्थात्:-

"(2) यह निधि भारत के लोक लेखा के अधीन खोबी जाएगी जो गैर-व्ययगत तथा न्याय रहित लेखा होगा तथा यह केंद्रीय सरकार द्वारा प्रभावित होगी।";

(3) इस निधि में अधिनियम की धारा 9A की उपधारा (4) के अधीन खनन पट्टे अथवा पूर्वेक्षण अनुज्ञा पत्र-सह-खनन पट्टे के धारकों द्वारा देय दो प्रतिशत के बराबर स्वागतिस्व का भुगतान समाविष्ट होगा।

(4) इस निधि का उपयोग स्कीम अर्थात् 'निधि के अधीन क्षेत्रीय और विस्तृत खोज और संबंधित कियाकलापों' के अंतर्गत खनिजों के लिए क्षेत्रीय और विस्तृत खोज करने के साथ नियम 9 में बंधा विनिर्दिष्ट उद्देश्यों और कार्यों के लिए किया जाएगा।"

- उक्त नियमों के नियम 7 के स्थान पर निम्नलिखित नियम रखा जाएगा, अर्थात्:-



*7. निधि में अंशदान- (1) खनन पट्टा या पूर्वेक्षण अनुअप्ति-सह-खनन पट्टाधारक, राज्य सरकार को स्वामिस्व का भुगतान करते समय ट्रस्ट को अधिनियम की धारा 9ग की उपधारा (4) के अधीन स्वामिस्व के दो प्रतिशत के बराबर राशि का संदाय करेगा जिसे वह इस प्रयोजन के लिए निर्धारित शीर्ष के अधीन राज्य के लोक लेखा में जमा करेगा।

(2) राज्य सरकारें उपनियम (1) के अधीन लोक लेखा में इस प्रकार संग्रहीत रकम को भारत की संविधि में अंतरित करेंगी।

(3) केंद्रीय सरकार द्वारा, भारत की संविधि में की अभिवृद्धियों को, वित्तीय वर्ष में संयत् द्वारा, विधि के द्वारा, सम्बन्ध विनियोग के पश्चात् आधिकारिक रूप से निधि में अंतरित किया जाएगा।

(4) उप नियम (1) में निर्दिष्ट रकम संग्रहीत करने तथा भारत की संविधि में अंतरित करने तथा इसके लिए आवश्यक लेखा-ओखा रखने का दायित्व राज्य सरकार का होगा तथा वह ऐसी प्राप्तिओं को, यथाशीघ्र और किसी भी दशा में किसी विशिष्ट मास में संग्रहीत धनराशि को, अगले मास के दसवें दिन के अपश्चात्, भारत की संविधि को अंतरित करेगी।

(5) राज्य सरकार, उप नियम (1) के अधीन संग्रहीत रकम तथा उपनियम (2) के अधीन भारत की संविधि में अंतरित की गई रकम के बारे में भारतीय खान ब्यूरो को मासिक आधार पर सूचना प्रदान करेगी।

(6) भारतीय खान ब्यूरो, भारत की संविधि में अंतरित रकम का अद्यतन रिकॉर्ड के साथ-साथ रॉयल्टी भुगतानों का एक ब्राउचर रखेगा और न्याय को आधिकारिक आधार पर ऐसी की सूचना उपलब्ध कराएगा।

4. उक्त नियमों में नियम 8 में, उप-नियम (2) के स्थान पर निम्नलिखित उपनियम रखा जाएगा, अर्थात्:-

"(2) इस अधिसूचना के प्रकाशन के पश्चात्, यथासंभव शीघ्र, न्याय क्लर्क बैंक खाता बंद कर दिया जाएगा और इसके बंद होने तक न्याय क्लर्क बैंक खातों का सदस्य-सचिव या कार्यकारी समिति के किसी अन्य सदस्य या केंद्रीय सरकार के किसी अन्य अधिकारी के माध्यम से, जिसे कि कार्यकारी समिति द्वारा प्राधिकृत किया जाए, संचालन जारी रहेगा।"

5. उक्त नियमों के नियम 19 के उप-नियम (1) में 'प्रारंभ में' शब्दों के स्थान पर 'प्रारंभ से पूर्व' शब्द रखे जाएंगे।

6. उक्त नियम के नियम 20 के स्थान पर निम्नलिखित नियम रखा जाएगा, अर्थात् :-

"20. वार्षिक बजट- (1) कार्यकारी समिति का सदस्य सचिव, प्रत्येक वित्तीय वर्ष के प्रारंभ से पूर्व, उस विशिष्ट वित्तीय वर्ष हेतु वार्षिक योजना के अंतर्गत आने वाले क्रियाकलापों पर प्रस्तावित आय और व्यय का ब्यौरा अंतर्बिष्ट करते हुए वार्षिक बजट तैयार करवाएगा, जिसमें इस संबंध में निर्धारण की अपेक्षाओं के व्यौरों के साथ न्याय द्वारा उपगत किए जाने वाले प्रस्तावित वित्तीय, प्रशासनिक और अन्य लागतें और व्यय सम्मिलित होंगे जिसे वार्षिक बजट के रूप में निर्दिष्ट किया जाएगा।

(2) वार्षिक बजट में निधि के अधीन व्यय करने के लिए समुचित शीर्ष के अंतर्गत केंद्रीय सरकार की अनुदान मांगों के लिए भी उपबंध किया जाएगा और इसकी समतुल्य राशि निधि से पूरी की जाएगी।

(3) निधि का सम्बन्ध विनियोग तथा सहाय अधिकारी की मंजूरी प्राप्त करने के पश्चात्, इस निधि के अधीन व्यय सुसंगत उपप्रमुख शीर्षों अथवा गौण शीर्षों से उपगत किया जाएगा तथा केंद्रीय सरकार के द्वारा जारी स्वीकृति के आधार पर केंद्रीय सरकार का वेतन और लेखा कार्यालय, सामान्य वित्तीय नियम, 2017 के अनुसार भुगतान करेगा।"

7. उक्त नियमों के नियम 21 के स्थान पर निम्नलिखित नियम रखा जाएगा, अर्थात्:-

"21. वार्षिक योजना और वार्षिक बजट का अनुमोदन- (1) वार्षिक योजना और वार्षिक बजट को प्रत्येक वित्तीय वर्ष के प्रारंभ से तीस दिन पूर्व अनुमोदन हेतु शासी निकाय के समक्ष रखा जाएगा।

(2) शासी निकाय के अनुमोदन के पश्चात् वार्षिक योजना या वार्षिक बजट में कोई संशोधन कार्यकारी समिति के अनुमोदन से किया जा सकेगा और शासी निकाय को अगली बैठक में इसकी सूचना दी जाएगी।"

8. उक्त नियमों के नियम 24 के स्थान पर निम्नलिखित नियम रखा जाएगा, अर्थात्:-

"24. लेखाओं का रखा जाना और संपरीक्षा- (1) केंद्रीय सरकार का वेतन और लेखा कार्यालय, निधि में की अभिवृद्धियों और इससे होने वाले भुगतानों की ब्राउचरीट रखेगा और संबंधित प्रभागों के साथ मासिक आधार पर उसका मिलान करेगा तथा यह सुनिश्चित करेगा कि निधि के अधीन किसी भी समय में कोई प्रतिकूल शेष न हो।



(2) न्यास निधि का लेखा, भारत के निबंधक और महालेखा परीक्षक के अधीन होगा तथा केंद्रीय सरकार के मुख्य लेखा निबंधक कार्यालय के आंतरिक लेखा परीक्षा द्वारा भी उसकी लेखा परीक्षा की जाएगी।

[फा. सं. 11/8/2015-आन-ए]

निरंजन कुमार सिंह, संयुक्त सचिव

टिप्पणी : राष्ट्रीय खनिज खोज न्यास नियम, 2015, अधिनियम संख्या सा. का. नि. 632(अ), तारीख 14 अगस्त, 2015 द्वारा भारत के राजपत्र, असाधारण, भाग-2, खंड 3, उप-खंड (i) में प्रकाशित किए गए थे।

MINISTRY OF MINES

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 7th March, 2018.

G.S.R. 208(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (2), (3) and (4) of section 9C of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules to amend the National Mineral Exploration Trust Rules, 2015, namely:—

1. (1) These rules may be called the National Mineral Exploration Trust (Amendment) Rules, 2018.
(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In the National Mineral Exploration Trust Rules, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), in rule 6, for sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:—
 - “(2) The Fund shall be opened under the Public Account of India which shall be a non-lapsable and non-interest bearing account and shall be administered by the Central Government.
 - (3) The Fund shall comprise of payment of two percent equivalent of royalty payable by the holders of the mining lease or prospective licence-cum-mining lease under sub-section (4) of the section 9C of the Act.
 - (4) The Fund shall be utilized for carrying out the objects and functions as specified in rule 9, including carrying out regional and detailed exploration for minerals under the scheme, namely, ‘Regional and detailed exploration and related activities under Fund’.
3. In the said rules, for rule 7, the following rules shall be substituted, namely:—
 - “7. Contribution to Fund.— (1) The holder of mining lease or prospecting license-cum-mining lease shall, while making payment of royalty to the State Government, pay to the Trust a sum equivalent to two percent of the royalty under sub-section (4) of section 9C of the Act by depositing the same in the Public Account of the State under the Head booked for this purpose.
 - (2) The State Governments shall transfer the amount so collected in the Public Account of the State under sub-rule (1) to the Consolidated Fund of India.
 - (3) The accretions in the Consolidated Fund of India shall be periodically transferred to the Fund by the Central Government, after due appropriation made by Parliament by law, in the financial year.
 - (4) The responsibility of collecting and transferring the amount referred in sub-rule (1) to Consolidated Fund of India and maintaining necessary accounts in this behalf shall be that of the State Government and it shall transfer such receipts to the Consolidated Fund of India as early as possible and in any case, not later than the tenth day of the succeeding month in respect of the amount collected in any particular month.
 - (5) The State Government shall provide information regarding the amount collected under sub-rule (1) and the amount transferred to Consolidated Fund of India under sub-rule (2) to the Indian Bureau of Mines on a monthly basis.
 - (6) The Indian Bureau of Mines shall maintain an updated record of the amount transferred to the Consolidated Fund of India along with a database of royalty payments and provide such information to the Trust on a periodic basis.”.
4. In the said rules, in rule 8, for sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:—



"(2) The bank account of the Trust shall be closed as soon as possible after the publication of this notification and till such closure, the bank account of the Trust shall continue to be operated through the Member-Secretary or any other Member of the Executive Committee or any other officer of the Central Government as may be authorized by the Executive Committee."

5. In the said rules, in rule 19, in sub-rule (1), for the words "at the beginning", the words "before the beginning" shall be substituted.

6. In the said rules, for rule 20, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"20. Annual Budget.— (1) The Member Secretary of the Executive Committee shall, before the beginning of each financial year, cause preparation of an annual budget containing the details of the proposed income and expenditure on activities covered in the annual plan for that particular financial year, including the legal, administrative and other costs and expenditure proposed to be incurred by the Trust together with details of funding requirements in this regard, to be referred as the Annual Budget.

(2) Annual Budget provision shall also be made in the Demands for Grants of Central Government under appropriate Head for incurring expenditure under Fund and equivalent amount thereof shall be met from the Fund.

(3) After due appropriation of fund and receipt of sanction of the Competent Authority, the expenditure under the Fund shall be incurred from the relevant sub-major or minor heads and on the basis of the sanction issued by the Central Government, the Pay and Accounts Office of the Central Government shall make the payment as per the General Financial Rules, 2017."

7. In the said rules, for rule 21, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"21. Approval of the Annual Plan and the Annual Budget.— (1) The annual plan and the annual budget shall be laid before the Governing Body for its approval thirty days before the beginning of each financial year.

(2) Any amendment in the annual plan or the annual budget subsequent to the approval of the Governing Body may be done with the approval of the Executive Committee and informed to the Governing Body in its next meeting."

8. In the said rules, for rule 24, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"24. Maintenance and Audit of Accounts.— (1) The Pay and Accounts Office in the Central Government shall maintain a broadsheet of accretions to and payment from the Fund and effect reconciliation on monthly basis thereof with the concerned divisions and shall ensure that there are no adverse balances in the Fund at any point of time.

(2) The account of the Trust shall be subject to the audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and also to audit by internal audit wing of the office of the Chief Controller of Accounts, in the Central Government."

[F. No. 11/8/2015-M.I]

NIRANJAN KUMAR SINGH, Jt. Secy.

Note : The National Mineral Exploration Trust Rules, 2015 were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, part II, section 3, sub-section (i) vide notification number G.S.R. 632 (E), dated the 14th August, 2015.

**Government of India
Ministry of Mines
National Mineral Exploration Trust**

F. No. 6/3/2015-NMET /28

New Delhi, 10th May, 2022


OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Scheme for engagement of Notified Private Exploration Agencies in Mineral Exploration -reg.

Recent amendments in the Mines and minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act) in 2021 has empowered the Central Government to notify private sector entities to undertake prospecting operations. The notified agencies shall be eligible for funding from National Mineral Exploration Trust as per provision under sub-section 5 of section 9C of the Act.

In furtherance of NMEP, 2016; recent amendments in the MMDR Act and scheme of accreditation and notification of Private Exploration Agencies (PEAs), the Governing Body of NMET has approved a scheme for engagement of notified Private Exploration Agencies (PEAs) in mineral exploration. The scheme is attached for information and necessary action.

Encl: As above


(Vivek Kumar Sharma)
10-05-2022
Director, NMET

To

1. The Secretary (Mines), Government of Andhra Pradesh.
2. The Secretary (Geology & Mining), Government of Arunachal Pradesh.
3. The Principal Secretary, Department of Mines & Minerals, Government of Assam.
4. The Principal Secretary-cum-Mines Commissioner, Government of Bihar.
5. The Secretary, Mineral Resource Department, Government of Chhattisgarh.
6. The Principal Secretary, Department of Mines & Geology, Government of Goa.
7. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Industries), Government of Himachal Pradesh.
8. The Principal Secretary (Industry & Mines), Government of Gujarat.
9. The Commissioner Secretary (Industries & Commerce), Government of Jammu & Kashmir.
10. The Secretary (Industries, Mines & Geology), Government of Jharkhand.



11. The Secretary, (Industries & Commerce) Government of Karnataka.
12. The Principal Secretary, Industries Department, Government of Kerala.
13. The Secretary (Mines), Government of Madhya Pradesh.
14. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Industries & Mines), Government of Maharashtra.
15. The Commissioner and Secretary, Mining & Geology Department, Government of Meghalaya.
16. The Commissioner & Secretary, Geology & Mining, Government of Nagaland.
17. The Principal Secretary (Steel & Mines), Government of Odisha.
18. The Principal Secretary, Mines & Geology, Government of Punjab.
19. The Principal Secretary (Mines), Government of Rajasthan.
20. The Principal Secretary (Industries), Government of Tamil Nadu.
21. The Principal Secretary (Industries & Mines), Government of Telangana.
22. The Secretary (Mines & Geology), Government of Uttar Pradesh.
23. The Principal Secretary (Mines), Government of Uttarakhand.
24. The Secretary (Industry, Commerce & Enterprises), Government of West Bengal.
25. The Secretary, Department of Industries, Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh.
26. The Principal Secretary, Mines and Geology Department, Government of Sikkim.

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4. The Director, Directorate of Geology & Mining, Govt. of Chhattisgarh.
5. The Director of Mines & Geology, Government of Goa.
6. Commissioner of Geology and Mining, Govt. of Gujarat.
7. The Director, Department of Industries, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
8. The Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Government of Jammu and Kashmir.
9. The Director (Mines), Directorate of Mines, Government of Jharkhand.
10. The Director, Department of Mines & Geology, Government of Karnataka.
11. The Director, Directorate of Mining & Geology, Government of Kerala.
12. The Director, Directorate of Geology & Mining, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.
13. The Director, Directorate of Geology and Mining, Government of Maharashtra.

14. The Director, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Government of Meghalaya.
15. The Director, Directorate of Mines, Government of Odisha.
16. The Director, Mines and Geology Directorate, Government of Rajasthan.
17. The Commissioner of Geology & Mining, Government of Tamil Nadu.
18. The Director of Mines and Geology, Government of Telangana.
19. The Director, Directorate of Geology & Mining, Government of Uttar Pradesh.
20. The Director, Geology and Mining Unit, Govt. of Uttarakhand.
21. The Director, Directorate of Mines & Minerals, Government of West Bengal.
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Scheme for Engagement of Notified Private Exploration Agencies in Mineral Exploration

1. Background:

1.1 The National Mineral Exploration Policy (NMEP), 2016 envisages private sector participation in mineral exploration and to facilitate, encourage and incentivize private sector participation in all spheres of mineral exploration to harness the technical expertise, technological capability and the financial resources of the private sector to discover and exploit the country's vast mineral resources. It also envisages incentive for exploration agencies to mitigate their risk for exploration works.

1.2 Recent amendments in the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act) in 2021 has empowered the Central Government to notify private sector entities to undertake prospecting operations. The involvement of notified private sector exploration agencies (PEAs) shall provide an impetus to the exploration activities in the country and shall enable identification of more blocks suitable for auction. Ministry of Mines in association with QCI-NABET has launched a scheme for accreditation of PEAs in mineral sector. The guidelines issued on 12th August, 2021 by Ministry of Mines provides that upon accreditation from QCI-NABET, the PEAs may apply to Ministry of Mines for their notification under the second proviso to of section 4(1) of the MMDR Act. The guidelines also provided that PEAs will be notified under the following two categories having right to undertake prospecting operations in respect of the mineral deposits as specified below against each category:

Category of exploration agency	Type of mineral deposit
Category A Exploration Agencies	(a) Bedded Stratiform & Tabular deposits (b) Lenticular composite veins (c) Gem-Stone and rare metal pegmatite, reefs and veins/pipes (d) Float & Placer deposits (e) Deep Seated deposits
Category B Exploration Agencies	(a) Bedded Stratiform & Tabular deposits (b) Float & placer deposits

1.3 In furtherance of NMEP, 2016; recent amendments in the MMDR Act and scheme of accreditation and notification of PEAs, the instant scheme has been formulated for engagement of Notified PEAs in exploration of major minerals by the State Governments.

2. Objective:

2.1 The objective of the Scheme is to lay down the mechanism for engagement of Notified PEAs in mineral exploration and enable funding of these operations by such Notified PEAs through National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) or State Governments, as the case may be.

3. Procedure for Engagement of Notified PEAs by State Governments and their Funding:

3.1.1 General Conditions

- (i) The present scheme is applicable for exploration of minerals other than minor minerals, mineral oils and minerals listed in Part-A and Part-B of the First Schedule of the MMDR Act.
- (ii) Exploration operations shall be undertaken in accordance with the provisions regarding such operations in the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015, the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 (MCDR), the Guidelines for notification of accredited private exploration agencies issued by Ministry of Mines on 12th August, 2021 and any other applicable law for the time being in force.
- (iii) Notified PEAs shall undertake exploration in respect of the category of minerals and mineral deposits under which it has been notified.
- (iv) Approval for exploration to Notified PEAs or their funding from NMET or State Governments shall not confer any right on the Notified PEAs for grant of any mineral concession in the area explored. The mineral concession (composite licence, mining lease, etc.) in such explored area shall be granted in accordance with the provision of the MMDR Act and rules made thereunder. A Notified PEA shall not be allowed to participate in auction of mineral concession over the block or a part thereof which has been explored by such Notified PEA.
- (v) The notified PEAs undertaking exploration shall submit the yearly report and final geological report to the State Government and Regional Controller or the authorised officer of Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) in accordance with rule 9 of MCDR, 2017. A copy of the said reports shall also be submitted to NMET.

3.2 Mode of Engagement of Notified PEAs by the State Governments and their Funding:

The engagement of Notified PEAs by the State Governments and their Funding may be done under the following modes:



3.2.1 Mode A: Mineral Exploration Projects formulated by Private Exploration Agency (PEA) and funding by NMET

- (i) A Notified PEA may select the area for exploration based on available geoscience data and submit an application in respect of the same to the State Government. The geoscience data may be accessed from Geological Survey of India's baseline geoscience database available free of cost in the OCBIS/Bhukosh portal, database of other government or private agencies, etc.
- (ii) A Notified PEA may submit an application outlining the details of the area, mineral commodities etc. it proposes for undertaking exploration to the State Government in the format specified in Schedule to this Scheme.
- (iii) The State Government shall examine the application and grant its 'in principle' approval or reject the same within one month of the receipt of the application.
- (iv) Upon grant of 'in principle' approval, the Notified PEA shall prepare and submit the exploration proposal to the State Government containing the scheme of reconnaissance or prospecting in the format prescribed by NMET.
- (v) The State Government shall, after examination of the proposal and if acceptable, forward the same to the NMET for funding of exploration operations through NMET.
- (vi) The proposals submitted to NMET shall be evaluated and approved as per the prescribed procedure of NMET and the concerned Notified PEA will be responsible for defending the proposal before the NMET.
- (vii) NMET shall issue the sanction order to the State Government and all advances and payments shall be made by NMET to the State Government directly. The State Government, in turn, will get the work executed through the notified PEA that had submitted the relevant exploration proposal and make payments to the PEA for such purpose. The State Government shall submit the utilization certificate to NMET periodically in the manner as specified by NMET.
- (viii) The notified PEAs shall submit periodic report(s), as specified by NMET, to NMET and the State Government.
- (ix) The State Government shall technically evaluate the geological report and decide about the potential mineral blocks which can further be taken up for auction. The State Government shall put the block for auction as per the procedure prescribed in the Mineral (Auction) rules 2015 for grant of composite licence or mining lease, as the case may be. The State Government shall mention the name of Notified PEA who has prepared the Geological Report in the tender document.

3.2.2 Mode B: Mineral Exploration Projects formulated by State Government and funding by NMET

- (i) At present, the State Governments formulate mineral exploration proposals on its own by analysing the available baseline geoscience data and request funding from NMET. The State Governments execute these proposals directly through State's Department of Geology and Mining (DGM) by employing the departmental manpower and by outsourcing all or some of the components of the project or through Central or State PSUs.
- (ii) In such case, the State Government may also engage a notified PEA by selecting it through limited tender amongst all the Notified PEAs for undertaking entire work from exploration up to preparation of final geological report. Further, in cases where the State Government decides to outsource all or some of the components of the project, the Notified PEAs may also be allowed to participate in selection process for the same.
- (iii) The Notified PEAs shall follow the conditions prescribed in this scheme for undertaking exploration operations.

3.2.3 Mode C: Mineral Exploration Projects formulated by State Government and funding by State Government

The State Government may engage Notified PEAs in the projects funded by it in the manner prescribed under Mode A and Mode B.



FORMAT FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSAL FOR UNDERTAKING EXPLORATION

To,
The Director,
Mining and Geology Department,
Government of ___ [mention name of State Government]

Madam/ Sir,

I/we am/are submitting the following details for granting 'in-principle' approval of the State Government for submitting the scheme of reconnaissance or prospecting to NMET under Mode-A of the Scheme for Engagement of Notified Private Exploration Agencies in Mineral Exploration issued by Ministry of Mines vide order No. _____ dated _____.

1. Name and Address of the Applicant

(a)	Name:	
(b)	Postal address:	
(c)	Telephone Number (Office):	
(d)	Fax number (Office):	
(e)	Mobile No.:	
(f)	Telephone Number (Residence):	
(g)	E-Mail address:	

2. Details of Accreditation as Private Exploration Agency and Notification under the proviso to Section 4(1) of the MMDR Act

(a)	Date of accreditation granted by QCI-NABET:	
(b)	Date of expiry of accreditation:	
(c)	Date of Notification under the proviso to Section 4(1) of the MMDR Act:	
(d)	Date of expiry of Notification:	
(e)	Category of the exploration Agency (Category A or B) under Notification:	

3. Location Details of the Area Proposed

(a)	State	
(b)	District (s)	
(c)	Nearby Village(s)	
(d)	Survey of India (SOI) Toposheet (s) No.	
(e)	Area in sq. km.	
(f)	Boundary coordinates of the proposed block (in Decimal degree)	

4. Mineral Potential of the Area

(a)	Name of Mineral(s) identified/ expected in the area/ block	
(b)	Basis on which mineral potential in the area has been identified	
(c)	List of documents and references relied upon in support of item (b) above.	

5. Documents to be enclosed with the application

- (i) Location of the proposed block demarcated on Survey of India (SOI) Toposheet No.
- (ii) Documents mentioned in item 4(c) above.

Place:

Date:

Signature of Applicant

Only through email

Government of India
Ministry of Mines
National Mineral Exploration Trust

F. No. 4/4/2021-NMET/179

New Delhi, 29th December, 2021

To,

As per List

Subject: Incentives to the State Government in respect of auction of mineral blocks - Reg.

Madam/Sir,

Reference is invited to this office letter no. F. No. 6/4/2015-NMET/101 dated 24th August, 2021 in respect of "Reimbursement of Transactional Advisor Fee to the State Government for auction of mineral blocks".

2. In modification of above-mentioned letter, the Hon'ble Minister of Mines and Chairman of the Governing Body of NMET has approved the following:

- i. A sum of ₹20 lakhs will be released to each State (where mineral blocks are available for auction) for financial year 2021-22.
- ii. ₹20 lakh incentive for each successful auction of mineral block by the State Government.
- iii. 50% of amount paid to Transaction Advisor, subject to a maximum of ₹5 lakh for each block which was put up for auction but could not be successfully auctioned.
- iv. The reimbursements/incentive will be made for mineral blocks, auctioned or put up for auction but could not be auctioned, from 01.04.2021 onwards.

3. The incentive may be used by the State governments for the following purposes:

- i. Reimbursement of Transaction Advisor Fee,
- ii. Preparation of DPR/ project proposals for NMET,
- iii. Strengthening of infrastructure of Mining departments,
- iv. Purchase of equipment- exploration related machineries, laboratory upgradation, specialized software etc.
- v. Undertaking studies for Mineral development in the state,
- vi. Capacity building- training programs for personnel engaged in exploration activities.
- vii. Studies related to Economic scenario and market analysis of mineral sector
- viii. Exposure visits within and outside India, etc.

4. The State government shall submit a proposal for release of incentive/reimbursement every quarter for the blocks auctioned/ put up for auction but could not be auctioned during the previous quarter.



5. The funds will be released to the bank account as specified by DMG/DGM of the State. The State governments are required to provide the bank account details.

This is for your kind information please.

A Saran
29/12/2024

(Amit Saran)
Director & HoD, NMET

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F. No. 6/9/2015-NMET/ 31
Government of India
Ministry of Mines
National Mineral Exploration Trust

New Delhi, 8th June, 2022

To

As per the list

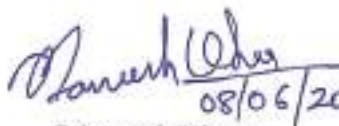
Subject: Financial assistance for procurement of machinery/ laboratory equipment /instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities - reg.

Availability of machinery/ equipment / instruments and other latest technological upgradations/ hardware/ software etc. are of paramount importance for successful accomplishment of mineral exploration work and essential for capacity building of the State DGMs for enhancing the pace of mineral exploration in the country.

2. In order to facilitate strengthening of technical infrastructure of State DGMs viz. procurement of machinery/ laboratory equipment / instruments/ hardware/ software and other necessary infrastructure excluding building construction, staff car, laptop, computers aimed at capacity building of the State DGMs for enhancing the exploration activities, NMET will consider proposals for providing funds, after evaluation by Technical-cum Cost Committee (TCC) and approval by Executive Committee.

3. The specific proposals in this regard should be submitted by the concerned DGM to NMET in soft and hard copy within one month from the date of issue of this letter to the following:

Director,
National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET),
Ministry of Mines,
F-114, 1st Floor,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi- 110001
Email ID: nmet-mines@gov.in


08/06/2022
(Maneesh Khar)
Director, NMET

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Annexure -7

List of approve projects by NMET in FY 2023-24

S. No.	Project Name	Stage	State	Commodity	Agency	Approved Cost
1	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) for Gemstones in and around Neelam Khan Area (5.00 Sq. Km) District- Kishtwar, Jammu & Kashmir	G3	Jammu and Kashmir	Gemstones	MECL	42,622,553
2	"Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Pipariya-Nayakheda Block and Simariyakalan-Baheriya Block (10 Sq. Km.), District: Narasingpur, Madhya Pradesh"	G3	Madhya Pradesh	Limestone	MECL	11,650,093
3	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 Stage) for Tin in Pokhar-Chhaili Block (90.00 Sq. Km), Tehri Garwal District, Uttarakhand.	G4	Uttarakhand	Tin	MECL	10,505,247
4	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 Stage) for Graphite in Ganacharpura Block (33.60 Sq. Km), Kolar District, Karnataka.	G4	Karnataka	Graphite	MECL	9,296,121
5	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) for Diamond in Angira B Block (1.5 Sq. Km), District: Chhatarpur, Madhya Pradesh	G3	Madhya Pradesh	Diamond	MECL	49,411,918
6	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Phosphorite, Baryte & REE in Katamadevarahalli Area, Kalburgi Dist, Karnataka (Block area- 100 sq. km.)	G4	Karnataka	Limestone	KIOCL	6,947,721
7	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Iron Ore in Alenga-Nendwadi Block, Gadchiroli District, Maharashtra	G4	Maharashtra	Iron Ore	"DGM Maharashtra (M/s Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd.)"	3,774,553
8	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 stage) for Iron Ore in Marampalli-Jinjgaon Block (90 sq.km), District: Gadchiroli, Maharashtra	G4	Maharashtra	Iron Ore	"DGM Maharashtra (M/s Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd.)"	3,325,911
9	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 Stage) for Iron Ore in Tadgaon-Wатели Block (80 Sq.Km), District: Gadchiroli, Maharashtra	G4	Maharashtra	Iron Ore	"DGM Maharashtra (M/s Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd.)"	3,265,250
10	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Iron Ore in Gilanguda-Padur Block (65 Sq.Km), District: Gadchiroli, Maharashtra	G4	Maharashtra	Iron Ore	"DGM Maharashtra (M/s Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd.)"	2,679,391
11	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Iron Ore in Murwada-Tumarikodi Block (85 Sq. Km), District: Gadchiroli, Maharashtra.	G4	Maharashtra	Iron Ore	"DGM Maharashtra (M/s Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd.)"	3,313,520
12	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE mineralization in Kenda, Barpali, Nagpura, Chureli, Manikpur village areas (75.00 sq.km), part of T.S. No. 64J/02 of Bilaspur District, Chhattisgarh	G4	Chhattisgarh	REE	"DGM Chhattisgarh (M/s GeoExpore Pvt. Ltd.)"	4,751,503



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13	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) for Graphite in Nawadih Block (32.04 sq.km.), District: Balrampur, State: Chhattisgarh	G4	Chhattisgarh	Graphite	“DGM Chhattisgarh (M/s United Exploration India Pvt. Ltd.)”	2,772,193
14	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) for Bauxite in Sirmaur -Kevati Block (145 Sq. Km.), District: Rewa, Madhya Pradesh.	G4	Madhya Pradesh	Bauxite	“DGM Madhya Pradesh (M/s Maheshwari Mining Pvt Ltd.)”	8,975,255
15	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 stage) for Phosphorite in Kathyur Block (9.00 sq.km.) in Dehradun District, Uttarakhand.	G4	Uttarakhand	Phosphorite	MECL	6,423,064
16	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Gold in Kakol block, Haveri, Karnataka	G3	Karnataka	Gold	MECL	44,827,471
17	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Iron, Manganese and associated minerals in Tikariya Block Districts: Katni, State Madhya Pradesh	G4	Madhya Pradesh	Iron, Manganese and associated minerals	MECL	22,183,799
18	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 Stage) for Graphite in Dindo-Belkurta-Basera Block, District: Surguja, Chhattisgarh.	G4	Chhattisgarh	Graphite	DGM Chhattisgarh (M/s. Maheshwari Mining Pvt. Ltd.)	10,463,931
19	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) for Bauxite in Maleta-Bankodi Block, Devbhumi Dwarka District, Gujarat.	G3	Gujarat	Bauxite	CGM Gujarat	12,663,717
20	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) For Bauxite in Khaharda-Kenedi Block Devbhumi Dwarka District: Gujarat	G3	Gujarat	Bauxite	CGM Gujarat	18,259,134
21	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) of Limestone in Jodhpur-Satarpar Block, Devbhumi Dwarka District, Gujarat	G3	Gujarat	Limestone	CGM Gujarat	3,591,209
22	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Evaluation of Placer Xenotime Prospect in the Ujol River Basin, (eastern side having an area of 350 sq.km.), Gujarat	G4	Gujarat	REE- Xenotime	CGM Gujarat (M/s Geovale Services Pvt. Ltd.)	19,242,484
23	Reconnaissance Survey for REE Exploration in Bhuj Clay Prospect Block, Kachchh District Gujarat	G4	Gujarat	REE	CGM Gujarat (M/s Geovale Services Pvt. Ltd.)	12,227,994
24	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Gold in Salaikana Block (3.98 Sq. Km), District: Keonjhar, Odisha	G3	Odisha	Gold	OMC	20,198,905
25	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Gold in Dimirimunda Block (5 Sq. Km), District: Keonjhar, Odisha	G3	Odisha	Gold	OMC	20,198,905
26	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for PGE, Gold & REE in Maneri-Sitapala Block, Balaghat District, MP	G4	Madhya Pradesh	PGE, Gold & REE	DGM Madhya Pradesh (M/s, Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd.)	6,492,482
27	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Iron and associated minerals in Karmai-Chuwahi Block (33.40 sq.km.) Sidhi district, Madhya Pradesh.	G4	Madhya Pradesh	Iron Ore & Assoc. Minerals	MECL	13,981,360

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28	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Potash in Dhankowali Dhani (North) Block (9.63 sq.km.), Satipura Sub Basin, Hanumangarh district, Rajasthan.	G3	Rajasthan	Potash	MECL	240,616,207
29	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Gold, copper, graphite and associated minerals in Jamtola-Khandapar Block (96.62 sq.km.), Balaghat district, Madhya Pradesh.	G4	Madhya Pradesh	Gold, Copper, Graphite & Assoc. Minerals	MECL	21,629,787
30	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Copper and associated minerals in Sitapur Block, Malanjkhanda Copper Belt, Balaghat district, Madhya Pradesh.	G3	Madhya Pradesh	Copper & Assoc. Minerals	MECL	27,088,193
31	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Iron in Parsili-Karmai Block (18.34 sq.km.), Sidhi district, Madhya Pradesh.	G4	Madhya Pradesh	Iron Ore	MECL	13,213,733
32	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Diamond in adjacent area of Angira-B & Angira-A Block (2.3 sq.km.), Chhattarpur district, Madhya Pradesh.	G3	Madhya Pradesh	Diamond	MECL	56,153,521
33	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 stage) for Rock Phosphate in Nimbli Block (2.70 sq.km.), Jaisalmer District, Rajasthan.	G3	Rajasthan	Rock Phosphate	MECL	35,598,122
34	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 stage) for Manganese & Graphite in Larambha Block (2.57 sq.km.), Balangir District, Odisha	G3	Odisha	Manganese & Graphite	MECL	21,413,609
35	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 stage) for Manganese & Graphite in Kanaital Block (4.26 sq.km.), Balangir District, Odisha.	G3	Odisha	Manganese & Graphite	MECL	22,340,108
36	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 stage) for REE and Rare Metals in Kumhardih-Khijuri-Pachamba Block (175.28 sq.km.), Giridih District, Jharkhand.	G4	Jharkhand	REE & RM	MECL	7,809,636
37	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Phosphorite in Bijawar-Imiliya block (95.67 sq.km.), Chhattarpur district, Madhya Pradesh.	G4	Madhya Pradesh	Phosphorite	Madhya Pradesh State Mining corp.	12,686,119
38	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Bhatura Block (1.5 sq.km.), Satna district, Madhya Pradesh.	G3	Madhya Pradesh	Limestone	Madhya Pradesh State Mining corp.	6,270,842
39	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Limestone in Banki-Salaiya Block (25 sq.km.), Chhattarpur district, Madhya Pradesh.	G4	Madhya Pradesh	Limestone	Madhya Pradesh State Mining corp.	4,807,691
40	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) of Ion-Adsorption and Laterite Hosted Supergene Enriched REE Deposits in Sung Valley Block (7.1 sq.km.), East Khasi and West Jaintia Hills districts, Meghalaya.	G3	Meghalaya	REE	DMR Meghalaya	30,093,518
41	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Iron ore in Khandadhar Sub Block-E (8.797 sq.km.), Sundargarh district, Odisha.	G3	Odisha	Iron Ore	OMC	79,938,943



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42	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Iron Ore in Madhyapura Block (6.5 sq.km.), Keonjhar district, Odisha.	G3	Odisha	Iron Ore	OMC	19,707,639
43	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Gold & assoc. minerals in Sirigeri Block (2 sq.km.), Ballari district, Karnataka	G3	Karnataka	Gold & Assoc. Minerals	DGM Karnataka	34,518,638
44	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) for Graphite in Darukona Block (119 sq.km.), Rayagada District, Odisha.	G4	Odisha	Graphite	DMG, Odisha (M/s. Maheshwari Mining Pvt. Ltd.)	17,381,649
45	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 stage) for Kanapulisi Graphite Block (98.3 sq.km.), Rayagada District, Odisha.	G4	Odisha	Graphite	DMG, Odisha (M/s. Maheshwari Mining Pvt. Ltd.)	16,949,726
46	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Limestone and Dolomite in and around Menga Area (26 sq. km.) of Upper Subansiri District of Arunachal Pradesh	G4	Arunachal Pradesh	Limestone and Dolomite	DGM Arunachal Pradesh	17,601,521
47	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Gold in Bargur Block, Bargur Belt of Kolar Schist Belt, District- Krisnagiri, Tamil Nadu	G4	Tamil Nadu	Gold	MECL	25,028,266
48	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for QPC Hosted Gold mineralization and Copper in Kalasapura Block (119.00 sq. km), District- Chikkamagaluru, Karnataka	G4	Karnataka	Gold and Copper	MECL	15,240,702
49	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Iron and Manganese ore in Silpunji Block, Jamda-Koira Valley Iron Ore Belt, District- West Singhbhum, Jharkhand	G3	Jharkhand	Iron and Manganese	MECL	16,242,997
50	Preliminary Exploration for Bauxite, Titanium and associated minerals (G-3) Siskari Pat Block, District- Lohardaga, Jharkhand	G3	Jharkhand	Bauxite, Titanium and assoc minerals	MECL	7,420,491
51	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) [Phase-I] for Gold in Kudrekonda area by Geophysical Survey, Shimoga Schist Belt, Honnali Taluk, Devanagere District, Karnataka	G3	Karnataka	Gold	MECL	24,468,583
52	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Manganese and Graphite in Bharatbahal Block (2.00 Sq. Km.) District- Balangir, Odisha	G3	Odisha	Manganese and Graphite	MECL	13,777,521
53	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Gold in Yediyur area, Yediyur - Karighatta schist belt, Mandya district, Karnataka	G4	Karnataka	Gold	KIOCL	12,916,573
54	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Alda Block Raipur & Balodabazar-Bhatapara Districts, Chhattisgarh	G3	Chhattisgarh	Limestone	DGM Chhattisgarh	15,977,570
55	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Limestone in Dhanokhar Nagod Block, Panna & Satna Districts, Madhya Pradesh	G4	Madhya Pradesh	Limestone	MPSMC	7,874,163
56	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Limestone in Gunaur Pali Block, Panna District, Madhya Pradesh	G4	Madhya Pradesh	Limestone	MPSMC	5,298,986

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57	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Chhasra Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat	G3	Gujarat	Limestone	CGM Gujarat	17,404,577
58	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Vayor Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat	G3	Gujarat	Limestone	CGM Gujarat	9,428,274
59	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Jadva Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat.	G3	Gujarat	Limestone	CGM Gujarat	6,097,512
60	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Iron Ore in Mahakoshal Group around Chakdiya, Kushaniya, Jobra and Tusgaon area, Sonbhadra district, Uttar Pradesh	G4	Uttar Pradesh	Iron Ore	DGM, Uttar Pradesh (M/s. GeoExpore Pvt. Ltd.)	9,541,116
61	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for vanadium and titanium in Dandi-Onjal-Surwada Block in Navasari and Valsad Districts, Gujarat	G3	Gujarat	Vanadium & Titanium	“CGM, Gujarat (M/s Geo Marine Solutions Pvt. Ltd.)”	8,627,644
62	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Manganese in Nagardhan Block (2.00 sq. km), Nagpur District, Maharashtra	G3	Maharashtra	Manganese	MECL	13,065,806
63	Reconnaissance survey (G-4) for REE, Rare Metals (RM) and PGE Mineralization in Kathapullatti Block, Tiruppur district, State-Tamil Nadu.	G4	Tamil Nadu	REE, Rare Metals and PGE	MECL	9,762,693
64	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Graphite in the Patra graphite block, Jhabua district, Madhya Pradesh.	G3	Madhya Pradesh	Graphite	MPSMC	19,811,180
65	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Basemetal in Pastalaimal Basemetal Block, Betul District, Madhya Pradesh.	G3	Madhya Pradesh	Basemetal	MPSMC	14,093,751
66	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) for Basemetal in Thal-Didihat-Askot area, Pithoragarh district, Uttarakhand	G4	Uttarakhand	Basemetal	M/s Geovale Services Pvt. Ltd.	13,747,000
67	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) for Mailar Base Metal-Gold Prospect Block in Mailar Area, Lalitpur District, Uttar Pradesh	G4	Uttar Pradesh	Basemetal - Gold	M/s Geovale Services Pvt. Ltd.	24,095,250
68	Preliminary Exploration (G3 stage) for Limestone in Northwest of Boro Lakhindong Block, Dima- Hasao district, Assam	G3	Assam	Limestone	DGM Assam (M/s Maheshwari Mining Pvt. Ltd.	31,198,170
69	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) for Graphite in Ranibandh Block, Bankura district, West Bengal	G4	West Bengal	Graphite	M/s Maheshwari Mining Pvt. Ltd.	14,335,493
70	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) For Graphite and associated Minerals around Sonaghati, Amdol, Jharegaon & Bhayawari, District: Betul, M.P.	G4	Madhya Pradesh	Graphite	M/s GeoExpore Pvt. Ltd.	10,504,174
71	Preliminary Exploration (G3 stage) for Vanadium, Titanium and associated minerals in Beach and Dune sands of Talashil block in Sindhudurg district, Maharashtra	G3	Maharashtra	Vanadium & Titanium	M/s Geo Marine Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	13,612,863



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72	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for PGE, Vanadium & associated minerals in Bhursadongari - Murum Block (100 Sq Km), Balaghat District, Madhya Pradesh	G4	Madhya Pradesh	PGE, Vanadium & Asso. Minerals	M/s. Gemcokati Exp. Pvt. Ltd.	6,101,057
73	Multi-Sensor Aero-geophysical Survey Block-7	Baseline	Other	Baseline	GSI	357,452,623
74	Multi-Sensor Aero-geophysical Survey Block-5	Baseline	Other	Baseline	GSI- Sander Geophysics Ltd.	560,519,456
75	Multi-Sensor Aero-geophysical Survey Block-9	Baseline	Other	Baseline	GSI	418,686,844
76	Multi-Sensor Aero-geophysical Survey Block-10	Baseline	Other	Baseline	GSI	345,252,437
77	Multi-Sensor Aero-geophysical Survey Block-12	Baseline	Other	Baseline	GSI	182,361,954
78	Deep Seismic Reflection Survey (DSRS) and Magneto-Telluric (MT) Survey for Northern Transect of Project: Uncover of GSI	Baseline	Other	Baseline	GSI-NGRI	997,330,000
79	Engaging a Technical Supervision and Quality Control (TS-QC) consultant for Monitoring of Quality Assurance/Quality control (QA/QC) of the Multi-sensor Aerogeophysical Surveys over Blocks-14 under Phase-II of National Airborne Geophysical Mapping Programme (NAGMP)	Baseline	Other	Baseline	GSI- Blueenergy Build Pvt. Ltd. & M/s Reid Geophysics Ltd.	26,650,055
	Engaging a Technical Supervision and Quality Control (TS-QC) consultant for Monitoring of Quality Assurance/Quality control (QA/QC) of the Multi-sensor Aerogeophysical Surveys over Blocks-15 under Phase-II of National Airborne Geophysical Mapping Programme (NAGMP)		Other	Baseline	GSI-IDPeX Pvt. Ltd.	21,456,000
80	Financial assistance from NMET fund to procure machinery/laboratory equipment/instrument etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities	Procurement	Meghalaya	Procurement	DMR Meghalaya	6,025,000
81	Financial assistance from NMET fund to procure machinery/laboratory equipment/instrument etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities	Procurement	Gujarat	Procurement	CGM Gujarat	5,690,000
82	Geochemical analysis of 9932 GGCMP Samles Geochemical analysis of 4966 GGCMP Samples- CGM Gujarat	Baseline	Gujarat	Baseline	CGM Gujarat	113,368,814
	Geochemical analysis of 9932 GGCMP Samles Geochemical analysis of 4966 GGCMP Samples- MECL		Gujarat	Baseline	MECL	113,368,814
83	Financial assistance from NMET fund to procure machinery/laboratory equipment/ instrument etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities	Procurement	Tripura	Procurement	DGM-Tripura	3,676,000

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84	"Financial assistance from NMET fund to procure machinery/laboratory equipment/ instrument etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities. DMG, Bihar"	Procurement	Bihar	Procurement	DMG Bihar	600,000
85	"Financial assistance from NMET fund to procure machinery/laboratory equipment/ instrument etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities. CGM, Gujarat"	Procurement	Gujarat	Procurement	CGM Gujarat	41,370,000
86	Project under ST&PRISM Scheme recommended by the APEX Committee, Metal - 4, Ministry of Mines	R&D	Meghalaya	R&D	JNARDDC	12,000,000
87	Proposal for procurement of equipment through NMET fund for capacity augmentation in MECL	Procurement	Maharashtra	Procurement	MECL	324,487,000
88	Financial assistance from NMET fund to procure machinery/laboratory equipment/ instrument etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities.	Procurement	Madhya Pradesh	Procurement	DGM Madhya Pradesh	64,474,000
89	Financial assistance from NMET fund to procure machinery/laboratory equipment/ instrument etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities.	Procurement	Gujarat	Procurement	CGM Gujarat	4,646,000

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1	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) for Gemstones in and around Neelam Khan Area (5.00 Sq. Km) District- Kishtwar, Jammu & Kashmir	G3	52nd TCC 27.04.2023 & 28.04.2023	Jammu and Kashmir	Gemstones	MECL	42,622,553	30th EC 06.06.2023
2	“Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Pipariya-Nayakheda Block and Simariyakalan-Baheriya Block (10 Sq. Km.), District: Narasingpur, Madhya Pradesh”	G3	52nd TCC 27.04.2023 & 28.04.2023	Madhya Pradesh	Limestone	MECL	11,650,093	30th EC 06.06.2023
3	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 Stage) for Tin in Pokhar-Chhaili Block (90.00 Sq. Km), Tehri Garwal District, Uttarakhand.	G4	53rd TCC 24.05.2023 & 25.05.2023	Uttarakhand	Tin	MECL	10,505,247	30th EC 06.06.2023
4	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 Stage) for Graphite in Ganacharpura Block (33.60 Sq. Km), Kolar District, Karnataka.	G4	53rd TCC 24.05.2023 & 25.05.2023	Karnataka	Graphite	MECL	9,296,121	30th EC 06.06.2023
5	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) for Diamond in Angira B Block (1.5 Sq. Km), District: Chhatarpur, Madhya Pradesh	G3	53rd TCC 24.05.2023 & 25.05.2023	Madhya Pradesh	Diamond	MECL	49,411,918	30th EC 06.06.2023
6	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Phosphorite, Baryte & REE in Katamadevarahalli Area, Kalburgi Dist, Karnataka (Block area- 100 sq. km.)	G4	53rd TCC 24.05.2023 & 25.05.2023	Karnataka	Limestone	KIOCL	6,947,721	30th EC 06.06.2023
7	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Iron Ore in Alenga-Nendwadi Block, Gadchiroli District, Maharashtra	G4	52nd TCC 27.04.2023 & 28.04.2023	Maharashtra	Iron Ore	“DGM Maharashtra (M/s Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd.)”	3,774,553	30th EC 06.06.2023
8	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 stage) for Iron Ore in Marampalli-Jinjgaon Block (90 sq.km), District: Gadchiroli, Maharashtra	G4	52nd TCC 27.04.2023 & 28.04.2023	Maharashtra	Iron Ore	“DGM Maharashtra (M/s Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd.)”	3,325,911	30th EC 06.06.2023

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9	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 Stage) for Iron Ore in Tadgaon-Wateli Block (80 Sq.Km), District: Gadchiroli, Maharashtra	G4	52nd TCC 27.04.2023 & 28.04.2023	Maharashtra	Iron Ore	"DGM Maharashtra (M/s Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd.)"	3,265,250	30th EC 06.06.2023
10	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Iron Ore in Gilanguda-Padur Block (65 Sq.Km), District: Gadchiroli, Maharashtra	G4	53rd TCC 24.05.2023 & 25.05.2023	Maharashtra	Iron Ore	"DGM Maharashtra (M/s Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd.)"	2,679,391	30th EC 06.06.2023
11	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Iron Ore in Murwada-Tumarikodi Block (85 Sq. Km), District: Gadchiroli, Maharashtra.	G4	53rd TCC 24.05.2023 & 25.05.2023	Maharashtra	Iron Ore	"DGM Maharashtra (M/s Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd.)"	3,313,520	30th EC 06.06.2023
12	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE mineralization in Kenda, Barpali, Nagpura, Chureli, Manikpur village areas (75.00 sq.km), part of T.S. No. 64J/02 of Bilaspur District, Chhattisgarh	G4	52nd TCC 27.04.2023 & 28.04.2023	Chhattisgarh	REE	"DGM Chhattisgarh (M/s GeoExpore Pvt. Ltd.)"	4,751,503	30th EC 06.06.2023
13	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) for Graphite in Nawadih Block (32.04 sq.km.), District: Balrampur, State: Chhattisgarh	G4	52nd TCC 27.04.2023 & 28.04.2023	Chhattisgarh	Graphite	"DGM Chhattisgarh (M/s United Exploration India Pvt. Ltd.)"	2,772,193	30th EC 06.06.2023
14	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) for Bauxite in Sirmaur -Kevati Block (145 Sq. Km.), District: Rewa, Madhya Pradesh.	G4	53rd TCC 24.05.2023 & 25.05.2023	Madhya Pradesh	Bauxite	"DGM Madhya Pradesh (M/s Maheshwari Mining Pvt. Ltd.)"	8,975,255	30th EC 06.06.2023
15	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 stage) for Phosphorite in Kathyur Block (9.00 sq.km.) in Dehradun District, Uttarakhand.	G4	54th TCC 22.06.2023 & 23.06.2023	Uttarakhand	Phosphorite	MECL	6,423,064	"31st EC 12.09.2023"
16	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Gold in Kakol block, Haveri, Karnataka	G3	55th TCC 27.07.2023, 28.07.2023 & 31.07.2023	Karnataka	Gold	MECL	44,827,471	"31st EC 12.09.2023"
17	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Iron, Manganese and associated minerals in Tikariya Block Districts: Katni, State Madhya Pradesh	G4	56th TCC 31.08.2023 & 01.09.2023	Madhya Pradesh	Iron, Manganese and associated minerals	MECL	22,183,799	"31st EC 12.09.2023"



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18	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 Stage) for Graphite in Dindo-Belkurta-Basera Block, District: Surguja, Chhattisgarh.	G4	54th TCC 22.06.2023 & 23.06.2023	Chhattisgarh	Graphite	DGM Chhattisgarh (M/s. Maheshwari Mining Pvt. Ltd.)	10,463,931	"31st EC 12.09.2023"
19	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) for Bauxite in Maleta-Bankodi Block, Devbhumi Dwarka District, Gujarat.	G3	55th TCC 27.07.2023, 28.07.2023 & 31.07.2023	Gujarat	Bauxite	CGM Gujarat	12,663,717	"31st EC 12.09.2023"
20	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) For Bauxite in Khaharda-Kenedi Block Devbhumi Dwarka District: Gujarat	G3	55th TCC 27.07.2023, 28.07.2023 & 31.07.2023	Gujarat	Bauxite	CGM Gujarat	18,259,134	"31st EC 12.09.2023"
21	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) of Limestone in Jodhpur-Satarpar Block, Devbhumi Dwarka District, Gujarat	G3	55th TCC 27.07.2023, 28.07.2023 & 31.07.2023	Gujarat	Limestone	CGM Gujarat	3,591,209	"31st EC 12.09.2023"
22	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Evaluation of Placer Xenotime Prospect in the Ujol River Basin, (eastern side having an area of 350 sq.km.), Gujarat	G4	55th TCC 27.07.2023, 28.07.2023 & 31.07.2023	Gujarat	REE- Xenotime	CGM Gujarat (M/s Geovale Services Pvt. Ltd.)	19,242,484	"31st EC 12.09.2023"
23	Reconnaissance Survey for REE Exploration in Bhuj Clay Prospect Block, Kachchh District Gujarat	G4	56th TCC 31.08.2023 & 01.09.2023	Gujarat	REE	CGM Gujarat (M/s Geovale Services Pvt. Ltd.)	12,227,994	"31st EC 12.09.2023"
24	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Gold in Salaikana Block (3.98 Sq. Km), District: Keonjhar, Odisha	G3	55th TCC 27.07.2023, 28.07.2023 & 31.07.2023	Odisha	Gold	OMC	20,198,905	"31st EC 12.09.2023"
25	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Gold in Dimirimunda Block (5 Sq. Km), District-Keonjhar, Odisha	G3	55th TCC 27.07.2023, 28.07.2023 & 31.07.2023	Odisha	Gold	OMC	20,198,905	"31st EC 12.09.2023"
26	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for PGE, Gold & REE in Maneri-Sitapala Block, Balaghat District, MP	G4	55th TCC 27.07.2023, 28.07.2023 & 31.07.2023	Madhya Pradesh	PGE, Gold & REE	DGM Madhya Pradesh (M/s, Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd)	6,492,482	"31st EC 12.09.2023"
27	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Iron and associated minerals in Karmai-Chuwahi Block (33.40 sq.km.) Sidhi district, Madhya Pradesh.	G4	57th TCC 26.09.2023 & 27.09.2023	Madhya Pradesh	Iron Ore & Assoc. Minerals	MECL	13,981,360	32nd EC 06.12.2023

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28	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Potash in Dhankowali Dhani (North) Block (9.63 sq.km.), Satipura Sub Basin, Hanumangarh district, Rajasthan.	G3	57th TCC 26.09.2023 & 27.09.2023	Rajasthan	Potash	MECL	240,616,207	32nd EC 06.12.2023
29	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Gold, copper, graphite and associated minerals in Jamtola-Khandapar Block (96.62 sq.km.), Balaghat district, Madhya Pradesh.	G4	57th TCC 26.09.2023 & 27.09.2023	Madhya Pradesh	Gold, Copper, Graphite & Assoc. Minerals	MECL	21,629,787	32nd EC 06.12.2023
30	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Copper and associated minerals in Sitapur Block, Malanjkhand Copper Belt, Balaghat district, Madhya Pradesh.	G3	57th TCC 26.09.2023 & 27.09.2023	Madhya Pradesh	Copper & Assoc. Minerals	MECL	27,088,193	32nd EC 06.12.2023
31	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Iron in Parsili-Karmai Block (18.34 sq.km.), Sidhi district, Madhya Pradesh.	G4	58th TCC 30.10.2023, 31.10.2023 & 01.10.2023	Madhya Pradesh	Iron Ore	MECL	13,213,733	32nd EC 06.12.2023
32	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Diamond in adjacent area of Angira-B & Angira-A Block (2.3 sq.km.), Chhattarpur district, Madhya Pradesh.	G3	58th TCC 30.10.2023, 31.10.2023 & 01.10.2023	Madhya Pradesh	Diamond	MECL	56,153,521	32nd EC 06.12.2023
33	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 stage) for Rock Phosphate in Nimbli Block (2.70 sq.km.), Jaisalmer District, Rajasthan.	G3	59th TCC 28.11.2023 & 29.11.2023	Rajasthan	Rock Phosphate	MECL	35,598,122	32nd EC 06.12.2023
34	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 stage) for Manganese & Graphite in Larambha Block (2.57 sq.km.), Balangir District, Odisha	G3	59th TCC 28.11.2023 & 29.11.2023	Odisha	Manganese & Graphite	MECL	21,413,609	32nd EC 06.12.2023
35	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 stage) for Manganese & Graphite in Kanaital Block (4.26 sq.km.), Balangir District, Odisha.	G3	59th TCC 28.11.2023 & 29.11.2023	Odisha	Manganese & Graphite	MECL	22,340,108	32nd EC 06.12.2023
36	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 stage) for REE and Rare Metals in Kumhardih-Khijuri-Pachamba Block (175.28 sq.km.), Giridih District, Jharkhand.	G4	59th TCC 28.11.2023 & 29.11.2023	Jharkhand	REE & RM	MECL	7,809,636	32nd EC 06.12.2023



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37	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Phosphorite in Bijawar-Imiliya block (95.67 sq.km.), Chhattarpur district, Madhya Pradesh.	G4	57th TCC 26.09.2023 & 27.09.2023	Madhya Pradesh	Phosphorite	Madhya Pradesh State Mining corp.	12,686,119	32nd EC 06.12.2023
38	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Bhatara Block (1.5 sq.km.), Satna district, Madhya Pradesh.	G3	58th TCC 30.10.2023, 31.10.2023 & 01.10.2023	Madhya Pradesh	Limestone	Madhya Pradesh State Mining corp.	6,270,842	32nd EC 06.12.2023
39	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Limestone in Banki-Salaiya Block (25 sq.km.), Chhattarpur district, Madhya Pradesh.	G4	58th TCC 30.10.2023, 31.10.2023 & 01.10.2023	Madhya Pradesh	Limestone	Madhya Pradesh State Mining corp.	4,807,691	32nd EC 06.12.2023
40	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) of Ion-Adsorption and Laterite Hosted Supergene Enriched REE Deposits in Sung Valley Block (7.1 sq.km.), East Khasi and West Jaintia Hills districts, Meghalaya.	G3	57th TCC 26.09.2023 & 27.09.2023	Meghalaya	REE	DMR Meghalaya	30,093,518	32nd EC 06.12.2023
41	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Iron ore in Khandadhar Sub Block-E (8.797 sq.km.), Sundargarh district, Odisha.	G3	57th TCC 26.09.2023 & 27.09.2023	Odisha	Iron Ore	OMC	79,938,943	32nd EC 06.12.2023
42	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Iron Ore in Madhyapura Block (6.5 sq.km.), Keonjhar district, Odisha.	G3	58th TCC 30.10.2023, 31.10.2023 & 01.10.2023	Odisha	Iron Ore	OMC	19,707,639	32nd EC 06.12.2023
43	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Gold & assoc. minerals in Sirigeri Block (2 sq.km.), Ballari district, Karnataka	G3	58th TCC 30.10.2023, 31.10.2023 & 01.10.2023	Karnataka	Gold & Assoc. Minerals	DGM Karnataka	34,518,638	32nd EC 06.12.2023
44	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) for Graphite in Darukona Block (119 sq.km.), Rayagada District, Odisha.	G4	59th TCC 28.11.2023 & 29.11.2023	Odisha	Graphite	DMG, Odisha (M/s. Maheshwari Mining Pvt. Ltd.)	17,381,649	32nd EC 06.12.2023
45	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 stage) for Kanapulisi Graphite Block (98.3 sq.km.), Rayagada District, Odisha.	G4	59th TCC 28.11.2023 & 29.11.2023	Odisha	Graphite	DMG, Odisha (M/s. Maheshwari Mining Pvt. Ltd.)	16,949,726	32nd EC 06.12.2023

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46	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Limestone and Dolomite in and around Menga Area (26 sq. km.) of Upper Subansiri District of Arunachal Pradesh	G4	52nd TCC 27.04.2023 & 28.04.2023	Arunachal Pradesh	Limestone and Dolomite	DGM Arunachal Pradesh	17,601,521	30th EC 06.06.2023
47	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Gold in Bargur Block, Bargur Belt of Kolar Schist Belt, District- Krisnagiri, Tamil Nadu	G4	60th TCC 27.12.2023 & 28.12.2023	Tamil Nadu	Gold	MECL	25,028,266	33rd EC 19.02.2024
48	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for QPC Hosted Gold mineralization and Copper in Kalasapura Block (119.00 sq. km), District- Chikkamagaluru, Karnataka	G4	60th TCC 27.12.2023 & 28.12.2023	Karnataka	Gold and Copper	MECL	15,240,702	33rd EC 19.02.2024
49	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Iron and Manganese ore in Silpunji Block, Jamda-Koira Valley Iron Ore Belt, District- West Singhbhum, Jharkhand	G3	60th TCC 27.12.2023 & 28.12.2023	Jharkhand	Iron and Manganese	MECL	16,242,997	33rd EC 19.02.2024
50	Preliminary Exploration for Bauxite, Titanium and associated minerals (G-3) Siskari Pat Block, District- Lohardaga, Jharkhand	G3	"61st TCC 30.01.2024, 31.01.2024 & 07.02.2024"	Jharkhand	Bauxite, Titanium and assoc minerals	MECL	7,420,491	33rd EC 19.02.2024
51	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) [Phase-I] for Gold in Kudrekonda area by Geophysical Survey, Shimoga Schist Belt, Honnali Taluk, Devanagere District, Karnataka	G3	"61st TCC 30.01.2024, 31.01.2024 & 07.02.2024"	Karnataka	Gold	MECL	24,468,583	33rd EC 19.02.2024
52	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Manganese and Graphite in Bharatbahal Block (2.00 Sq. Km.) District- Balangir, Odisha	G3	"61st TCC 30.01.2024, 31.01.2024 & 07.02.2024"	Odisha	Manganese and Graphite	MECL	13,777,521	33rd EC 19.02.2024
53	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Gold in Yediyur area, Yediyur - Karighatta schist belt, Mandya district, Karnataka	G4	60th TCC 27.12.2023 & 28.12.2023	Karnataka	Gold	KIOCL	12,916,573	33rd EC 19.02.2024



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54	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Alda Block Raipur & Balodabazar-Bhatapara Districts, Chhattisgarh	G3	"61st TCC 30.01.2024, 31.01.2024 & 07.02.2024"	Chhattisgarh	Limestone	DGM Chhattisgarh	15,977,570	33rd EC 19.02.2024
55	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Limestone in Dhanokhar Nagod Block, Panna & Satna Districts, Madhya Pradesh	G4	"61st TCC 30.01.2024, 31.01.2024 & 07.02.2024"	Madhya Pradesh	Limestone	MPSMC	7,874,163	33rd EC 19.02.2024
56	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Limestone in Gunaur Pali Block, Panna District, Madhya Pradesh	G4	"61st TCC 30.01.2024, 31.01.2024 & 07.02.2024"	Madhya Pradesh	Limestone	MPSMC	5,298,986	33rd EC 19.02.2024
57	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Chhasra Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat	G3	"61st TCC 30.01.2024, 31.01.2024 & 07.02.2024"	Gujarat	Limestone	CGM Gujarat	17,404,577	33rd EC 19.02.2024
58	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Vayor Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat	G3	"61st TCC 30.01.2024, 31.01.2024 & 07.02.2024"	Gujarat	Limestone	CGM Gujarat	9,428,274	33rd EC 19.02.2024
59	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Jadva Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat.	G3	"61st TCC 30.01.2024, 31.01.2024 & 07.02.2024"	Gujarat	Limestone	CGM Gujarat	6,097,512	33rd EC 19.02.2024
60	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Iron Ore in Mahakoshal Group around Chakdiya, Kushaniya, Jobra and Tusgaon area, Sonbhadra district, Uttar Pradesh	G4	"61st TCC 30.01.2024, 31.01.2024 & 07.02.2024"	Uttar Pradesh	Iron Ore	DGM, Uttar Pradesh (M/s. GeoExpore Pvt. Ltd.)	9,541,116	33rd EC 19.02.2024
61	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for vanadium and titanium in Dandi-Onjal-Surwada Block in Navasari and Valsad Districts, Gujarat	G3	"61st TCC 30.01.2024, 31.01.2024 & 07.02.2024"	Gujarat	Vanadium & Titanium	"CGM, Gujarat (M/s Geo Marine Solutions Private Ltd.)"	8,627,644	33rd EC 19.02.2024
62	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Manganese in Nagardhan Block (2.00 sq. km), Nagpur District, Maharashtra	G3	62nd TCC 28.02.2024, 29.02.2024 & 01.03.2024	Maharashtra	Manganese	MECL	13,065,806	34th EC 13.03.2024
63	Reconnaissance survey (G-4) for REE, Rare Metals (RM) and PGE Mineralization in Kathapullatti Block, Tiruppur district, State-Tamil Nadu.	G4	62nd TCC 28.02.2024, 29.02.2024 & 01.03.2024	Tamil Nadu	REE, Rare Metals and PGE	MECL	9,762,693	34th EC 13.03.2024

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64	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Graphite in the Patra graphite block, Jhabua district, Madhya Pradesh.	G3	62nd TCC 28.02.2024, 29.02.2024 & 01.03.2024	Madhya Pradesh	Graphite	MPSMC	19,811,180	34th EC 13.03.2024
65	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Basemetal in Pastalaimal Basemetal Block, Betul District, Madhya Pradesh.	G3	62nd TCC 28.02.2024, 29.02.2024 & 01.03.2024	Madhya Pradesh	Basemetal	MPSMC	14,093,751	34th EC 13.03.2024
66	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) for Basemetal in Thal-Didihat-Askot area, Pithoragarh district, Uttarakhand	G4	62nd TCC 28.02.2024, 29.02.2024 & 01.03.2024	Uttarakhand	Basemetal	M/s Geovale Services Pvt. Ltd.	13,747,000	34th EC 13.03.2024
67	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) for Mailar Base Metal-Gold Prospect Block in Mailar Area, Lalitpur District, Uttar Pradesh	G4	62nd TCC 28.02.2024, 29.02.2024 & 01.03.2024	Uttar Pradesh	Basemetal - Gold	M/s Geovale Services Pvt. Ltd.	24,095,250	34th EC 13.03.2024
68	Preliminary Exploration (G3 stage) for Limestone in Northwest of Boro Lakhindong Block, Dima-Hasao district, Assam	G3	62nd TCC 28.02.2024, 29.02.2024 & 01.03.2024	Assam	Limestone	DGM Assam (M/s Maheshwari Mining Pvt. Ltd.	31,198,170	34th EC 13.03.2024
69	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) for Graphite in Ranibandh Block, Bankura district, West Bengal	G4	62nd TCC 28.02.2024, 29.02.2024 & 01.03.2024	West Bengal	Graphite	M/s Maheshwari Mining Pvt. Ltd.	14,335,493	34th EC 13.03.2024
70	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) For Graphite and associated Minerals around Sonaghati, Amdol, Jharegaon & Bhayawari, District: Betul, M.P.	G4	62nd TCC 28.02.2024, 29.02.2024 & 01.03.2024	Madhya Pradesh	Graphite	M/s GeoExpore Pvt. Ltd.	10,504,174	34th EC 13.03.2024
71	Preliminary Exploration (G3 stage) for Vanadium, Titanium and associated minerals in Beach and Dune sands of Talashil block in Sindhudurg district, Maharashtra	G3	62nd TCC 28.02.2024, 29.02.2024 & 01.03.2024	Maharashtra	Vanadium & Titanium	M/s Geo Marine Solutions Private Ltd.	13,612,863	34th EC 13.03.2024
72	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for PGE, Vanadium & associated minerals in Bhursadongari - Murum Block (100 Sq Km), Balaghat District, Madhya Pradesh	G4	62nd TCC 28.02.2024, 29.02.2024 & 01.03.2024	Madhya Pradesh	PGE, Vanadium & Asso. Minerals	M/s. Gemcokati Exp. Pvt. Ltd.	6,101,057	34th EC 13.03.2024

NMET approved Baseline Geoscience Data Generation Projects for FY 2023-24

S. No.	Project Name	State/ Headquarters	TCC	Approved in	Implementing Agency	Approved Cost
1	Multi-Sensor Aero-geophysical Survey Block-5	RSAS, Bengaluru	"15th TCC on 04.07.2018 05.07.2018"	30th EC on 06.06.2023	GSI- Sander Geophysics Limited	560,519,456
2	Multi-Sensor Aero-geophysical Survey Block-9	RSAS, Bengaluru	"15th TCC on 04.07.2018 05.07.2018"	30th EC on 06.06.2023	GSI-	418,686,844
3	Multi-Sensor Aero-geophysical Survey Block-10	RSAS, Bengaluru	"15th TCC on 04.07.2018 05.07.2018"	30th EC on 06.06.2023	GSI-	345,252,437
4	Multi-Sensor Aero-geophysical Survey Block-12	RSAS, Bengaluru	"15th TCC on 04.07.2018 05.07.2018"	30th EC on 06.06.2023	GSI-	182,361,954
5	Deep Seismic Reflection Survey (DSRS) and Magneto-Telluric (MT) Survey for Northern Transect of Project: Uncover of GSI	WR, Jaipur	17th TCC 23.10.2018	10th EC on 30.10.2018	GSI-NGRI	997,330,000
6	Engaging a Technical Supervision and Quality Control (TS-QC) consultant for Monitoring of Quality Assurance/Quality control (QA/QC) of the Multi-sensor Aero-geophysical Surveys over Blocks- 14 and Blocks- 15 under Phase-II of National Airborne Geophysical Mapping Programme (NAGMP)	RSAS, Bengaluru	"41st TCC on 30.05.2022 31.05.2022"	25th EC on 29.06.2022	GSI- Blueenergy Build Pvt. Ltd. & M/s Reid Geophysics Ltd.	26,650,055
	Engaging a Technical Supervision and Quality Control (TS-QC) consultant for Monitoring of Quality Assurance/Quality control (QA/QC) of the Multi-sensor Aero-geophysical Surveys over Blocks- 15 under Phase-II of National Airborne Geophysical Mapping Programme (NAGMP)	RSAS, Bengaluru	"41st TCC on 30.05.2022 31.05.2022"	25th EC on 29.06.2022	GSI-	21,456,000
7	Multi-Sensor Aero-geophysical Survey over Obvious Geological Potential (OGP) Block 7	RSAS, Bengaluru	"54th TCC on 22.06.2023 23.06.2023"	"31st EC on 12.09.2023"	GSI-	357,452,623
8	Geochemical analysis of 9932 GGCMP Samples Geochemical analysis of 4966 GGCMP Samples- CGM Gujarat	Gandhinagar	"55th TCC on 27.07.2023 28.07.2023 31.07.2023"	31st EC on 12.09.2023	CGM Gujarat	113,368,814
9	Geochemical analysis of 9932 GGCMP Samples Geochemical analysis of 4966 GGCMP Samples- MECL	Nagpur	"55th TCC on 27.07.2023 28.07.2023 31.07.2023"	31st EC on 12.09.2023	MECL	113,368,814

Annexure -10

NMET approved Procurement Projects for FY 2023-24

S. No.	Project Name	State/ Headquarters	TCC	Approved in	Implementing Agency	Approved Cost
1	Financial assistance from NMET fund to procure machinery/laboratory equipment/ instrument etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities	Meghalaya	55th TCC 27.07.2023, 28.07.2023 & 31.07.2023	31th EC on 12.09.2023	DMR Meghalaya	6,025,000
2	Financial assistance from NMET fund to procure machinery/laboratory equipment/ instrument etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities	Gujarat	55th TCC 27.07.2023, 28.07.2023 & 31.07.2023	31th EC on 12.09.2023	"CGM Gujarat"	5,690,000
3	Financial assistance from NMET fund to procure machinery/laboratory equipment/ instrument etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities	Tripura	58th TCC 30.10.2023, 31.10.2023 & 01.11.2023	32nd EC on 06.12.2023	"DGM Tripura"	3,676,000
4	"Financial assistance from NMET fund to procure machinery/laboratory equipment/ instrument etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities. DMG, Bihar"	Bihar	60th TCC 27.12.2023 & 28.12.2023	33rd EC 19.02.2024	"DMG Bihar"	600,000
5	"Financial assistance from NMET fund to procure machinery/laboratory equipment/ instrument etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities. CGM, Gujarat"	Gujarat	61st TCC 30.01.2024, 31.01.2024 & 07.02.2024	33rd EC 19.02.2024	"CGM Gujarat"	41,370,000
6	Proposal for procurement of equipment through NMET fund for capacity augmentation in MECL	Nagpur	60th TCC 27.12.2023 & 28.12.2023	33rd EC 19.02.2024	MECL	324,487,000
7	Financial assistance from NMET fund to procure machinery/laboratory equipment/ instrument etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities.	Madhya Pradesh	62nd TCC 28.02.2024, 29.02.2024 & 01.03.2024	34th EC 13.03.2024	"DGM Madhya Pradesh"	64,474,000
8	Financial assistance from NMET fund to procure machinery/laboratory equipment/ instrument etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities.	Gujarat	62nd TCC 28.02.2024, 29.02.2024 & 01.03.2024	34th EC 13.03.2024	"CGM Gujarat"	4,646,000

Government of India
Ministry of Mines
National Mineral Exploration Trust

F. No. 6/3/2015-NMET/ 380


New Delhi, 12th December, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Scheme for engagement of Notified Private Exploration Agencies in Mineral Exploration of Critical and Strategic Minerals - reg.

In partial modification to the OM F.No.6/3/2015-NMET/28 dt. 10th May, 2022 the Competent Authority has approved the modified scheme for engagement of Notified Private Exploration Agencies (NPEA) by Central Government in exploration of minerals notified under Part D of the First Schedule and Seventh Schedule of the MMDR Act, 1957. The details of scheme are attached for information and necessary action.

Encl: As above


12.12.23
(Vivek Kumar Sharma)
Director, NMET

To

1. The Secretary (Mines), Government of Andhra Pradesh.
2. The Secretary (Geology & Mining), Government of Arunachal Pradesh.
3. The Principal Secretary, Department of Mines & Minerals, Government of Assam.
4. The Principal Secretary-cum-Mines Commissioner, Government of Bihar.
5. The Secretary, Mineral Resource Department, Government of Chhattisgarh.
6. The Principal Secretary, Department of Mines & Geology, Government of Goa.
7. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Industries), Government of Himachal Pradesh.
8. The Principal Secretary (Industry & Mines), Government of Gujarat.
9. The Commissioner Secretary (Industries & Commerce), Government of Jammu & Kashmir.
10. The Secretary (Industries, Mines & Geology), Government of Jharkhand.
11. The Secretary, (Industries & Commerce) Government of Karnataka.
12. The Principal Secretary, Industries Department, Government of Kerala.

13. The Secretary (Mines), Government of Madhya Pradesh.
14. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Industries & Mines), Government of Maharashtra.
15. The Commissioner and Secretary, Mining & Geology Department, Government of Meghalaya.
16. The Commissioner & Secretary, Geology & Mining, Government of Nagaland.
17. The Principal Secretary (Steel & Mines), Government of Odisha.
18. The Principal Secretary, Mines & Geology, Government of Punjab.
19. The Principal Secretary (Mines), Government of Rajasthan.
20. The Principal Secretary (Industries), Government of Tamil Nadu.
21. The Principal Secretary (Industries & Mines), Government of Telangana.
22. The Secretary (Mines & Geology), Government of Uttar Pradesh.
23. The Principal Secretary (Mines), Government of Uttarakhand.
24. The Secretary (Industry, Commerce & Enterprises), Government of West Bengal.
25. The Secretary, Department of Industries, Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh.
26. The Principal Secretary, Mines and Geology Department, Government of Sikkim.

Copy to:

1. The Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh.
2. Director, Directorate of Geology & Mining, Govt. of Assam.
3. Director, Department of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Bihar.
4. The Director, Directorate of Geology & Mining, Govt. of Chhattisgarh.
5. The Director of Mines & Geology, Government of Goa.
6. Commissioner of Geology and Mining, Govt. of Gujarat.
7. The Director, Department of Industries, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
8. The Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Government of Jammu and Kashmir.
9. The Director (Mines), Directorate of Mines, Government of Jharkhand.
10. The Director, Department of Mines & Geology, Government of Karnataka.
11. The Director, Directorate of Mining & Geology, Government of Kerala.
12. The Director, Directorate of Geology & Mining, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.
13. The Director, Directorate of Geology and Mining, Government of Maharashtra.
14. The Director, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Government of Meghalaya.
15. The Director, Directorate of Mines, Government of Odisha.



16. The Director, Mines and Geology Directorate, Government of Rajasthan.
17. The Commissioner of Geology & Mining, Government of Tamil Nadu.
18. The Director of Mines and Geology, Government of Telangana.
19. The Director, Directorate of Geology & Mining, Government of Uttar Pradesh.
20. The Director, Geology and Mining Unit, Govt. of Uttarakhand.
21. The Director, Directorate of Mines & Minerals, Government of West Bengal.
22. The Director, Natural Resources Division-Tata Steel Limited, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand -831001.
23. The Managing Director, Indian Mine Planners E.M, Kolkata, West Bengal- 700107.
24. The Director, United Exploration India Pvt. Ltd. New Town, West Bengal 700156.
25. The CEO & Director, Gemcokati Exploration Pvt Ltd, E 77 MIDC Chandrapur, Maharashtra – 442401.
26. The Managing Director, Geotechnical Mining Solutions, Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu- 636705.
27. The Director, Geoexpore Private Limited, No 12-28/2 SY No.28/2 Kothanur Arya Grande Hamsa Bangalore, Karnataka – 560078.
28. The Chairman, V.M. Salgaocar and Brother Private Limited, FI Gomes Rd, Vasco da Gama, Gao 403802.
29. The CEO & Director (Consulting), Geology & Hydro Services, Geovale Services Pvt. Ltd., 3rd Floor, Anaya Chambers, GN 38/5, Sector V, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700091.
30. The Managing Director, Maheshwari Mining Pvt. Ltd., FR 07 Shilpangan, Plot No- LB 1, Sector III, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700091
31. The Director, Geo Marine Solution Pvt. Ltd., Sankaigudda, Bejai, Manglore- 575004.
32. The Director, Geo Exploration and Mining Solutions, No: 17, Advaita Ashram Rd, Fairlands, Salem, Tamil Nadu 636004.
33. The Chairman, Ecomen Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh 226024.
34. The Director, Infrastructure Logistics Private Limited, St Inez, Panaji North Goa GA 403001.
35. The Managing Director, Novomine India Private Limited, Meghalaya Pohkseh, Shillong – 793006.
36. The Managing Manager, Engeotech Consultant, 1338, Kachnar City Rd, Vijay Nagar, Jabalpur, Raksha, Madhya Pradesh 482002.
37. The Chairman, Kartikay Exploration & Mining Services Pvt. Ltd., Crorepati Lane, Civil Line Nagpur, Maharashtra 440001.

Copy for information to:

1. PSO to Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Shashtri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001
2. PPS to AS, Ministry of Mines, Shashtri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001
3. Director (Technical), Shashtri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001

Scheme for engagement of Notified Private Exploration Agencies in Mineral Exploration directly through National Mineral Exploration Trust

1. Background

1.1 Central Government has made several policy reforms to boost the mineral production in the country and make the country self-reliant in mineral sector. Recent amendment in the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act) in 2023 has empowered Central Government to exclusively auction Composite Licence and Mining Lease for critical and strategic minerals listed in the Part D of the first Schedule of the Act. Further, a new provision for grant of exploration license has been made for mineral specified in the Seventh Schedule of the MMDR Act, 1957 to encourage participation of private sector in exploration of these minerals considering their importance in national economy and need of use of the latest technology in exploration in these minerals.

1.2 In view of the amendments, it will be appropriate that the exploration of these minerals as specified in the Part D of the First Schedule and in the Seventh Schedule of the MMDR Act, 1957 through National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) funds is handled by Central Government. The projects proposals submitted by Notified Private Exploration Agencies (NPEAs) in this category of minerals may directly be handled by NMET for approval and sanction.

2. Objective

2.1 The objective of the Scheme is to boost the exploration activities in the country by engaging NPEA in mineral exploration of critical and strategic minerals as listed in the Part D of the First Schedule and Seventh Schedule of the MMDR Act, 1957 by the Central Government and to ease out the process of reimbursement/ funding of the operations by NPEA through NMET.

3. Procedure for Engagement of Notified Private Exploration Agencies by Central Government and their Funding

3.1 General Conditions

- (i) The present scheme is applicable for exploration of minerals as mentioned in Part-D of the First Schedule (**Annexure 1**) and Seventh Schedule (**Annexure 2**) of the MMDR Act 1957.

(ii) Exploration operations shall be undertaken in accordance with the provisions regarding such operations in the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules) 2015, the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 (MCDR), the Guidelines for notification of accredited private exploration agencies issued by Ministry of Mines on 12th August, 2021 and any other applicable law for the time being in force.

(iii) NPEA shall undertake exploration in respect of the category of minerals and mineral deposits under which it has been notified.

(iv) Approval for exploration to NPEA or their funding from NMET shall not confer any right on the NPEA for grant of any mineral concession in the area explored. The mineral concession (composite licence, mining lease, etc.) in such explored area shall be granted in accordance with the provision of the MMDR Act and rules made thereunder. A NPEA may participate in auction of mineral concession over the block or a part thereof which has been explored by such NPEA subject to provision of the MMDR Act and rules made thereunder.

(v) In case of exploration projects of minerals as mentioned in Part-D of First Schedule and Seventh Schedule of the MMDR amendment Act 2023, already sanctioned by NMET in the name of State Government to be executed by NPEA also, the NPEA will be eligible to participate in auction of these blocks.

(vi) The details of any related party to the NPEA, participating in the auction for mining lease has to be declared beforehand to the Central Government/ State Government.

3.2 Mode of Engagement of Notified Private Exploration Agencies (NPEA) and Funding by NMET for Exploration of Critical and Strategic Minerals

The engagement of NPEA by Central Government and the funding of exploration projects will be done as per the following details:

- i. NPEA may select the area for exploration based on available geoscience data and submit a proposal in respect of the same to NMET. The geoscience data may be accessed from Geological Survey of India's baseline geoscience database available free of cost in the NGDR/Bhukosh portal of Geological Survey of India (GSI), database of other government or private agencies, etc.



- ii. NPEA may submit an application outlining the details of the area, mineral commodities, etc., it proposes for undertaking exploration to NMET in the format specified in Schedule to this Scheme.
- iii. Upon receipt of such application from NPEA, NMET shall send the proposal to Geological Survey of India (GSI) and State Government (DGM/DMG) for their comments for submitting report on the feasibility for undertaking the item for the identified commodity within one month of the receipt of the application from NMET.
- iv. Upon receipt of comments from GSI and State Government (DGM/DMG), NMET shall grant the in-principle approval to NPEA or reject the proposal within 15 days of the receipt of comments from GSI and State Government.
- v. Upon grant of in-principal approval, the NPEA shall prepare and submit the detailed exploration proposal to NMET for evaluation for reconnaissance or prospecting surveys in the format prescribed (**Annexure 3**).
- vi. The proposals submitted to NMET shall be evaluated and approved as per the prescribed procedure of NMET and the concerned NPEA will be responsible for defending the proposal before the Technical and Cost Committee (TCC) of NMET. Further, on recommendation of TCC the projects will be reviewed by Executive Committee (EC) of NMET for approval and sanction.
- vii. On approval of EC, NMET shall issue the sanction order to NPEA and funds will be released by NMET to NPEA as per norms.
- viii. As per Rule 172 (1) Para (ii) of GFR 2017, in case the NPEA wishes to avail mobilization advance (up to 30% of the approved project cost), the NPEA has to submit a Bank Guarantee (BG, including e-bank guarantee) of equal value of advance to NMET. Advance paid will be adjusted in the first bill submitted by the NPEA and a Utilization Certificate of the same has to be submitted along with the bills. Further payment will be made on reimbursement basis against the bills submitted by NPEA. The BG should remain valid for a period of 60 days beyond the date of completion of project and acceptance of geological report by NMET. The Bank Guarantee will be released within 30 days after the settlement of mobilization advance.
- ix. The Deputy Director General, GSI will be the Nodal Officer from the respective State Unit Office of GSI who will examine/monitor the work executed by the NPEA in the State and verify the bills claimed by NPEA for such purpose. The NPEA will submit bill to NMET after verification/certification of the Nodal Officer.
- x. The NPEA undertaking exploration shall submit the yearly geological report(s) and final geological report(s) of the exploration projects to NMET, State Government and Regional Controller or the authorized officer of Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) in accordance with rule 9 of MCDR, 2017. In case of projects with a timeline of more than one year, an interim report will be submitted by NPEA.
- xi. The raw data generated by NPEA during the prospecting operation shall be submitted to State Government, Geological Survey of India (GSI) and Regional Controller or the authorized officer of Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM). Core logs generated by NPEA have to be submitted to the nearest Regional Core Library of GSI as per the SOP of GSI for this purpose in respect of the block.
- xii. The Central Government shall technically evaluate the geological report and decide about the potential mineral blocks which can further be taken up for auction. The Central Government or State Government, as the case may be, shall put the block for auction as per the procedure prescribed in the Mineral (Auction) Rules 2015 for grant of composite licence or mining lease, as the case may be. The Central Government shall mention the name of NPEA who has prepared the Geological Report in the tender document.

Annexure 1

MMDR amendment Act 2023
"PART D of the First Schedule"
Critical and Strategic Minerals

1. Beryl and other beryllium bearing minerals.
2. Cadmium bearing minerals.
3. Cobalt bearing minerals.
4. Gallium bearing minerals.
5. Glauconite.
6. Graphite.
7. Indium bearing minerals.
8. Lithium bearing minerals.
9. Molybdenum bearing minerals.
10. Nickel bearing minerals.
11. Niobium bearing minerals.
12. Phosphate (without uranium).
13. Platinum group of elements bearing minerals.
14. Potash.
15. Minerals of the "rare earths" group not containing Uranium and Thorium.
16. Rhenium bearing minerals.
17. Selenium bearing minerals.
18. Tantalum bearing minerals.
19. Tellurium bearing minerals.
20. Tin bearing minerals.
21. Titanium bearing minerals and ores (ilmenite, rutile and leucoxene).
22. Tungsten bearing minerals.
23. Vanadium bearing minerals.
24. Zirconium bearing minerals and ores including zircon.



MMDR amendment Act 2023

"The Seventh Schedule"

Minerals

1. Apatite
2. Beryl and other beryllium bearing minerals
3. Cadmium bearing minerals
4. Cobalt bearing minerals
5. Copper bearing minerals
6. Diamond
7. Gold
8. Graphite
9. Indium bearing minerals
10. Lead bearing minerals
11. Lithium bearing minerals
12. Molybdenum bearing minerals
13. Niobium bearing minerals
14. Nickel bearing minerals
15. Potash
16. Platinum group of elements bearing minerals
17. Minerals of 'rare earths' group
18. Rhenium bearing minerals
19. Rock Phosphate
20. Selenium
21. Silver
22. Tantalum bearing minerals
23. Tellurium bearing minerals
24. Tin bearing minerals
25. Titanium bearing minerals and ores (ilmenite, rutile and leucoxene)
26. Tungsten bearing minerals
27. Vanadium bearing minerals
28. Zinc bearing minerals
29. Zirconium bearing minerals and ores including zircon

Annexure 3

FORMAT FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSAL FOR UNDERTAKING EXPLORATION

To,
The Director & HoD,
National Mineral Exploration Trust,
Ministry of Mines
New Delhi - 110001

Madam/Sir,

I/we am/are submitting the following details for granting 'in-principle' approval by NMET for proposal on reconnaissance or prospecting surveys under the scheme of Engagement of Notified Private Exploration Agencies in Exploration of Critical and Strategic Minerals issued by Ministry of Mines vide order No. ____dt ____.

1. Name and Address of the Applicant

(a)	Name:	
(b)	Postal address:	
(c)	Telephone Number (Office):	
(d)	Fax number (Office):	
(e)	Mobile No:	
(f)	Telephone Number (Residence):	
(g)	E-mail address:	

2. Details of Accreditation as Private Exploration Agency and Notification under the proviso to Section 4(1) of the MMRD Act

(a)	Date of accreditation granted by QCI-NABET:	
(b)	Date of expiry of accreditation:	
(c)	Date of Notification under the proviso to Section 4(1) of the MMRD Act:	
(d)	Date of expiry of Notification:	
(e)	Category of the exploration Agency (Category A or B) under Notification:	

3. Location Details of the Area Proposed

(a)	State	
(b)	District (s)	
(c)	Nearby Village (s)	
(d)	Survey of India (SOI) Toposheet (s) No.	
(e)	Area in sq. km.	
(f)	Boundary coordinates of the proposed block (in Decimal degree)	

4. Mineral Potential of the Area



(a)	Name of Mineral(s) identified/ expected in the area/ block	
(b)	Basis on which mineral potential in the area has been identified	
(c)	List of documents and references relied upon in support of item (b) above	

5. Documents to be enclosed with the application

- (i) Location of the proposed block demarcated on Survey of India (SOI) Toposheet No.
- (ii) Documents mentioned in item 4(c) above.

Place:

Date:

Signature of Applicant

Annexure -12

Comprehensive List of the Procurement of Machinery/ Laboratory Equipment/ Instruments for Financial Assistance through NMET Funds

A. Field equipments

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| 1. Digital Camera | 5. UV Lamp |
| 2. Brunton compass | 6. Handheld XRF |
| 3. Geologists Hammer | 7. Scintilometer |
| 4. Handheld GPS | |

B. Sample processing/ preparation

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| 1. Rock cutting, Polishing and mounting unit | 6. Automated sieve shaker Digital recorder with ultrasonic sieve Cleaner | 11. Platinum Crucible |
| 2. Pulverizer | 7. Shaking Table | 12. Vibrating Cup Mill |
| 3. Stereo zoom microscope | 8. Rotary sample divider | 13. Moisture Balance |
| 4. Polarizing microscope | 9. Magnetic Separator | 14. Viscosity Apparatus |
| 5. Transmitted and reflected light research microscope with software attached camera | 10. Jaw Crusher | 15. Planetary Ball Mill (PBM) |

C. Chemical and Petrological Laboratory

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| 1. WD-XRF | 13. Ph Meter | 24. Heavy Liquid Separation Facility |
| 2. Fusion bead machine | 14. Conductivity Meter | 25. Centrifugal concentrator |
| 3. Press pellet machine | 15. Ion Selective Electrometer (for Fluoride) | 26. Certified Reference Materials (CRM) |
| 4. AAS | 16. Fume Hood | 27. XRD equipments |
| 5. Fire Assay | 17. Millipore water Purification system | 28. Fluorescent Spectrometer |
| 6. ICP-MS | 18. Analytical Weighing Balance | 29. Photo Meter |
| 7. Hot Plates | 19. Refractometer | 30. Turbidity Meter |
| 8. Muffle Furnace/Proximate Analyzer | 20. Magnetic Susceptibility Meter | 31. Gemicroscope |
| 9. Air Oven | 21. Digital Viscometer | 32. Dichroscope |
| 10. Bomb Calorimeter | 22. Digital Electronic Weighing Scale | 33. Polariscope |
| 11. Water Analyzer Kit (Ph, DO conductivity, Salinity) | 23. High-capacity microwave sample digestion Unit | 34. Spectroscope |
| 12. UV Visible Spectrophotometer | | |

D. Drilling activities

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| 1. Drilling Machine up to 1000m capacity. | 4. Pumps (pressure/mud) | 8. Core Barrel NQ-5 nos. & Core Barrel HQ-10 nos. |
| 2. Hydrostatic truck mounted drill machine with 600m to 1000m capacity. | 5. Core splitter/core splitter hydrostatic | 9. Tripod /Derrick with accessories |
| 3. Bits, drill rods, casing, core barrel | 6. Truck Mounted Hydrostatic Rig 300m/ 600m/1000m | 10. Tractor Mounted Rig |
| | 7. Casing 50% | 11. Diamond Core Bit HQ, PQ, NQ-25 nos. |



E. Software for map preparation and data analysis

1. GIS software
2. Surfer
3. Corel Draw
4. Geovia SURPAC

F. Survey

1. DGPS
2. Total Station
3. Borehole camera
4. Resistivity-Potential Meter
5. Resistivity Meter
6. Ion Selective Electrodes

G. Geophysical Activities

1. IP Resistivity 5 K.W
2. Multi Electrode-IP resistivity (shallow depth - 3 KW)
3. Multi-Parameter Logger
4. Magnetometer
5. Gama Ray Spectrometer
6. Digital Resistivity Potential Meter (DRPM)

H. Field Equipments

1. Multipara meter Water Tester (pH, Conductivity, TDS, Salinity, Temperature)
2. Triplet Loupe



Sample Collection during Field work by Exploration Agencies



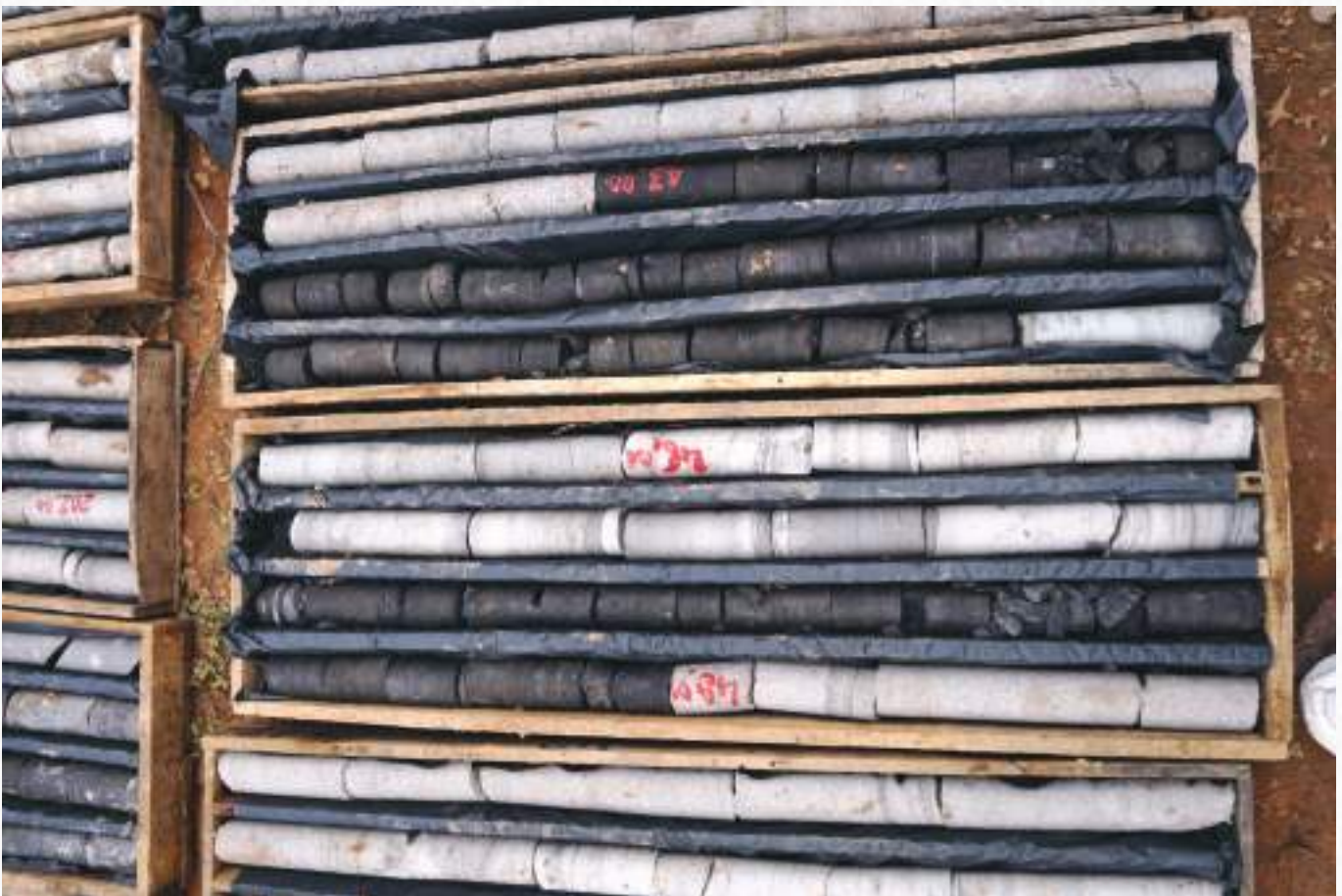
Field inspection visit of Sh. Pradeep Singh, Director (Tech), Ministry of Mines in NMET funded project



Hand specimen showing Malachite staining



Hand specimen showing Copper mineralization



Core logs recovered from NMET funded coal Exploration Project in South of Damuda Block sanction to CMPDIL
(The Block was successfully auctioned in FY 2023-24)

Instruments/ Laboratory equipment procured by Directorate of Geology and Mining, Nagaland under NMET funds



Total Station



Transmitted Light Microscope



DGPS



Geological Hammer, Brunton Compass and Digital Camera



Drilling Machine



Release of Scheme on Partial Reimbursement of exploration expenses to EL holders by Sh. G. Kishan Reddy, Hon'ble Minister of Coal & Mines and Sh. Satish Chandra Dubey, Hon'ble Minister of State for Coal & Mines



Sh. Jogen Mohan, Hon'ble Minister of Mines, Assam attend the 5th Governing Body meeting of NMET held on 28th June, 2023



Sh. Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Coal & Mines having discussion with Dr. Jitender Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State for Department of Atomic Energy during 5th Governing Body meeting of NMET



Discussions during 33rd Executive Committee meeting of NMET held on 19th February, 2024 chaired by Sh. V.L. Kantha Rao, Secretary (Mines)



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