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Sub : Consultation with States on the preparedness of blocks for auction

Dear Shri Krishna Rao,

The MMDR Act, 1957 has been amended w.e.f. 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015, which has brought in a paradigm shift in the process of the grant of mineral concessions to be done through auctions by the State Governments.

In the meetings of Coordination cum Empowered Committee (CCEC) held after the amendment of MMDR Act (w.e.f. 12.01.2015), on 19.01.2015, 13.04.2015, 22.04.2015 & 5.06.2015, the way forward for initiating mineral auctions has been intensely deliberated. Accordingly, the necessary rules enabling the auction of minerals, viz. Mineral (Evidence of Mineral Content) Rules & Mineral (Auction) Rules, have been framed by the Ministry and have been already notified in the official gazette. The Ministry has also formulated the 'Model' tender document & MDPA (Mine Development and Production Agreement), to facilitate the State Governments to expedite the auction process.

The preparedness of State Governments for initiating and conducting of mineral auction has also been discussed in the previous CCEC meetings. It is felt that, further consultation would be helpful in identifying the residual gaps in preparedness for putting up the blocks on auction. Further, it would help in facilitating the resolution of issues and expediting the process of putting up the blocks for auction. Accordingly, the senior officers from Ministry of Mines will visit different States in the next couple of weeks for assessing the preparedness of available blocks for auction and garnering feedback on it from the State Government officials.

I am pleased to nominate Shri Sudhakar Shukla, Economic Adviser from Ministry of Mines, to visit the State in the next few days for consultation. It is requested that the Principal Secretary / Secretary, in charge of Mining Department may work out the preparedness for such blocks, which are readily available for auction in the near future, as per the checklist enclosed, for consultation with the nominated officer on his visit to the State. The checklist of each of such blocks may be emailed to [mmdr2014@gov.in](mailto:mmdr2014@gov.in) at the earliest, along with their tentative timeline for putting up on auction.

With warm regards

Yours sincerely,

Encl.: Checklist of auction preparedness (3 pages)

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