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Dean Vivet,

In pursuant to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Amendment Act, 2015 and the Auction Rules framed thereunder, currently the states are at different stages of processing first round of auctioning of major minerals. In Central Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee meeting held on 04.08.2015, the Ministry was informed that in the first round about 82 mineral blocks could be taken up for auction by October-November 2015.

2. However, from my latest visits to various States, it emerged that most of the States are finding it difficult to meet the requirements related to technical parameters on the basis of which auctioning could be held. During the discussions, it comes out that States would be requiring initial hand-holding to give momentum to the auctioning process before building-up the required in-house capacity for taking up this process forward.

3. In view of the urgency, it has been decided that Government of India would extend the hand-holding initially through its Central PSUs/agencies on nomination basis. This would substantially reduce the delay in inviting the bids for seeking technical expertise, establishment of mineralization, transaction advisor and facilitating the bidding platform.

4. We have identified the activities and also the PSUs/agencies which can provide the needed assistance in completing such activities and these details are provided in the table below:

Sl.No.	Activity	Name of the lead PSU/Agency
1.	Demarcation of mineral blocks through DGPs and Total Station Survey	MECON Ltd.
2.	Evidence of Mineral Contents	MECL and MECON Ltd.
3.	Transaction Advisor	To be appointed
4.	Auctioning Platform	MSTC

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5. In case your State has already engaged some agency for above mentioned works especially for carrying out total station survey, differential GSP, etc., then either you may continue with the same agency or MECON Ltd., or its any empanelled agency can take-up work from the stage where that agency leave the work.

6. We intend to finalize rates with MECL and MSTC either on the basis of man-days or lump-sum basis. The Ministry proposes to make the payment to these agencies and subsequently, State Government will reimburse this amount when initial blocks are put up to auction. Whenever MECON or its empanelled agency is deputed by the Ministry to carryout total station survey, differential GPS etc. required for bidding process, then active participation of Directorate of Geology & Mining would be required as cadastral maps and revenue records would be needed from the revenue staff of the State.

7. On the proposal of carrying out hand-holding, I have discussed this with you telephonically. In the meanwhile, we are asking MECON Ltd. to depute its empanelled agency to be in contact with Principal Secretary in-charge of Mining and/or Director, Mining & Geology of your State. I will be grateful if we can get a word of confirmation on this proposal.

*With warm wishes*

Yours sincerely,

  
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