To,
Principal Secretary/Secretary, 
Department of Mines and Geology, 
All State Governments and UTs.

Subject: Conference of Power, Mines and NRE Ministers of States/UTs scheduled to be held on 5th & 6th October, 2016 at Vadodara, Gujarat.

Sir,

I am directed to say that a Conference with the Hon’ble Ministers in-charge of Mining Department of all State Governments and UTs has been called by the Hon’ble Union Minister of Mines, on key issues pertaining to the mining sector on 5th & 6th October, 2016 at Vadodara, Gujarat. Agenda items for the meeting are enclosed herewith. Venue of the said meeting will be informed shortly.

2. Formal invitations to the Hon’ble Ministers in-charge of Mining Department of all State Governments have already been issued separately (copy enclosed). You are requested to kindly attend this conference along with Hon’ble Minister. It is informed that the participation from the State Mines Department, may kindly be restricted to Hon’ble Minister plus one officer along with their travel plan.

3. You may kindly confirm the participation from your State Government to make the arrangements for the meeting to Shri KB Singh, Mobile No. 09899265331, latest by 29th September. The Nodal officers nominated for coordinating the logistic arrangements is as under:

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End. As above.

Yours faithfully,

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Cc— PS to Hon’ble Union Minister of Mines, PS to Hon’ble Union Minister of State for Mines, PS to S&MS, PS to S&MS, PS to S&SO, PS to DRI (P).
AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION IN CONFERENCE ON 28.10.2016

1. Preparedness for e-auction of Major Mineral Blocks - The Mineral Blocks need to be prepared for putting them up on e-auctions by every State Government. The identification of major mineral blocks and their auction preparations will be discussed in the meeting. The block-wise preparedness for mineral auction by the State Government in 2016-17, 2017-18 and beyond may be sent to the Ministry at the earliest at mineralmining@gov.in and the same will be discussed in the meeting.

2. Setting up of DMF - The progress in setting up DMF by the States viz., promulgation of DMF rules and constitution of DMF at district level had to be done in line with the directions issued by the Central Government under Section 20A in regard to the PMKKKY (Pradhan Mantri Krishi Kalyan Yojana) Scheme. The status of collection of the money accrued in the DMF funds by the State Government and its utilization would also be discussed along with the status of projects being formulated / implemented under this scheme. The DMF constitution for Minor Minerals by the State Government will also be discussed.

3. Exploration Policy - The comments and suggestions on the mechanism/procedure to be followed to carry out reverse auctioning/allotment of exploration blocks under the New Mineral Exploration Policy, will be discussed in the meeting.

4. Star Rating - The system of Star Rating of Mines encompass managing impacts at mine level, addressing land resettlement and other social impacts, community engagement, final and progressive mine closure and adoption of international standards. The online portal for filling up the evaluation template for Star Rating has been developed and hosted by IBM. The mining lessees may be asked to fill up the online templates in a month’s time. The training sessions would also be organised by the executive committee on Star Rating in all the regions.

5. Curbing Illegal Mining through Mining Surveillance System (MSS) - The MSS has been developed for monitoring major mineral leases with the help of remote sensing to check any illegal mining cases. The States are required to get the field verification done of the triggers generated by the MSS within the specified time period of 7 days, though the district level officers. The district wise nodal officers to whom the triggers should be sent may be registered with the MSS. Further, this system may also be adopted for checking the incidence of Illegal Mining in minor mineral leases. The States of Telangana, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh have
already agreed to take up the project of Satellite Mapping and Digitalization for Minor Minerals.

6. Minor mineral rules – The action taken in response to the directive issued by the Ministry, under 20A, to implement transparent systems for giving minor mineral concessions, especially in the light of Minister of Mines DO letter no 16/1/19/2015-M.VI/220 dated 24/11/2015 to the Chief Minister of the States may be intimated to the Ministry. The status of framing the rules in this regard, by the state governments will be discussed.

7. Processing of saved Mining Lease Applications before 11.1.2017 - The mining lease applications saved under Section 10A (2) (c) need to be granted, subject to fulfillment of the conditions of the previous approval or of the letter of intent, up to 11.01.2017. Failing which, the applications would once more become ineligible. The Ministry has reconciled such cases by holding meetings with some State Governments and their respective applicants. The cases pending with the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change & IBM is being followed up with them. It has been further requested that the State Governments may expedite the cases pending for action or decisions on their part.