Inaugural Session

The 4th National Conclave on Mines & Minerals (NCMM) was inaugurated by Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Union Minister of Mines and Shri Haribhai Parthibai Chaudhary, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Mines, Shri Rajendra Shukla, Hon'ble Minister of Mines, Madhya Pradesh, Shri Sanjay Pathak, Hon'ble Industry Minister, Madhya Pradesh, Shri. Sujay Krishna Venkata Rangarao, Hon'ble Minister of Mines & Geology, Andhra Pradesh, Shri Prafulla Kumar Mallik, Hon'ble Minister of Mines & Geology, Odisha, Ms Malini Gaur, Mayor, Indore, Shri Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog, Shri Anil Mukim, Union Mines Secretary, Dr Aruna Sharma, Union Steel Secretary, Dr K. Rajeswara Rao, Union Mines Additional Secretary and Shri Sanjay Pattnaik, President, FIMI, on, 13th July, 2018 at Brilliant Convention Centre, Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
Shri Anil Mukim, Union Mines Secretary, welcomed the Ministers, dignitaries and captains of mining & related industry and participants. He briefed about the developments made in the mining sector. He briefed about the events to be conducted throughout the day which included a brief on 43 successfully auctioned blocks by 9 States by which State Governments will get estimated revenue of Rs. 1.55 lakh Crores approximately over the lease period. He further informed that through the PMKKKY (Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana) a total contribution of Rs. 19,000 crore has been collected till date. Out of which Rs. 11,000 crores have already been allocated to welfare projects by the States. He apprised that number of blocks coming up for auction has increased due to efforts taken by Union Ministry of Mines and Mines Departments of the States. He wished that all participants might have a fruitful discussion about problems that are being faced in Mining Sector so as to make the event a successful one.
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh in his inaugural address welcomed the participants to the conclave in Indore, and invited mining industry to invest in Madhya Pradesh. He highlighted the highly investor friendly conducive atmosphere in the State. He fully assured the investors that Madhya Pradesh Government would take every step for ease of doing business in Madhya Pradesh in mining sector.

Smt. Aruna Sharma, Secretary, Ministry of Steel, highlighted the efforts of Ministry of Steel for auctioning iron ore mines that are going to expire in 2020. She also emphasized that awareness programs should be organized for avoiding misconceptions about industry that it spreads pollutions. She further flagged that the Mining clearance for forest and environment should be streamlined.

Shri Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog, congratulated Union Ministry of Mines for bringing transparency in the Mining sector and highlighted the important role that mining industry is required to play to increase the growth rate of the country from 7.5 to 10-11% per annum. He expressed the need of reviewing the existing MMDR Act, 1957 so as to increase the percentage of contribution of mining sector of India in GDP. He further expressed that the participants in the conclave would deliberate on the obstacles in mining sector and find the suitable solutions to enable Govt. of India to frame suitable policy for the growth of Indian mining industry, increasing the production of mineral and
employment generation. He further emphasized the need for mining industry to use innovative and technically advanced methods to minimize environmental impact as well as create public awareness of environment friendly mining processes to counter the negative image of mining industry.

Hon’ble Union Minister of State for Mines welcomed the all participants and appreciated the steps taken by both Government of India as well as State Governments for successful auction of the mineral blocks, which will generate more than Rs. 2 lakh crores. However, these blocks should be operationalized at the earliest by providing early clearances. Government of India will take every step for success of forthcoming auction of mining blocks.

Hon’ble Union Minister of Mines released the Booklet on 4 year achievements of Union Ministry of Mines", GSI Bulletins on various topics, booklet of NALCO titled" Aluminium-the Future metal, and launched Mobile app of NALCO in the name of NAMASYA. He also released the booklet of HCL in the name of “From Waste to Secondary Resources".
The Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Mines, in his key note address, emphasized the role of mining sector as a backbone of country's economy and contribution to GDP growth, employment generation etc. He highlighted the vision of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, for accountability, transparency and ease of doing business and the steps taken by Ministry of Mines in this direction. He highlighted that the Ministry was working as a facilitator and adopting information technology, to achieve its goal. He briefed the gathering about the achievements of District Mineral Foundations and the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY). He flagged certain important issues for deliberation on this conclave i.e, simplification of environmental clearances for its expeditious grant, working out the possibility of using alternative of sand, skill development in mining sector, increasing the production of mineral and employment generation.

Shri Sanjay Patnaik, President, FIMI stressed that in the upcoming auctioned mining blocks, all clearances such EC & FC should be given at the earliest so as to operationalizethe successfully auctioned blocks at the earliest.

Shri Rajendra Shukla, Hon'ble Minister of Mines, Madhya Pradesh delivered the vote of thanks and expressed gratitude to the Hon’ble Union Minister of Mines, Union Minister of State for Mines, Mining Ministers from various states, senior officers of various State governments, IBM, GSI, Public Sector Undertakings, Captains of Mining Industries, Members of the Press, delegates and the Organizers for organizing the conclave and giving Madhya Pradesh an opportunity to host the function.

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