

MINISTRY OF MINES
Major Highlights / Activities

December, 2021

- During the month of December, 2021, Ministry of Mines amended the following Rules:
 - Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015 through the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Second Amendment Rules, 2021 vide Notification No. GSR 856(E) dated 14.12.2021.
 - Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 through the Mineral (Auction) Fourth Amendment Rules, 2021 vide GSR No. 857(E) dated 14.12.2021.
- State Governments are continuing to use District Mineral Foundation (**DMF**) funds to combat COVID-19, wherein Rs. **1339.45** crore has been spent till 31st December, 2021. The monthly expenditure (in December, 2021 – Rs. 2.65 Crore), latest position of fund utilization by the States up to 31.12.2021 is at (**Annexure - I**).
- Since the amendment to MMDR Act, 1957 in 2015, a total of 128 mineral blocks have been auctioned so far across 9 States. During the month of December, 2021, 2 Limestone blocks were auctioned in the State of Karnataka and 15 NIT's issued for the State of Odisha and Karnataka.
- Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (**PMKKKY**) is being implemented through the funds collected under DMF and till November, 2021, Rs. 56,219.54 Cr was collected (monthly collection in November 2021 – Rs 1,109.07 Cr). Till November, 2021, Rs. 50,560.92 Cr stands allocated and Rs. 28,043.08 Cr has been spent. Total 2,14,862 projects have been sanctioned under the scheme and total 1,10,687 projects have been completed so far.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) has been signed between Geological Survey of India, Ministry of Mines, Government of the Republic of India and Joint Stock Company ROSGEOLOGIA (ROSGEO), Russian Federation on cooperation in the field of geoscience, on 1st December, 2021 through virtual mode.
- An MoU has been signed virtually between Geological Survey of India (**GSI**) and National Remote Sensing Centre (**NRSC**), Hyderabad on “Landslide mitigation and management in India” on 22.12.2021.
- IBM carried out 98 inspections (under MCDR/MP/Other references) during the month. Cumulatively 997 inspections were carried out up to December, 2021.
- IBM disposed of 3 mining plans, 23 review of mining plans and 1 final mine closure plans during the month and cumulatively disposed 22 mining plans, 133 review of

mining plans and 9 final mine closure plans up to December, 2021.

- During the month of December, 2021, IBM organized following training programmes:
 - i. e-Training Programme on “New Mining Plan Format” at IBM Udaipur from 1st to 2nd December, 2021 for Industry Persons. A total of 60 personnel from Industry participated in this training programme.
 - ii. e-Training Programme on “NPS, PFMS and Bhavishya” at IBM Nagpur on 21-22 December, 2021 for IBM officials. A total of 49 personnel from all offices of IBM participated in this training programme. Cumulatively, till December, 2021, 8 training programmes have been organized in which 167 IBM and 228 Industry personnel have participated.
 - iii. Two capacity building programmes for officers of the State Governments were organized at Nagpur and Udaipur under the aegis of Central & North Zone respectively in which 53 officers of various State Govts have participated.

- The portal for filing the Star Rating template by the lessees, for the performance year 2020-21 has been enabled by National Institute of Smart Governance (NISG). Regarding filling of Sustainable Development Framework (SDF) templates with respect to performance year 2020-21, so far up to December, 2021, 998 lessees filed online templates on SDF web portal under provisions of rule 35 of MCDR, 2017.

- The Index of mineral production for the month of November, 2021 was 111.9 which is 5.0 percent higher as compared to the level in the month of November, 2020. Similarly, the cumulative growth for the period of April November 2021-22 over the corresponding period of the previous year was higher by 18.2 percent.

- With respect to Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DAR&PG) Office Memorandum No. 30011/02/2021-O&M (e No. 5866) dated 14.12.2021 the progress report on “Increasing Efficiency in Decision Making in Government” is at **Annexure – II**.

- The 3rd meeting of Joint Working Group (JWG) between India and Mozambique under the Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of Mineral Resources was held on 10.12.2021 through Virtual platform.

- Highlights of National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) during the month of **December, 2021** are as follows:
 - NALCO achieved highest nos. of pots into service at its Smelter Plant with 956 nos. of pots into simultaneous operation out of 960 installed capacity.

 - Smelter achieved 1,17,432 MT cast metal production in Q3 of this FY 2021-22, which is

the highest ever quarterly production since inception, surpassing the previous highest of 1, 13, 929 MT achieved in Q2 of this FY 2021-22.

- NALCO is rated Excellent in MoU 2020-21, which bears testimony of its hard work and commitment.
- As part of Swachhata Pakhwada, NALCO handed over 50 individual household toilets to villagers of Balaramprasad Gram Panchayat in Angul.

Annexure – I

Daily expenditure report for COVID-19 – DMF funds

S.No.	Name of State	DMF fund available as on 28th March 2020 (Rs.in crore)	DMF fund available as on 31st March 2021 (Rs.in crore)**	Cumulative amount spent on activities related to COVID-19 since 28 Mar 2020 (Rs. in crore)
1	Andhra Pradesh	623.12	278.68	135.82
2	Assam	77.50	-	0.65
3	Bihar	84.50	-	0.00
4	Chhattisgarh	1190.04	1707.59	63.58
5	Goa	187.89	-	30.53
6	Gujarat	153.52	83.68	25.68
7	Haryana	20.24	-	0.00
8	Himachal Pradesh	135.66	-	0.43
9	Jharkhand	2056.85	-	22.85
10	Karnataka	1281.64	-	183.38
11	Kerala	2.00	-	0.00
12	Madhya Pradesh	1297.65	1185.56	9.24
13	Maharashtra	687.99	-	59.50
14	Odisha	3274.18	6418.90	378.62
15	Punjab	26.16	-	0.65
16	Rajasthan	2020.08	-	60.03
17	Tamilnadu	98.93	99.60	17.92
18	Telangana ^{\$}	1001.20	-	334.08
19	Uttar Pradesh	383.22	423.22	5.87
20	Uttarakhand	74.39	110.62	10.16
21	West Bengal	17.70	-	0.46
Total		14694.47	10307.85	1339.45

Note: Total balance available in DMF as on 28 March is 14694.47 cr. and 30% of this comes as approx. 4408 cr.

** As per D.O. No. 7/2/2020-MIV dated 25th August 2021 relaxation has been given

for expenditure related to COVID-19 from DMF funds such that it does not exceed thirty (30) percent of the balance funds available with DMF as on 31.03.2021.

Annexure - II

Increasing Efficiency in Decision Making in Government

Sr. No.	Reform	Status	Remarks
1.	Channel of Submission and delegation of powers	Implemented	Ministry of Mines has reviewed its channel of submission vide its O.O. A-50/8/2021-Estt. dated 09.06.2021 while delegating the power of final disposal authority to lower functionaries, wherever deemed feasible.
2.	Digitization of Central Registration Units	Implemented	Ministry of Mines has fully digitized CRU with adequate technology and manpower.
3.	Adoption of e-office version 7.0	Implemented	Ministry of Mines has implemented e-office 7.0 on 15.11.2021 and is currently running all its file related work on the said platform.
4.	Operationalization of Desk Officer system	Implemented	Ministry of Mines has implemented Desk Officer System by converting two of its erstwhile sections in to desks and designating the head of sections as desk officers.
