

**MINISTRY OF MINES**  
**Major Highlights / Activities**

**May, 2021**

- The first meeting of the Committee constituted for examining the issue of double taxation and developing National Mineral Index was held on 24.05.2021 under the chairmanship of Shri S.K. Srivastava, Former Secretary (Coal). The committee has decided to seek the comments of the State Governments/Mining Associations /Federations /Stakeholders on the following points:
  - i. The incidence of double calculation of royalty, if any, due to inclusion of royalty in calculating of Average Sale Price (ASP) and suggest measures to address the same.
  - ii. The issues and shortcomings in fixation of ASP currently being done and suggest measures to overcome these till National Mineral Index is formulated for individual minerals.
- State Governments are continuing to use District Mineral Foundation (DMF) funds to combat COVID-19, wherein **Rs.709.55 crore** has been spent till 04.06.2021.
- All arms of the Government are proactively working to tackle the challenges posed by COVID-19 pandemic. Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the Union Ministry of Mines viz. National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) and Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) are also leading from the front and contributing in the fight against coronavirus. From contributing financially towards establishing special dedicated COVID facilities to upgrading their own health infrastructure & conducting mass vaccination, Mines PSUs are continuously working to help fight the second wave of COVID-19. The details of the work done by PSUs in this regard are at **Annex**.
- The Index of mineral production for the month of April, 2021 was 108.0, which is 37.1% higher as compared to the level in the month of April, 2020. The important minerals showing positive growth during the month as compared to the corresponding month of the previous year are Bauxite, Chromite, Copper Concentrates, Iron Ore, Lead Concentrates, Zinc Concentrates, Manganese Ore, Limestone, Magnesite, etc. However, Diamond, Limeshell, etc. have shown negative growth during the current month over the same period of previous year.
- Efforts are being made by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) for un-interrupted supply of raw material even under pandemic situation and instructions and guidelines for provisional approval of Mining Plans issued to all Regional offices.
- Since the amendment to the MMDR Act, 1957 in the year 2015, a total of 106 mineral blocks have been auctioned so far across 9 States. The estimated revenue to the State Governments over the lease period of these auctioned mines is Rs.8,35,525 Cr. So far, mining lease has been executed for 39 auctioned mines out of which 35 auctioned mines are in production and 1 mine granted for composite license is also operational.
- Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) is being implemented through the funds collected under DMF and as on April, 2021, Rs.47,692.36 Cr was collected, Rs.45,532.83 Cr stands allocated and Rs.22,953.51 Cr has been spent. Total

2,08,725 projects have been sanctioned under the scheme and total 1,03,532 projects have been completed so far.

- The GSI Training Institute conducted specialized e-trainings for Professors/Asst. Professor/Research Scholars and officers of Universities/Institutes/Organizations. A total of 174 Research Scholars, 109 Asst. Professor/Professor, 404 participants from DGMs/ others organization and 1132 participants of GSI attended the e-training conducted by GSI Training Institute and Regional Training Division.
- Indian Bureau of Mines (**IBM**) carried out 23 inspections (under MCDR / MP / Other references) during the month. Cumulatively 66 inspections were carried out up to May, 2021.
- IBM disposed of 03 mining plans, 24 review of mining plan and 02 final mine closure plans during the month and cumulatively disposed 07 mining plans, 37 review of mining plan and 04 final mine closure plans up to May, 2021.
- **Star Rating of Mining Leases:** 970 mining lessees filed online templates till May, 2021 on Sustainable Development Framework (SDF) web portal under provisions of rule 35 of MCDR, 2017 with reference to performance year 2019-20. As per system assigned provisional rating, 197 mines are falling under 5 Star category, 317 mines are falling under 4 Star category and 287 mines are falling under 3 Star category respectively. Validation of all five star rated mines completed and of 3 & 4 star rated mines to be completed by June, 2021.
- Average Sale Price (ASP) for Minerals up to March, 2021 and of Metals up to April, 2021 have been hosted on IBM website. In compliance to recent amendments in the MMDR Act 1957 and further directions issued by the Ministry, sale value of captive mines for calculation of ASP will be captured from April, 2021 onwards.
- Ministry vide letter dated 19.05.2021 gave administrative approval and expenditure sanction for Rs.1,10,20,138/- towards implementation of e-office in IBM. Priority areas are being identified for implementation of e-office.
- Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, conveyed approval for revival of 335 deemed abolished posts of IBM. Action for filling up of these posts has been initiated.
- Coal Controller Organization (CCO), Kolkata issued Grant of Mine opening permission on 21.05.2021 for Utkal-D Coal Mine, in favour of NALCO. Nominated Authority, Ministry of Coal, GoI has been communicated on 25.05.2021 that CCO, Ministry of Coal, GoI has issued the grant of Mine opening permission for Utkal-D Coal Mine.

**Annexure**

**Details of the work done by PSUs to tackle COVID pandemic**

1. National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) has made a contribution of Rs.1.16 crore to Saheed Laxman Naik Hospital, Koraput Odisha for exclusive Covid Care Centre. It has also contributed towards a Covid Care Centre at ESI HOSPITAL, Banarpal in Angul District of Odisha incurring a monthly expenditure of about Rs. 30 lakhs.
2. NALCO is also undertaking massive sanitization drives carried out at its units and residential & nearby areas. It has donated a refrigerated truck having a capacity of 25,70,000 Covid vaccine (in doses) to the state immunization cell for smooth transportation of COVID-19 vaccines across Odisha.
3. It has supported the State Health Department by Rs.1.16 crore for procurement of two Ventilator Ambulances. It has also provided financial support to Bhubaneswar Municipality Corporation (BMC) Hospital for purchase of Digital X-ray machines. NALCO is continuously depicting COVID appropriate behaviour on its website, social media platforms, digital displays, banners and hoardings. It has also distributed dry rations and other materials for the benefit of people like migrant workers, daily earners etc.
4. Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) unit hospitals are equipped with multi-bedded COVID Centres with oxygen support and medicines (curative, emergency and preventive). Malanjkhand Copper Project (MCP), HCL's plant in Madhya Pradesh, has provided 10 Oxygen Concentrators to the COVID Centre at Kendatola to help the State Administration combat the shortage of Oxygen and record surge of cases.
5. Khetri Copper Complex, HCL's Unit in Rajasthan, has donated oxygen-filled cylinders with flow meter, tubes and masks along with pulse oximeters to the Block Chief Medical Officer of the State Govt. recently. A 30-bedded COVID Care Centre with oxygen support has been established for employees and the local population at Indian Copper Complex, HCL's Unit in Ghatsila, Jharkhand.
6. HCL extends the knowledge base among individuals about COVID-19 prevention. Banners are displayed and pamphlets/advisories/circulars are distributed on a regular basis at work locations and market areas in HCL Units to make the employees, contract workers, township residents and the local communities aware of COVID-19 appropriate behaviour. Thermal Screening, hand sanitization and wearing of face mask is mandatory for entering HCL workplaces including plants, mines and offices. Norm of social distance of six feet (Do Gaj Ki Door) is being strictly maintained and monitored. Sanitization with Sodium Hypochlorite is carried out on a regular basis in HCL plants, offices and residential areas.
7. Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL), under its CSR program, has given financial contribution to the Dharwad district (Karnataka) for the acquisition of Oxygen concentrators. It has also displayed banners & flexes on its office premises and nearby localities. COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and vaccination banners,

standees & flexes have been put on the Nagpur, Ajni &Itwari Railway stations and IIM, Nagpur.

8. Notably, the Mines PSUs were also at the forefront in their respective operational areas in the fight against COVID-19 during the first wave. NALCO had made a total contribution of Rs.10.2 crore towards COVID-19 relief fund which includes Rs.5 crore & one-day salary of employees amounting to Rs.2.6 crore to PM CARES Fund and one-day salary of employees amounting to Rs.2.6 crore to CM's Relief Fund, Odisha. Company had also funded a 200 bedded exclusive COVID-19 hospital at Nabarangpur for the patients of undivided Koraput district, Odisha. It had also set up two exclusive COVID Care Centres, one each at M&R Complex, Damanjodi and S&P Complex, Angul, Odisha.
9. MECL employees had contributed their one-day salary to the PM National Relief fund and Rs. 2.0 Crores to the PM CARES fund for COVID-19. MECL had handed over an ambulance to the District Collectorate, Ranchi. In alliance with various institutions and dignitaries, it had distributed food packets to the marginalized community in and around Nagpur city. The company had procured 5000 liters of sanitizers & 2000 masks from Ordnance Factory Board, Bhandara and distributed them to the healthcare professionals through Collector & District Administration, Nagpur and to the mining workers through MOIL Ltd., Nagpur. The PSU had also donated an ambulance to the District Health Officer of Nagpur District for use at the Public Health Centre, Dhanla, Nagpur district.