New Delhi, the 19th April, 2011

Subject: Meeting of the Central Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee (CEC) on monitoring and minimizing delays in grant of approvals for mineral concessions, to be held under the chairmanship of Secretary (Mines) on **Tuesday, the 3rd May, 2011 at 10.00 AM in Aluminium Room, First Floor, D Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry’s O.M. of even number dated 31.3.2011 and to say that due to pressing reasons, the meeting of the CEC earlier fixed for 28th April has been rescheduled for **Tuesday, the 3rd May, 2011 at 10.00 AM in Aluminium Room, First Floor, D Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.**

2. Kindly note the change in the date of the meeting and make it convenient to attend. Inconvenience caused is regretted.

3. Agenda notes on the items relating to mineral concessions are sent herewith. Agenda notes on the remaining items will follow shortly.

(Chandramani Sharma)
Director
Tel No. 23383096

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Paryavaran Bhavan, New Delhi.
2. Director General, Department of Forests, Paryavaran Bhavan, New Delhi.
3. Secretary, Ministry of Defence, South Block, New Delhi.
4. Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi.
5. Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi.
6. Director General, Civil Aviation, Aurobindo Marg, Opposite Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi.
7. Chairman, Railway Board, New Delhi.
8. Secretary, Ministry of Shipping, New Delhi.
9. Secretary, Department of Revenue, New Delhi.
11. Director General, Geological Survey of India, Kolkata.
12. Secretary, In charge of Mining and Geology in the State of:

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iii) Goa
iv) Gujarat
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(Chandramani Sharma)
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Agenda notes for the quarterly meeting of the Central Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee (CEC) on monitoring and minimizing delays in grant of approvals for mineral concessions, to be held on Tuesday, the 3rd May, 2011 at 10.00 AM in Aluminium Room, First Floor, D Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

1. Review of the action taken on the minutes of the last meeting of the CEC held on 22.12.2010.

1.1 The last meeting of the Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee (CEC) was held under the chairmanship or Secretary (Mines) on the 22nd December, 2010. The minutes of the meeting, which are also available on the Ministry’s website (mines.nic.in) were circulated to all State Secretaries, in-charge of Mining and Geology, Central Ministries/Departments concerned, Geological Survey of India (GSI) and Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) on 19.1.2011 with the request that a report on the action taken on the points discussed in the meeting may be furnished to the Ministry by 10.2.2011. A reminder was issued on 15.2.2011. As no ATR was received, a D.O. letter from Secretary (Mines) to the Chief Secretaries seeking action taken reports on the minutes was issued on 1.3.2011 (Annexure-I). Subsequently, another D.O. letter from Secretary (Mines) to the Chief Secretaries was issued on 13.4.2011 (Annexure-II).

1.2 All State Governments may please refer to the minutes of the meeting of the CEC held on 22.12.2010, and intimate the action taken on each of the points concerning their States.
2. **Review of the position regarding constitution of State Level Empowered Committees.**

2.1 One of the main decisions taken in the 1st meeting of the CEC, that has been reiterated in the subsequent meetings, has been that a Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee would be constituted in each State under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary or Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary of the Mining/Industries Department with representation from all concerned Departments/institutions. The State level Empowered Committee (SEC) is expected to:

- Effect coordination with Revenue Department for managing the land for purposes of concession.
- Ensure that clearances/NOCs/approvals are given by Forest, Environment and other departments in a streamlined way.
- Monitor process of approval of concessions and compliance with concession conditions.
- Ensure building up of a computerized database, effectively integrated with other State level databases.

2.2 As per the information received by the Ministry, all mineral-rich States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu have constituted their SECs.

2.3 As already conveyed to the State Governments in the previous meetings, the State Governments need to take the following action in this regard:

(i) Include the Ministries of Steel, Environment & Forests, Shipping, Railways, and Department of Revenue (Customs) in the SEC along with GSI and IBM, so that the whole gamut of issues facing the mineral sector could be considered by the Committee. In this regard, the Ministry of Finance,
Department of Revenue has nominated officers as members of the SEC. A copy of the Department of Revenue’s letter dated 28.1.2011 has been circulated to all State Secretaries on 17.3.2011 (Annexure-III).

(ii) Nominate a Joint Secretary level officer in their State to function as nodal officer in dealing with the matters concerning the Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Shipping and Department of Revenue. Letters to this effect to be sent by the State Governments to (i) Joint Secretary (Customs), North Block, New Delhi; (ii) Joint Secretary (Ports), Ministry of Shipping, Transport Bhavan, New Delhi; and (iii) Adviser, EDTT/S, Ministry of Railways, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi.

(iii) Put up the order//notification constituting the SEC on the website of the State Governments.

(iv) Since it has been decided that the CEC will henceforth meet on a quarterly basis, the States should also follow suit and hold meetings of the SEC on a quarterly basis.

(v) Put up all mineral concession cases pending with the State Governments before the SEC to facilitate their review and expeditious disposal.

(vi) The proceedings of the SEC meetings should be put up on the State’s website.

2.4 All State Governments to intimate the action taken by them on the above-mentioned points.

3.1 The need to have an efficient and transparent system for processing environment and forest clearances in respect of the mineral concession cases approved by the Ministry of Mines, has been one of the main agenda items for all the previous meetings of the CEC. The CEC has been unanimous in deciding that for this purpose, the MOEF should have a database that has connectivity with the State Forest Departments.

3.2 In the 3rd meeting of the CEC held on 18.6.2010 and the 4th meeting held on 22.12.2010, it was decided that the State Governments would prepare a list of cases in chronological order and send it to the MOEF, so that they could be expeditiously followed up. However, as per the Ministry’s information, no list of pending proposals has been sent to the MOEF by the States/UTs so far. Secretary (Mines) has, vide a D.O. letter dated 13.4.2011 (Annexure-II), requested the Chief Secretaries, to forward the requisite lists to the MOEF with a copy to the Ministry of Mines. The State Governments to intimate the present status in this regard.

4. Putting a computerized system in place in the States for monitoring mineral concession cases pending FCA clearance.

4.1 It was decided in the CEC meeting held on 22.12.2010 that a Working Group may be set up in order to evolve software solution for monitoring the pendency of FCA applications at the State Government level. Accordingly, a Working Group under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary has been constituted in the Ministry of Mines on 20.1.2011. The Working Group comprises representatives of the MOEF, NICs of the Ministry of Mines and the MOEF, and the State Governments of Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh. The first meeting of the Working Group was held on 5.4.2011. MOEF informed in the meeting that they were in the process of
expanding their software for this purpose. Templates of the proposed software were circulated in the meeting. As decided in the meeting, all State Governments may access the MoEF website and also go through the templates thereof, and if they have any comments or suggestions with regard to the contents of the website and its proposed expansion, they should furnish the same to the MOEF with a copy to the Ministry of Mines by 26.4.2011. The Working Group will review the progress around the first week of May, 2011.

5. **Timely decisions in accordance with the MMDR Act and MCR, and submission of quarterly reports.**

5.1 Rule 63A and 24A of the Mineral Concession Rules lay down time schedules for (a) disposal of concession applications; and (b) grant of renewals respectively. For various reasons, applications remain pending and in case of renewals, operate under deemed extensions. These circumstances at times lead to incidence of illegal mining.

5.2 In view of this, the Ministry has, vide letter dated 15.12.2009, prescribed quarterly reports to be submitted by the State Governments on (i) disposal of applications for mineral concessions (ii) lease/licence execution status and (iii) status of renewal of concessions. This letter along with the said proforma is also available on the website of the Ministry (www.mines.nic.in).

5.3 This has been one of the agenda points for the previous meetings of the CEC. The State Governments were reminded for submission of the quarterly reports vide D.O. letter dated 29.1.2010 and 17.5.2010. There were subsequent reminders dated 23rd August, 2010 and Secretary (Mines) also wrote to the Chief Secretaries about this on 9.9.2010. D.O. letters have been again written in this regard by AS (Mines) to State Secretaries on
18.2.2011 *(Annexure-IV)* and by Secretary (Mines) to Chief Secretaries on 16.3.2011 *(Annexure-V)*.

5.4 However, it is seen that most of the States have still been unable to send quarterly reports to the Ministry. No State Government, except Chhattisgarh and Tamil Nadu, has furnished quarterly report for the period ended December, 2010. No report has been received from any State for the period up to March, 2011, which has also become due now. The status of receipt of quarterly reports as on 15.4.2011 is given in the statement at *Annexure-VI*. It is also available on the Ministry’s website.

5.5 Besides, it is seen from the reports received from the State Governments that there is huge pendency of mineral concession and renewal applications. A large number of cases have been pending for over 2 years. It is also noticed that the pace of disposal of cases has been extremely slow. These are matters of serious concern.

5.6 The State Governments should, therefore, accord due importance to the matter, and address the areas of concern as brought out below:

i) Adhere to the time-frame prescribed under Rule 63A of the MCR for disposal of concession applications, viz. RP (within 6 months); PL (within 9 months); and ML (within 12 months).

ii) Ensure renewal of mining leases in time as prescribed under Rule 24A of the MCR.

(iii) Adhere to the timelines prescribed by the Ministry for submission of reports i.e. within 15 days of the close of the quarter.

(iv) Ensure that all their records regarding mineral concession and renewal applications are maintained properly and updated regularly.
v) Put up the status of concession cases before the SEC on a quarterly basis for review and expeditious disposal.

6. Disposal of Reconnaissance Permit (RP) cases pending with the State Governments.

6.1 It has been brought to the notice of the Ministry that a large number of applications for Reconnaissance Permit (RP) are pending at various levels in the States. Considering that in the new Act, RPs would be made non-exclusive, it is imperative that the RP applications are disposed of without any further delay. The need for expeditious disposal of RP applications has been one of the agenda items for the previous meetings of the CEC. However, it is observed that there has not been much progress in this direction, and a large number of RP applications are still pending with the State Governments. As per the Ministry’s information, the numbers of RP applications pending with different State Governments are as follows:

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The State Governments are advised to prepare a time-bound action plan for disposal of these applications.

7 Status of Letters of Intent (LOI) for purpose of reconciliation.

7.1 The experience of the Ministry has been that in a large number of cases where the prior approval of the Ministry has been conveyed to the State Governments, no intimation is received regarding issuance or LOIs by the State Governments. A list of such cases was circulated in the earlier meetings of the CEC. As per the information maintained by the Ministry, the position regarding pendency of LOIs in respect of the cases where prior approvals have been conveyed to the State Governments, since 1.4.2001 till date is as follows:

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<td><strong>634</strong></td>
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7.2 It needs to be ensured by the State Governments that there is no inordinate delay in issuance of LOIs. The State Governments may bring for the CEC meeting, complete list of LOIs issued by them till date, for the purpose of reconciliation with the Ministry’s records.
8. Renewal of Kendadih Mining Lease in Jharkhand in favour of M/s Hindustan Copper Ltd.

8.1 Kendadih Mining Lease (ML) was valid till 02/06/1993. Prior to the expiry of Kendadih Mining Lease, Hindustan Copper Ltd (HCL) submitted an application for renewal of lease vide letter No. GM/HCL/GOVT/6458 dated 28.05.1992, under the provisions of MC Rules 1960, to the Secretary (Mines), Govt. of Bihar, before formation of State of Jharkhand. HCL had several detailed communication with the State Government of Jharkhand, requesting permission for renewal of Kendadih ML. The State Govt agreed to the renewal of the ML after HCL’s compliance to the stipulated conditions laid down by the then Additional Secretary, Govt of Bihar vide letter No. B/M-6-1028/93-805 dated 21.02.1998. HCL has complied with all the stipulated conditions.

8.2 HCL’s permission for renewal of Kendadih ML has been favorably processed by the Secretary cum Commissioner, Directorate of Mines and Geology, Govt of Jharkhand and has been put up for Cabinet approval. Approval of Cabinet is awaited for a long time.

8.3 Government of Jharkhand may give an update on the subject.
D.O. No.7/97/2010-M-IV

01st March, 2011

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, a Central Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee (CEC) is operational in the Ministry of Mines for monitoring and minimizing delays at various levels in grant of approvals for mineral concessions. The CEC is a very useful forum for exchanging experiences by all stakeholders and getting updates on various aspects of the mineral concession regime in the country, and, therefore, the Ministry attaches a lot of importance to its effective functioning.

2. The CEC has held four meetings so far, and its last meeting was held on 22.12.2010. Its minutes were issued on 19.01.2011 (available on the Ministry’s website www.mines.nic.in) asking the State Governments to furnish action taken reports (ATR) by 10.02.2011. As no ATR was received, a reminder has also been issued on 15.02.2011.

3. I am briefly listing out herein below some of the important points on which the Ministry is expecting the State Governments to take action and respond:-

(i) Holding meetings of the State level Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee (CEC) on a quarterly basis so that all coordinational issues concerning mineral concessions are addressed regularly; Review of all pending mineral concession cases by the SEC regularly for expeditious disposal; and putting up the proceedings of the SEC on the State Government’s website.

(ii) Inclusion of the Ministries of Steel, Environment and Forests, Shipping, Railways, and Department of Revenue (Customs) in the SEC along with GSI and IBM, so that the whole gamut of issues facing the mineral sector could be considered.

(iii) Putting a computerized system in place for processing mineral concession cases within a fixed timeframe.

(iv) Forwarding of a comprehensive list of cases awaiting forest clearance to the MOEF (with copy to this Ministry) for expeditious follow-up.

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(v) Measures for tackling illegal mining as per the Action Plan circulated by the Ministry of Mines, as well as the points mentioned in detail in para 7 of the minutes of the aforesaid meeting.

(vi) Providing all necessary cooperation and assistance to Justice M.B. Shah Commission of Inquiry constituted by the Ministry to inquire into the large-scale mining of iron ore and manganese without lawful authority.

(vii) Formulation of a State Mineral Policy based on the Model State Mineral Policy circulated by the Central Government.

(viii) Introduction of an Online Royalty Pass System in line with or similar to the system adopted by the Government of Gujarat; and monitoring and fixation of monthly prices of minerals for computing royalty on ad valorem basis in coordination with IBM.

(ix) Proper utilization of Periphery Development Funds contributed by mining companies.

(x) Prompt disposal of mineral concession applications and renewal cases and timely submission of quarterly reports thereon.

(xi) Quick disposal of Reconnaissance Permit applications pending with the State Governments.

(xii) Expeditious issuance of letters of intent (LOI) pursuant to prior approval of the Central Government.

4. The next meeting of the CEC is scheduled to be held in April 2011, when action on all the abovementioned points will be reviewed. I shall, therefore, be grateful if you could ensure that a report on all the action points is furnished to us at the earliest.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(S.Vijay Kumar)

Shri S.V. Prasad,
Chief Secretary,
Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Hyderabad.
D.O. No.7/97/2010-M-IV

13th April, 2011

Dear Shri Prasad,

Please refer to my D.O. letter of even number dated 01st March, 2011 seeking action taken report (ATR) on the decisions taken in the 4th meeting of the Central Coordination-cum-Empowered (CEC) held on 22nd December, 2010.

2. As per our information and experience, a large number of mineral concession applications remain pending for a long time due to non-receipt of forest clearance. The CEC has, therefore, been laying a lot of stress on expediting forest clearance. It was in this context that the State Governments were requested in the CEC meeting held on 22.12.2010 to forward a comprehensive list of cases awaiting forest clearance to the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF). This was also one of the action points conveyed in my aforesaid letter.

3. I find that the requisite list has not yet been sent by your State to the MOEF. It will be appreciated if it is forwarded to the MOEF (with a copy to the Ministry of Mines) at the earliest for expeditious follow-up.

4. The next meeting of the CEC is scheduled to be held on 28th April, 2011, when progress regarding all the action points including the forest clearance issue will be reviewed. I shall, therefore, be grateful if you could ensure that a report on all the action points is also furnished to us at the earliest.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(S. Vijay Kumar)

Shri S.V. Prasad,
Chief Secretary,
Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Hyderabad.
No. 7/97/2014-M.IV
Government of India
Ministry of Mines

New Delhi, the 17th March, 2011

To

The Secretary
(In charge of Mining and Geology),
All State Governments.

Subject: Constitution of State level Empowered Committee to monitor and minimize delays in mineral concession proposals.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the minutes of the 4th meeting of the Central Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee on monitoring and minimizing delays in mineral concession proposals held on 22.12.2010.

2. Para 5.2 of the minutes mentions that all State Governments would include the Ministries of Steel, Environment & Forests, Shipping, Railways, and Department of Revenue (Customs) in the SEC along with GSI and IBM, so that the whole gamut of issues facing the mineral sector could be considered by the Committee.

3. In this context, the Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue has nominated officers as members of the State level Empowered Committee stating that nomination would apply only when a state level committee is constituted. A copy of the letter dated 28.1.2011 received from the Ministry of Finance in this regard is sent herewith for guidance and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(C.K. Rawat)
Under Secretary to the Government of India
Tel: 23070260

Encl: As above.
Office Memorandum

Subject:- Constitution of State Level Empowered Committee-reg.

Reference is invited to 4th meeting of Central Coordination cum Empowered Committee (CEC) on 22.12.2010 in Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi to monitor and minimize delays in grant of approvals for mineral concessions.

2. In this regard Central Board of Excise and Customs, Department of Revenue, ministry of Finance has decided to nominate following officers as a Member of State Level Empowered Committee. Nomination would apply only when a state level committee is constituted.

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<td>Assam, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur</td>
<td>Commissioner of Customs (Prev.), Customs House, 110, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Shillong-793 001 Ph 0364-222-2597, Fax-0364-222-3440</td>
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Dear Mrs. Acharya,

As you are aware, the Ministry of Mines has prescribed quarterly reports on the status of (i) concession applications pending with the State Governments; (ii) lease/licence execution; and (iii) renewal applications. In this regard, the Ministry's letter dated 15.12.09 and the proforma prescribed for the quarterly reports, which are available on the website of the Ministry (www.mines.nic.in) may please be referred to. It was conveyed therein that the State Governments will furnish quarterly reports by the 15th day of January, April, July and October in respect of the preceding quarter.

2. In this connection, please also refer to this Ministry's subsequent letters dated 29.1.10, 17.5.10, 23.8.2010 and 7.12.2010 on the subject. Secretary (Mines) had, also vide letter dated 9.9.2010, written to Chief Secretary of your State emphasizing the importance of timely submission of quarterly reports. The matter was also discussed at length in the meeting of the Central Empowered Committee held on 18th June, 2010 and 22nd December, 2010, wherein the State representatives were again requested to expedite submission of the quarterly reports.

3. Despite repeated reminders, most of the State Governments have still not been submitting their quarterly reports in time. While some of the major States have not furnished any report so far, no State, barring Chhattisgarh, has furnished the quarterly report for the period ended December, 2010. Besides, no State Government has informed whether they are holding the State Empowered Committee meetings and putting up the status of concession cases before it, as requested by the Ministry vide letter dated 17.5.2010 and reiterated in the CEC meetings held on 18.6.2010 and 22.12.2010.

4. It is also seen that in some States there is quite a huge pendency of concession and renewal applications, and the pace of their disposal is extremely slow. Since this, at times, leads to avoidable litigations, the States must review the pendency and make all efforts to minimize it on a regular basis. Besides, it should be ensured that all relevant records are maintained properly and updated periodically so that correct information is given in the reports.

5. In view of the importance of the matter, it will be appreciated if the quarterly reports in respect of your State due for submission to the Ministry are sent immediately. Needless to say the timelines prescribed by the Ministry for this purpose may kindly be adhered to.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(S.K. Srivastava)

Mrs. Ranjeev R. Acharya,
Principal Secretary,
Industries and Commerce Department,
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D.O. No. 7/111/2010-M-IV

16th March, 2011

Dear Shri Prasad,

Please refer to my D.O. letter of even number dated 09.09.2010 regarding quarterly reports on the status of (i) concession applications pending with the State Governments; (ii) lease/licence execution; and (iii) renewal applications. In this connection, please also refer to this Ministry’s letters dated 15.12.2009, 29.01.2010, 17.05.2010, 23.08.2010 and 07.12.2010 on the subject. Additional Secretary (Mines) has also, vide D.O. letter dated 18.02.2011, written to the State Secretary in-charge of Mining and Geology in your State emphasizing the importance of timely submission of quarterly reports on the subject. The position in this regard was also reviewed in the meeting of the Central Empowered Committee held on 18th June, 2010 and 22nd December, 2010 and the State representatives were requested to expedite submission of quarterly reports.

2. From many indications, including Writ Petitions in the High Court where we are made a party, Revision applications, fresh cases for prior approvals, feedback from entrepreneurs and from public representatives, it would appear that there are a large number of applications for grant or renewal of mineral concessions pending consideration, including many pending for a fairly long time. Needless to say, a regular quarterly report would be of value not only to the Central Government in order to fine tune its policy instruments, but to the State Government to improve management and governance systems in the sector. We have separately, in fact, also requested the State Government to formulate an Action Plan for suitable strengthening of the State Directorate of Mining & Geology.

3. I would accordingly request that you may like to look into the matter personally, arrange to have the quarterly report sent to us, and ensure that the analysis of the report helps in the strengthening plan of the State Directorate of Mining & Geology.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(S.Vijay Kumar)

Shri S.V. Prasad,
Chief Secretary,
Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Hyderabad.
Position regarding receipt of quarterly reports from the State Governments on status of (i) disposal of applications for mineral concessions (ii) lease/licence execution status and (iii) renewal of concessions.

(Position as on 15.4.2011)

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