To,

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

DG-GSI, CG-IBM, CMD-MECL, Director-BISAG

Subject: Mining Ministers Meeting on key issues pertaining to mining sector

Reference: Even number letter dated 5.05.2016, 8.05.2016 & 10.05.2016

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry’s letter of even number dated 10.5.2016 on the above mentioned subject and to say that the venue of the Mining Ministers meeting has been finalized, which is “The Lalit Hotel”, Jagatpura Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan-302017. The meeting will start at 10:00 am on 27.5.2016. The agenda note which has already been circulated vide even number letter dated 5.5.2016, which is again being enclosed, with a request to Director-BISAG to give a presentation on the ‘Mineral Surveillance System’ being developed for the use of space technology for curbing illegal mining.

2. I am directed to convey that one room each, for the Minister and the Principal Secretary or Secretary in-charge of Mining & Geology Department of State Government will be arranged at the meeting venue by the Union Ministry of Mines from 26.5.2016 (afternoon) to 28.5.2016 (forenoon). The Government of Rajasthan is being asked to provide for one protocol vehicle for the Minister of the State Government. Moreover, the Union Ministry will provide a vehicle for each State Government officials for attending the meeting.

3. A Protocol Officer will be designated to facilitate the stay and transport arrangements for the dignities of each of the State Governments. He will receive the Minister/Officers at the airport and escort them to the Hotel. Shri Subrata Banerji, Suptd. Geologist (Mob- 9828070196) or Dr. L.S. Shekhawat, Dy. Director General (9414075667) may be contacted for coordinating the arrangements at Jaipur. A facilitation desk is also
being arranged to be provided in the arrival hall at the airport.

4. You are requested to communicate/inform the program of the Minister, Principal Secretary/Secretary and other officials of your State, who will be attending the meeting in the following proforma by email (ccmemom2016@gmail.com) at the earliest:

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Yours faithfully,

Encl.-As above.

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Cc- ADG-WR-GSI,
CMD-NALCO & CMD-HCL- for necessary action.

PS to Hon’ble Union Minister of Mines, PS to Hon’ble Union Minister of State for Mines, PS to S(M), PS to AS(M), PS to EA, PS to JS(SC), PS to JS(NKS), PS to JS(NBD), PS to DIR(P), PS to DIR(RL), PS to DIR(T)
AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION IN MEETING ON 27.05.2016

1. **Preparedness for e-auction of Major Mineral Blocks** - The States of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh & Odisha have put up 6 major mineral blocks on e-auction. The mineral blocks need to be prepared for putting them up on mineral auctions by every State Government. The identification of major mineral blocks and their auction preparedness 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 (Prandhan Mantri Khanij Kalyan Yojna) Scheme. The status of collection of the money accrued in the DMF funds by the State Government and its utilization would also be discussed. The DMF constitution for Minor Minerals by the State Government will also be discussed.

3. **NMET** – The status of collection and transfer of the money accrued in the NMET funds under section 9C of the amended MMDR Act by the State Government. The State Governments were asked to identify exploration proposals which may be taken up under NMET.

4. **Minor mineral rules** – Pursuant to the Supreme Court judgment dated 27/02/2012 in Deepak Kumar’s Case (OA No. 12-13 of 2011 in Special Leave Petition (C) No. 19628-19629 of 2009), a clearance under the Environment Protection Act, 1986, was made mandatory in respect of all minor minerals irrespective of the area of the mining lease. The Ministry of Mines has prepared draft guidelines for mining of minor minerals which was circulated to the state governments. 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 16/119/2015-M.VI/220 dt. 24.11.2015 to the Chief Minister of the States. The status of framing their rules in this regard, by the state governments may be discussed.

5. **Curbing Illegal Mining & Enhanced Penal provisions** – A ‘Mining Surveillance System’ (MSS) for major minerals is being developed with the help of Bhaskaracharya Institute of Space Applications & Geo-Informatics (BISAG), Gujarat under DEITY, to curb the incidences of illegal mining with the use of space technology. The State Governments have been requested to provide the available digitised lease-wise information for all major mineral leases in their State for
expediting the development of MSS. The penal provisions for illegal mining cases under Section 21 have been enhanced to a maximum penalty of 5 lacs and jail term of 5 years. Any other item with the permission of the chair. The use of these enhanced penal provisions by the State Governments for curbing the illegal mining cases are extremely important.

6. **Scheme for Mining Plan** – The amendment in Section 5(2) solicits the State Governments to develop a system to be established for preparation, certification, and monitoring of mining plan.

7. **IT adoption for Mineral Administration** – The level of adoption of IT in mineral regulation and administration by the State governments.

8. **Extension of Mining Leases** – The status of extension of existing leases to be done by the State Government for the implementation of the Sub-Section 5 and 6 of Section 8(a) of the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015.

9. **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 fulfilment of the conditions of the previous approval or of the letter of intent within a period of two years from the date of commencement of the said Act, which is up to 11.01.2017. It has come to notice of the Ministry that some of such applications are still pending for the execution of mining lease. It has been requested that the State Government may compile the list of such cases indicating the cases which are pending for the want of clearances under the purview of MoEFCC and other cases which are pending with the State Government.