

F.No.21/1/2017-NMET/ 87  
Government of India  
Ministry of Mines  
National Mineral Exploration Trust  
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New Delhi, the 22nd May, 2019

To

M/s Standard Mercantile Company  
(Mining Division) Private Limited.  
403, South Block, Udaigiri Apartment,  
Budh Marg, (Opp. Patna Museum)  
Patna – 800001.

**Sub: Petition to PMO, New Delhi regarding transfer of payment from NMET to Royalty Fee or return of payment.**

Sir,

Kind reference is invited to the petition submitted by your office to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India vide letter no. SC/MD/19-20/09 dated 26.04.2019 stating that payment of ₹ 10.00 lakhs has been made to NMET by mistake and oversight on 09.02.2019 and this payment was to be made against royalty fee of Jharkhand Government. The copies of two letters dated 22.02.2019 and 01.03.2019 and copy of email dated 13.02.2019 were also enclosed by you alongwith your above mentioned petition.

2. In this regard, the following are brought to your notice:

- National Mineral Exploration Trust is a Central Government Statutory body. At present, there is no bank account in the name of NMET. Further, it is mentioned by the lessee in abovesaid letters that the payment has been transferred into bank account of Jharkhand Government on 09.02.2019.
- As per Rule 6 (3) of NMET Rules, 'NMET fund comprise of payment of two percent equivalent of royalty payable by the holders of the mining lease or prospective license-cum-mining as prescribed under sub-section (4) of the Section 9C of the MMDR Act, 1957. As per accounting procedure approved by the Ministry of Finance, the holder

of mining lease or prospecting license-cum-mining lease shall deposit the NMET contribution in the Public Account of the State. The State Governments shall transfer the amount collected in the Public Account of State to the Consolidated Fund of India. The responsibility of collecting and transferring the amount of NMET contribution and maintaining necessary account in this behalf shall be that of State Government.

- The State Government of Jharkhand has not yet start transfer of NMET contribution from Public Account of State to Consolidated Fund of India as stipulated in the NMET rules. (Copy of NMET Rules enclosed for information)
3. Therefore, in view of above, it is advised that the lessee i.e. M/s Standard Mercantile Company (Mining Division) Pvt. Ltd. may kindly approach the State Government of Jharkhand for refund or adjustment of ₹10.00 lakhs.



Pradeep Singh  
Director & HoD,  
National Mineral Exploration Trust

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Director (NIC) with request to upload this letter on the website of Ministry of Mines.