

PRESS NOTE

Following the submission of the Report on 31st March, 2009 of the High Powered Committee set up under direction of the Union Cabinet to make recommendations on the functioning of the Geological Survey of India (GSI), there is a feeling in some sections of the GSI employees that the headquarters of the Survey will be shifted out of Kolkata to some other place.

The Ministry of Mines would like to categorically state that there is no move to shift the headquarters of GSI to any other location. Kolkata is part of GSI's history and GSI is part of Kolkata's heritage. There is also no move to dilute the importance and Authority of the Head office of GSI at Kolkata.

The apprehension in some quarters that there will be an *en-masse* shifting of personnel from Kolkata to Delhi or to any other place is without any substance and the *status-quo* in this regard will be maintained.