URGENT
MEETING ON 21ST SEPTEMBER 2010

F.No. 16/12/2009-MVI
Ministry of Mines
Government of India

New Delhi, dated 10th September 2010

To,

The Secretary,
Mining and Geology Department,
(All State Governments)

Subject: Prevention of illegal mining, meeting on 21st September 2010-reg

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry’s letter of even number dated 7th September 2010 on the above mentioned subject and forward a detailed agenda for the said review meeting on 21st September 2010. The agenda for the meeting is also available on the website of the Ministry of Mines (http://mines.gov.in). It is requested to send the soft copy of the presentation by the State Government and any other material on the subject to the undersigned at anil.sub@nic.in alongwith details of the officers participating from the State Government positively by 17th September 2010.

2. It is further requested to make it convenient to attend the meeting. A line in confirmation may be sent to the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

-sd-
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Under Secretary to the Government of India
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DETAILED AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION IN THE MEETING WITH STATE
GOVERNMENTS UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECRETARY,
MINISTRY OF MINES, ON 21ST SEPTEMBER 2010

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  • Setting up of State Coordination-cum-Empowered (SCEC) and meetings held by the SCEC so far.  
  • Representation of Railways, Ports and Customs official in the SCEC  
  • Operationalisation of guidelines issued by Railways, Ports and Customs.  
  • Registration of end-users. | 1100 -1130 hrs, 1130 -1145 hrs, 1145 -1215 hrs, 1215 -1245 hrs |
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Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of Central Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee (CEC) to monitor and minimize delays in grant of approvals for mineral concessions, held on 18th June, 2010 in Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi

The 3rd Meeting of the Central Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee to monitor and minimize delays in grant of approvals for mineral concessions was held under chairpersonship of Secretary (Mines) on 18th June, 2010 at Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi. The list of participants is at Annexure-I.

Secretary (Mines) welcomed the participants and observed that it would be useful for the concerned State Secretary to attend the meetings in future since these are important meetings which deliberates upon critical issues in the sector, exchange of information and best practices.

1. Review of the Position regarding constitution of State Level Empowered Committee

1.1 The last two meetings of the CEC had impressed on the necessity of State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) to be constituted in each State under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary or Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary of the Mining/Industries Department with representative from all concerned Departments/institutions for coordinating with their concerned Revenue Department for managing the land for purpose of concessions, ensuring forest and environment clearances, monitor the process of approval of concessions etc. Review of the position regarding constitution of State Level Empowered Committee showed that ten State Governments have constituted such Committees in their States, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Goa, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan and West Bengal.

1.2 Joint Secretary (Steel) stated that their Ministry was not part of the State Level Coordination Committee constituted by some of the States namely, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal. Secretary (Mines) advised all the State Governments to
include Ministry of Steel, Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Environment and Forests and Department of Revenue (Customs) in the State Level Coordination Committee along with Geological Survey of India (GSI) and Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), to have comprehensive discussion on issues facing the mineral sector.

(Action: SLCC constituted State Governments/ Ministry of Mines)

1.3 The State Governments where the SLCC have not been constituted were advised to constitute the Committees at the earliest with inclusion of Ministries/ Departments as in para 1.2.

(Action: Non-SLCC constituted State Governments/ Ministry of Mines)

2. Steps taken by the Ministries of Environment and Forests for expediting FCA clearances

2.1 Additional DG of Forests, MOEF observed that through their 6 regional offices they have their database on FCA clearances. He urged the participants especially the State Governments to access the website of the MOEF (www.moef.nic.in), where there is a link to ‘Clearances’ and further links to ‘Environment Clearance’ and ‘Forest Clearance’. This site would facilitate the State Governments as well as the applicants to check the status of their cases online. He also requested the State Governments to prepare a list of cases in chronological order and send it to the MOEF by email either in cdsingh1987@rediffmail.com or cbgifs@rediffmail.com, if there are any specific issues, so that they can be looked into.

(Action: State Governments/ Ministry of Environment & Forests)

2.2 Regarding connectivity of database with the State Forest Departments, Addl. DG of Forests observed that they would have a separate meeting on the subject within 2 months where apart from MOEF and Ministry of Mines, NIC of the two Ministeries would participate.

(Action: Ministry of Environment & Forests/ Ministry of Mines)
3. Measures to tackle illegal Mining

3.1 Reviewing the action taken on decisions of the last meeting dated 22.12.2009, Secretary (Mines) observed that measures initiated by the Central Government and State Governments to deal with the problem of illegal mining need to be fully operationalised and taken to their logical conclusion. She specifically emphasized upon the need for greater inter-departmental coordination and synergy to track down the instances of illegal mining.

3.2 Secretary (Mines) emphasized the need for setting up of SLCC and the problem of tackling illegal mining could be taken up at the State Level Coordination Committee where concerned authorities from Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Environment & Forests and Department of Revenue (Customs) and Ministry of Steel would be there. The Central Ministries may be invited to the State Level Coordination Committee when there is an issue relating to them. States were requested to identify action points for the State Government Action Plan for curbing illegal mining and Action Plans.

3.3 Adviser (Infrastructure), Railway Board, Ministry of Railways informed that following the COS meeting on mineral developments in Orissa held on 20th May 2010, the Ministry was taking further action as follows in respect of Orissa:-

(i) Indents placed by consigners for loading of minerals are to be accepted only if its forwarding notes have been duly validated by the Department of Mines of the State Government.

(ii) The State Government of Orissa was to put in place a system under which only one Transit Permit/Pass would be issued per rake instead of the existing system of issuing one Transit Pass per truck so as to simplify the
procedure. Two copies of Transit Pass will be handed over to the railways out of which the Railways will retain one copy and return the other copy to the mining authorities for cross verification.

(iii) M/o Railways will put in place an entry-exit system at the yards within two months to enable systematic loading of rakes at the railway sidings.

(iv) Railway authorities will submit monthly returns containing the details of the minerals transported from the railway sidings to the local mining officer of the State Government so as to facilitate detection of transportation of any illegally mined minerals.

(v) The system to be introduced by M/o Railways as indicated above will be equally applicable for public sidings as well as the private sidings. Once the system is stabilized and made permanent for the railway sidings, M/o Railways will replicate the system all over the country.

(Action: Ministry of Railways/Ministry of Mines)

3.4 Joint Secretary (Ports), Ministry of Shipping stated that they have a checking system of transportation of material at their Ports. He mentioned that they have advised to all the Ports in the country to adopt measures similar to those introduced by Paradip Port Trust authorities to streamline the movements of consignment by road and rail upto the Port for export purposes vide letter dated 24.5.2010. The measures include providing list of mineral exporters to the State Government and M/o Railways, verifying receipt of minerals against valid permit/challan, unauthorized movement of minerals within the Port not allowed, etc. Joint Secretary (Ports) also mentioned that the Traffic Manager of Ports would be part of the SLCC, wherever applicable. Secretary (Mines) desired that Ministry
of Shipping should provide a copy of the letter dated 24.5.2010, so that if need be Ministry of Mines would follow it up.

(Action: All State Governments/ Ministry of Shipping/ Ministry of Mines)

3.5 Joint Secretary (Customs), Department of Revenue informed the Committee that they have issued instructions to Customs offices for sharing the details of minerals exported through the Ports with the concerned State Governments on a regular basis as agreed for Goa. Identification of ‘nodal officer’ of the State with whom exact modalities of information/data exchange would need to be worked out by Customs authorities in consultation with the concerned State Governments was the key issue from the point of view of Customs. Secretary (Mines) directed all State Governments present to nominate their ‘nodal officer’ for Customs (Department of Revenue), Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Shipping for handling outstanding issues related to them. Out of eleven States present in the meeting seven of them nominated their ‘nodal officer’ for handling outstanding issues with Customs, Railways and Shipping appended at Annexure-II. Others were requested to convey the same to the Ministry of Mines, Government of India by 15th July 2010. The details of the ‘nodal officer’ would be furnished to Customs (Department of Revenue), Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Shipping on receipt.

{(Action: Concerned State Governments/ Ministry of Mines/ Ministry of Railways/ Ministry of Shipping/Department of Revenue (Customs)}

3.6 Joint Secretary (Steel) stated that more than illegal mining, their ministry is greatly concerned about mineral concessions and renewal of application where environment and forest clearance by the M/o Environment & Forests was a major hurdle. Secretary (Mines) stated that Forest Act came into being in 1980. Renewals of applications thus were subject to provision of the Act mandatory for FCA clearances. Secretary (Mines) advised Joint Secretary (Steel) to bring the issue on a case by case and state by state basis. Joint Secretary (Steel) also raised the issue of security in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh, especially deployment of inadequate forces for safeguarding pipelines
in Jharkhand. He also raised the issue of a number of existing iron ore mines getting closed on account of violations. In such cases he requested that technical violations by miners be differentiated from substantive violations. In cases, where there are only minor violations of technical nature, quick remedial action be taken and it be ensured that these mines are reopened after getting the needful done. Only in cases, where there are violations of substantive nature, stiff action like closure of mines and penal and/or criminal action be taken against the mining companies. In the context it was explained that reopening of mines after violation depended entirely upon the miner and the promptness with which he approached IBM after correcting violation pointed out.

3.7 Stock taking of preparation of Action Plan identifying the Action Points as furnished to the State Chief Secretaries from Secretary (Mines) vide D.O. No. 16/12/2009-MVI dated 8.12.2009, showed that some States have prepared the Action Plan and have sent to Ministry of Mines. Few had brought it along with them and handed over to the Ministry of Mines in the meeting. Some still remained in the process of preparation. Status of action taken by the States to adopt measures to curb/prevent illegal mining is summarized as under;

3.7.1 Submission of Action Plan: State Governments of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Jharkhand have submitted Action Plan. State Governments of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Goa, which have not submitted the Action Plan, assured to submit the same at the earliest.

3.7.2 Constitution of Task Force: State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Goa have constituted the Task Force. State Government of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have not so far constituted the Task Force, were advised to constitute at the earliest.

3.7.3 Framing of Rules under Section 23C of MMDR Act: Rules have been framed by the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh,
Maharashtra, Orissa, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Goa. State Government of Tamil Nadu has not framed the rules as yet and was advised to do it at the earliest.

3.7.4 **Registration of End-users:** The mechanism has been put in place by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Goa and Orissa. Other State Governments present were advised to start the process immediately.

3.7.5 **Constitution of Special Cell in State Police:** None of the State Governments whose representatives were present during the meeting had constituted the Special Cell in their State Police to deal with illegal mining. However, they assured to do so at the earliest.

3.7.6 **Use of Satellite Imagery:** State Governments of Orissa and Rajasthan reported use of Satellite imagery. It was stated by the Secretary, Goa that they will be using the Satellite imagery with the help of IBM. Principal Secretary, Government of Maharashtra also stated that they have initiated dialogue with ISRO to take up the use of satellite imagery. Other State Governments were advised to start using the facility of Satellite imagery to track down illegal mining.

3.7.7 **Hologram-marking/ bar coding of transport:** State Governments of Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Orissa reported to have started hologram-making/ bar-coding of transport permit or some sort of securitization of transport permit. Other State Governments present were advised to start the process immediately.

3.7.8 **Special Measures Undertaken:** It was reported by the Government of Orissa that they are planning to set up a special camp at sites for disposal of pending renewal cases. Government of Rajasthan reported that Border Home Guards are being deployed in areas where there have been complaints about illegal mining. Government of Jharkhand stated that they plan to have a joint meeting with Government of Orissa to tackle inter-state problems relating to illegal mining. Government of Goa reported to have devised a
system of transferring information about trucks carrying iron ore in real time from weigh bridge to the State Directorate of Mines and Geology so that any illegal transportation could be tracked down.

(Action: State Governments/ Ministry of Mines)

3.8 The issue of sand came up while discussing illegal mining. Secretary (Mines) observed that the case of iron ore today would be the case of sand in future. Sand she stated is going to be a scarce commodity in days to come. Along with this, quality of sand is coming down which would result in reduction in the life of construction/building, say from an average of 60 years to 30 years, which is alarming. Secretary (Mines) asked the State Governments to initiate efforts to develop alternative of sand for construction. The effort was important since unmindful extraction of sand can adversely impact carrying capacity of water. It was also necessary to develop alternative to sand, including industrial wastes.

Secretary (Mines) desired that Geological Survey of India (GSI) may inform availability of sand in the country so that the whole issue could be discussed in the next meeting.

(Action: GSI/ Ministry of Mines)

4. Adoption of Model State Mineral Policy

4.1 All the State Governments were requested to consider revising/ formulating their respective Mineral Policies keeping in view the National Mineral Policy, 2008. Draft Model State Mineral Policy was also circulated to facilitate the process. Some States like Maharashtra, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh stated that they have a State Mineral Policy in place. However, some other States like Jharkhand, Karnataka, Orissa stated that the formulation of State Mineral Policy is under progress and at different stages of approval. Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan stated that the State Mineral Policy has been prepared.
and has been submitted to Cabinet for approval. Special Secretary (Mines) advised the State Governments that the process to put the Mineral Policy in place be expedited, wherever it has not been done. A copy of the Policy as and when formulated may be sent to Ministry of Mines, Government of India.

(Action: All State Governments)

5. Issues relating to Royalty

5.1 The Ministry notified new rates of royalty and dead rent with effect from 13.8.2009 by amending Rule 64D of the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 for calculating average sale price of minerals by the IBM for such minerals for which royalty is computed on ad valorem basis. All the States agreed that royalty collection in their respective States has increased in 2009-10 over 2008-09. It was advised that the information on the increase in the royalty collections of State Governments may be given.

(Action: All State Governments/ Ministry of Mines)

5.2 Secretary, Jharkhand raised the issue of low average prices of iron ore produced in Jharkhand as compared to other iron ore producing States like Chhattisgarh and Orissa as published by IBM referring to the letter written by Hon’ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand to Hon’ble Minister of Mines. Joint Secretary (MR) stated that the issue has been clarified to the Hon’ble Chief Minister. A Monitoring Committee has been constituted in IBM for checking pit mouth prices reported by the miners with actual invoices/bills on random basis. The Monitoring Committee has had 2 meetings where it took up specific issues and initiated actions. IBM has requested all State Governments including Jharkhand to furnish information on the actual invoice prices of the minerals to cross-check the data furnished by them.

(Action: Government of Jharkhand/ Ministry of Mines/ IBM)
6. **Timely decisions in accordance with the MMDR Act and MCR and submission of quarterly reports.**

6.1 The MCR lays down time schedule for (a) disposal of concession applications; and (b) grant of renewals. It was highlighted in the meeting that for various reasons including slow processing of forest clearances, applications remain pending and in case of renewals, operates under deemed extensions. These circumstances provide perverse incentives for illegal mining of various kinds. It was, therefore, decided to provide for quarterly reports on status of mineral concession cases for which three proformae was circulated to State Governments on (i) pending mineral concession applications (ii) lease execution and (iii) renewal applications. Barring State of Karnataka, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh who have furnished quarterly report for the quarter ending December 2009 (due by 15\textsuperscript{th} January 2010), no reports from any other State Government for the quarters ending December, 2009 and March, 2010 (due by 15\textsuperscript{th} April, 2010) have been received. Special Secretary(Mines) reiterated that these three proformae are important proformae and once it is compiled on its receipt, it will be a management tool for all the States. He further expressed that State may update the register available with the district and sent latest by 31\textsuperscript{st} August, 2010.

(Action: All State Government/ Ministry of Mines)

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

7.1 Addl. DG (Military Services), Ministry of Defence explained the system of processing applications for Reconnaissance Permit. Before the Ministry of Defence grant permission, they go through certain essential stages, viz. verification of the antecedents of the applicant; checking the intelligence aspect; and carrying out a survey. Normally this process takes about one to two months.
7.2 Special Secretary (Mines) on disposal of Reconnaissance Permit (RP) where large number of cases is pending with the State Governments advised them to clear the cases as to whether to ‘permit’ or ‘not permit’. In view of the fact that new Act under consideration in which RP is proposed to be made non-exclusive; once the new Act comes into forces, the RP applicants may have to apply for LAPL afresh which will mean loss of time and infructuous effort.

(Action: Ministry of Mines/ All State Governments)

8. Status of Letter of Intent (LOI) for purposes of reconciliation

8.1 Special Secretary (Mines) stated that on reviewing mineral concession proposals, it has been observed that in a large number of cases where the prior approval of the Ministry has been conveyed to the State Governments, no intimation has been received regarding issuance of LOI by the State Governments. Some of the States like Goa, Jharkhand and Karnataka handed over the status of LOI in the meeting to the Ministry. State Government of Rajasthan mentioned that they will collect this information and send to the Ministry. The Committee advised all the State Governments to sent status of LOI to the Ministry of Mines as early as possible for process of reconciliation.

(Action: Ministry of Mines/ All State Governments)

9. Difficulties faced by Reconnaissance Permit (RP), Prospecting Licence (PL), Mining Lease (ML) holders in Bastar region of Chhattisgarh due to law and order problems.

9.1 The law and order problem in the Bastar region of Chhattisgarh was also stressed where despite RP, Mining Lease and Prospecting Licence were granted by the
Government of Chhattisgarh, have not been operationalised. This issue which was brought to the notice of the Ministry by Federation of Indian Mineral Industries (FIMI) had suggested (i) a regional mineral development authority may be set up out of the existing DGM staff in the Bastar region, which could be entrusted with some powers to facilitate mineral development activities and solve the problems by better coordination with law and order enforcing agencies; and (ii) the industries associated with mineral development in the region may be used as a catalyst for infrastructure development by the authority. The State Government of Chhattisgarh may intimate to the Ministry of Mines on the above observations/suggestions.

(Action: Ministry of Mines/ Government of Chhattisgarh)

10. Return of pending cases

10.1 Special Secretary (Mines) pointed out that the Ministry and the State Governments had been engaging in efforts to clear concession proposals pending for long time in the Ministry primarily because of certain clarifications/ comments sought from State Governments on various important aspects of the proposal. Most of the clarifications are still pending with the State Governments resulting in proposals pending. He urged the State Governments to follow the guidelines issued on 24\textsuperscript{th} June 2009 and review all pending cases and furnish clarification/comments at the earliest.

(Action: Ministry of Mines/ All State Governments)

11. Proper utilization of Periphery Development Funds contributed by mining companies to the State Government

11.1 Special Secretary (Mines) stressed on the need for utilization of Periphery Development Fund contributed by the mining companies to the State Government. He reiterated that all State Governments need to put in place a well defined policy on the subject which would bring a sense of ‘no loss’ to the local community. Government of
Andhra Pradesh was advised to intimate the mechanism to utilize 20% Periphery Development Fund in tribal areas consequent to SAMATHA judgment. The State Governments were advised to intimate the status of action taken by them.

(Action: Ministry of Mines/ All the State Governments)

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Annexure-I

List of Participants in the 3rd Meeting of the Central Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee held on 18.6.2010

1. Ms. Santha Sheela Nair, Secretary (Mines) - In the Chair
2. Shri S. Vijay Kumar, Special Secretary (Mines)
3. Ms. A.B.Pande, Joint Secretary (M&R), Min. of Mines
4. Shri S.K. Nayak, Joint Secretary(M), Min. of Mines
5. Dr. P.B. Gangopadhyay, Addl. DG of Forests, Min. of Environment & Forests
6. Major General R.C. Padhi, DDG(Military Service), Ministry of Defence
7. Shri U.P. Singh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Steel
8. Shri Sandeep M. Bhatnagar, Joint Secretary (Customs), Deptt. of Revenue, Min. of Finance
9. Shri Rakesh Srivastava, Joint Secretary (Ports), Min. of Shipping
10. Shri P. Bhatnagar, Adviser (Infrastructure), Railway Board, Min. of Railway
11. Shri Nitesh Kumar Dutta, Director General, Geological Survey of India, Kolkata
12. Shri Azeez M. Khan, Principal Secretary (Industries), Government of Maharashtra
13. Shri Rajeev Ranjan, Principal Secretary (Industries), Government of Tamil Nadu
14. Shri Govind Sharma, Principal Secretary (Mines), Government of Rajasthan
15. Shri N.N. Sinha, Secretary (Mines), Government of Jharkhand
16. Shri Manoj Ahuja, Secretary (Steel and Mines), Government of Orissa
17. Shri Raajiv Yaduvanshi, Secretary (Mines), Government of Goa
18. Shri B.R.V. Susheel Kumar, Director, Deptt. of Mines and Geology, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.
19. Shri R.K. Sharma, Director, (Geology and Mining), Government of Madhya Pradesh.
20. Shri S.K. Trivedi, Director, (Geology and Mining), Government of Chhattisgarh
21. Shri D.R. Veeranna, Addl. Director, Deptt. of Mining and Geology, Govt. of Karnataka
22. Shri G.T. Pandya, I/c Additional Director(FS), Government of Gujarat
23. Shri M. Sengupta, SGMG, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur, Min. of Mines
24. Shri Shri H.D. Gujrati, ED/TT(S), Min. of Railway
25. Shri Sanjiv Kumar Singh, Technical Officer, TRU, Deptt. Of Revenue, Min. of Finance
26. Shri G. Srinivas, Director, Min. of Mines
27. Shri A.K. Nayak, Director, Min. of Mines
28. Dr. Chandramani Sharma, Director, Min. of Mines
29. Shri V. Prasad, Section Officer, Min. of Mines.

Annexure-II

Nodal Officers nominated by State Governments for Central Ministries namely M/o Railway, M/o Shipping and Department of Revenue (Custom)

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Sub:- Modification in Mining Plan– regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to state that in the meetings with the State Governments a concern has been raised that Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) has been modifying Mining Plan for allowing increase in production of ore without adequate intimation to the State Governments. A concern has also been raised that the revision of Mining Plan is often used to increase production of ore, which is sometimes not accounted in mining operations in the concerned mining lease. This matter has been reviewed in the Ministry and it has been decided that IBM may issue guidelines to all its Regional Offices on the following points in all cases of Mining Plan modification:

(i) A monthly summary giving details of the Mining Plan modifications carried out along with copy of the modified Mining Plan to be sent to the concerned State Government and put up on the IBM website.

(ii) In such mines, where approved production in revised Mining Plan has been allowed to be increased

(a) by more than 50% of the earlier production approved in the pre-revised Mining Plan, inspection of such mine shall be carried out once in every 3 months to check whether production tallies with the Modified Mining Plan.

(b) from 25% to 50% of the earlier production approved in the pre-revised Mining Plan inspection shall be carried out once in every 6 months to check whether actual production tallies with the modified Mining Plan; and,
(c) upto 25% over the earlier production approved in the pre-revised Mining Plan, inspection shall be carried out once every year.

(d) in all cases of deviations noticed in production from revised Mining Plan as at (a), (b) & (c) above, the IBM shall take suitable action depending on the assessment of the deviation in terms of Rule 13 of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules1988, and a summary statement of the action taken shall be sent to the State Governments concerned on quarterly basis.

(e) Concerned Regional Controller of Mines/ or Officer-in-Charge of Regional Offices shall appropriately take up the issue of deviations in Mining Plan as noticed during inspections, in the Task Force meetings of the State Governments concerned.

2. It is requested that a copy of the guidelines issued in this context to Regional Offices may be sent to the Ministry. It is further requested that wide publicity may be given to the guidelines through IBM website, Press Statements and suitable intimation to all State Governments.

(Anil Subramaniam)
Under Secretary to the Government of India.
Telefax: 23383946
Quarterly reports on the status of (i) concession applications pending with the State Governments; (ii) lease/licence execution; and (iii) renewal applications.

The Ministry of Mines has, vide letter No. 7/11/2009-M.IV dated 15.12.2009, addressed to all State Governments, prescribed quarterly reports to be submitted by the State Governments on the status of (i) concession applications pending with the State Governments; (ii) lease/licence execution; and (iii) renewal applications. The said letter along with the proforma for the purpose, is available on the website of the Ministry. The State Governments were requested to furnish quarterly reports by the 15th day of January, April, July and October in respect of the preceding quarter. The Ministry has also written subsequent letters dated 29.1.10, 17.5.10 and 23.8.2010 to the State Governments in this regard. The matter was also discussed at length in the meeting of the Central Empowered Committee held on 18.6.2010 wherein the State representatives were asked to expedite submission of the quarterly reports.

However, barring Karnataka (from whom report up to 31.12.2009 has been received), no other major State has furnished any quarterly report so far. The State Governments may please ensure that the quarterly reports on the subject for the period ended on 31.12.09, 31.3.10 and 30.6.10 are sent to this Ministry, without any further delay. The State Governments should put an efficient system needs in place at the State level to ensure that these reports reach us within the stipulated time regularly.
No.7/111/2009-M.IV
Government of India
Ministry of Mines

To

The Secretary
(In charge of Mining and Geology)
All State Governments/UT Admns.

Subject: Timely disposal of mineral concession applications by the State Governments.

Sir,

The Mineral Concession Rules lay down time schedules for (a) disposal of concession applications; and (b) grant of renewals. It is, however, noticed that while applications for new concessions remain pending with the State Governments for various reasons including slow processing of forest clearances, in case of renewal applications, leases are allowed to operate under deemed extensions. Needless to say these circumstances provide perverse incentives for illegal mining of various kinds.

2. In order to monitor the situation obtaining in various States in this respect, it has been decided by the Ministry to seek quarterly reports from the State Governments, in respect of both aspects as well as LOI cases where execution of lease is pending. Three proforma devised by the Ministry for this purpose are enclosed.

3. All State Governments are requested to ensure that quarterly reports on the subject are sent to the Ministry in the prescribed proforma by the 15th day of January, April, July and October, in respect of the previous quarter, and also reviewed periodically in State Level Empowered Committees.

Yours faithfully,

(Gaurav Kumar)
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India
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F.No. 7/111/2009-M.IV  
Government of India  
Ministry of Mines  

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New Delhi, the 18th December, 2009.

To

The Controller General,  
Indian Bureau of Mines,  
Indira Bhawan, Civil Lines,  
Nagpur - 440001  

Sub: Timely disposal of mineral concession proposals by the State Government.

Sir,

The Mineral Concession Rules lay down time schedules for (a) disposal of concession applications; and (b) grant of renewals. It is, however, noticed that while applications for new concessions remain pending with the State Governments for various reasons including slow processing of forest clearances, in case of renewal applications, leases are allowed to operate under deemed extensions. Needless to say these circumstances provide perverse incentives for illegal mining of various kinds.

2. In order to monitor the situation obtaining in various States in this respect, it has been decided by the Ministry to seek quarterly reports from the State Governments, in respect of both aspects as well as LOI cases where execution of lease is pending. Proforma devised by the Ministry for this purpose have been sent to the State Governments. The State Governments have been requested to ensure that quarterly reports on the subject are sent to the Ministry in the prescribed proforma and also reviewed in the State Level Empowered Committee periodically.

3. It has also been decided by the Ministry to seek reports from the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) on the subject separately on status of (i) lease/licence execution and (ii) concession renewals. Accordingly 2 proformae are being sent herewith. You are requested to please furnish quarterly reports to the Ministry in respect of all States by the 15th day of January, April, July and October in respect of the previous quarter.

4. This information will form part of the regular agenda of the Central Empowered cum Coordination Committee.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India
Draft guidelines regarding Maps to be submitted along with mineral concession proposals.

The Ministry has, on 8.9.2010, issued draft guidelines to the State Governments, a copy of which is given below. The draft guidelines are also available on the Ministry’s website. The State Governments to give their comments thereon.

F.No. 7/76/2009-MIV
MINISTRY OF MINES
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

New Delhi dated 8th September, 2010

To
The Secretaries (Mines & Geology) of the State Governments
(as per list attached)

Sub: Draft guidelines regarding maps to be submitted by the State Governments along with mineral concession proposals.

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith draft Guidelines regarding maps to be submitted by the State Governments along with mineral concession proposals.

2. The State Governments are requested to send in their detailed comments on the draft guidelines within 20th September, 2010. These draft guidelines will be discussed in the meeting to be taken by Secretary, Ministry of Mines, on 21st September, 2010.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

(G. Srinivas)
Director
To
The Secretaries (Mines & Geology) of the State Governments
(as per list attached)

Sub: Guidelines regarding submission of maps along with mineral concession proposals.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Guidelines on the above mentioned subject issued vide this Ministry’s letters of even number dated 25\textsuperscript{th} September, 2009 and 3\textsuperscript{rd} June, 2010 and to say that it is still being observed that the maps accompanying the proposals are not clear and specific. The matter has, therefore, been reconsidered in the light of availability of GPS/DGPS positioning systems and the ongoing work of the State Revenue Departments under the National Land Records Management Programme (NLRMP) and the Survey of India (SoI) project of establishing a National Ground Control Point Library (GCPL).

2. Accordingly, in continuation of the earlier instruction/guidelines issued in this behalf, the following revised guidelines are issued for processing of cases under the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and Rules thereunder, for submission of proposals keeping in view the difficulties expressed by applicants/Mineral Associations:

I. (a) For Reconnaissance Permit (RP):

(i) In the proposals for RP covering more than one village, the map should be drawn up in the scale of 1:25000 or 1:50000. If the
proposed area for RP is more than 25 sq.km. then the map can be in the scale of 1:250,000.

(ii) The map should show at least three permanent ground control points/reference points viz. crossing or road, religious place, river, village etc for all the maps which are on smaller scale i.e 1:25000, 1:50000, 1:250000.

(iii) The GPS coordinates for the area proposed should be determined by the RP applicant. (The GPS points should be with reference to the GCPL of Sol/NLRMP points, if they exist).

(b) For Prospecting Licence (PL)/Mining Lease (ML):

(i) For PLs covering more than one village the map should be drawn up in the scale of 1:25000 or 1:50,000. For PLs (within one village) and for all MLs the map should be in the scale of 1:4000.

(ii) The GPS coordinates for PL may be determined by the applicant and shown accordingly on the map. (The GPS points should be with reference to the GCPL of Sol/NLRMP points if they exist).

(iii) In case of ML, the GPS coordinates should be shown only in respect of Taluka/Districts wherein GCPL Points of Sol/NLRMP exist. In all other cases, the IBM will require the GPS coordinates from the ML applicant at the stage of approval of Mining Plan. However, ML applicant preferably show three reference points viz., crossing of road, religious place, river etc. available in the lease area/nearby area in the Map.

(iv) The map should show at least three permanent ground control points/reference points viz. crossing or road, religious place, river, village etc.
(v) The map should clearly show the survey/khasara number including part numbers and the area in respect of each number/part number for all maps which are in the larger scale of 1:4000.

II. For undemarcated areas/Forest Compartments, GPS referencing may be provided for RP/PL/ML even if the area is not covered by GCPL of Sol/NLRMP, as no alternative record are available to fix the reference points.

III. If the area is a Forest compartment, the map should give the names of the villages whose boundaries abut the forest area from all sides and also the distances.

IV. In case of a Forest compartment, details of mineral concessions (RP/PL/ML) already granted or recommended must be shown on the map so that a complete picture is available.

V. Wherever the DGPS Survey is completed by State Governments Revenue Departments for any Taluka/District under the NLRMP, the GPS coordinates in the prescribed format of the State Land Records are to be supplied in the map along with the mineral concession application. The list of all such Talukas/Districts will be made available by State Govts. to the Indian Bureau of Mines from time to time.

VI. If an area falls within the geo-data control points of the Survey of India in their GCPL, the same should be clearly shown in the map.

VII. Details of adjacent areas for which other applications are pending or recommended as well as the existing PLs/MLs/RPs in the adjacent areas should be shown in the map.
VIII. In all cases where the area is not compact and contiguous, adequate details regarding the area left out in between applied for areas should be given to enable proper appreciation of the reasons why non contiguous area needs to be approved.

IX. In case of multiple applicants being recommended in a single proposal, separate maps for each applicant should be furnished showing the applied and the recommended area of each applicant.

X. The map along with mineral concession should clearly show the applied area and the recommended area, duly colour-coded/indexed

XI. The map should contain the signature, name, designation, date and seal of the authorized signatory of the State Government which is forwarding the proposal.

3. All State Governments/UT Administration are requested to ensure that these guidelines are scrupulously complied with by all concerned. In case maps are incomplete, the proposal will be returned.

4. The above guidelines are proposed to come into force with effect from the issue of the same. The State Governments will then have to process all proposals in accordance with the above mentioned guidelines.

Yours faithfully,

(G. Srinivas)
Director
NOTIFICATION

G.S.R:-----(E).-- In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (m) of sub-section (2) of section 18 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1988, namely:

1. **Short Title:**
   
   (1) These rules may be called the Mineral Conservation and Development (Third Amendment) Rules, 2010.
   
   (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1988 (hereinafter referred to as "Principal Rules"), for Rule 45, the following shall be substituted, namely:

   “45. **Monthly and Annual returns:**
(1) The owner, agent, mining engineer or manager of every mine, and any person or company engaged in trading or transportation or storage of minerals mined in the country, shall cause himself to be registered,-

(i) in case of a mine with the Indian Bureau of Mines as per application specified in Form M (to be drafted by IBM), or

(ii) in case of trading or transportation or storage of minerals, with the State Government where the person or company engaged in trading or transportation or storage of minerals is sourcing the minerals as per application specified in Form N (to be drafted by IBM);

and the registration number so allotted by the State Government shall be used for all purposes of reporting and correspondence connected therewith;

(2) For the purpose of sub-rule (1) the Indian Bureau of Mines or the concerned State Governments, as the case may be, shall, -

(a) at the commencement of these rules, give a reasonable opportunity to the owner, agent, mining engineer or manager of every mine, or any person or company engaged in trading or transportation or storage of minerals, to apply for registration in the specified Form with the Indian Bureau of Mines or the concerned State Government, as the case may be, within three months of notification of this rule,

(b) allot and record the registration number in a register in a manner that contains details on a consecutive identity number (in numeric form), followed by ‘M’ and ‘T’ respectively for a mine and for a person or company engaged in trading or transportation or storage of minerals, as the case may be, year of registration (in yyyy), name of State (in alphabets), or in any other similar manner;
for example, a registration number allotted to a Mining Company in the State of Kerala whose application for registration in the year 2010 is number 23, could be- 23/ M / 2010/Kerala
(c) maintain a register giving details of the owner, agent, mining engineer or manager of every mine, or any person or company engaged in trading or transportation or storage of minerals, as the case may be, as registered, which shall be available to the general public, and also published on the website.

(3) The owner, agent, mining engineer or manager of every mine, shall submit to the Regional Controller of Mines in the Indian Bureau of Mines or any other authorized official of the Indian Bureau of Mines, returns in respect of each mine, in the specified form and within the time specified in respect of such returns, namely:

(a) a monthly return which shall be submitted before the 10th of every month in respect of preceding month in the Form as indicated below:

(i) for iron ore in Form F-1;
(ii) for manganese ore in Form F-2;
(iii) for bauxite and laterite in Form F-3;
(iv) for chromite in Form F-4;
(v) for copper, lead, zinc, pyrites, gold and tungsten in Form F-5;
(vi) for mica in Form F-6
(vii) for precious and semi-precious stones in Form F-7;
(viii) for all other minerals in Form F-8;

(b) an annual return which shall be submitted before the 1st July each year for the preceding year in the Form as indicated below:
(i) for iron ore in Form H-1;
(ii) for manganese ore in Form H-2;
(iii) for bauxite and laterite in Form H-3;
(iv) for chromite in Form H-4;
(v) for copper, lead, zinc, pyrite, gold and tungsten in Form H-5;
(vi) for mica in Form H-6;
(vii) for precious and semi-precious stones H-7;
(viii) for all other minerals in Form H-8;

Provided that in case of abandonment of a mine or discontinuance of mining operation for more than 1 year, the annual return of that mine shall be submitted within ninety days of the date of abandonment.

(4) Any person or company engaged in trading or transportation or storage of minerals, shall submit to the concerned State Government where the person or company engaged in trading or transportation or storage of minerals is sourcing the minerals, returns in the specified form and within the time specified in respect of such returns, namely:

(i) a monthly return which shall be submitted before the 10th of every month in respect of preceding month in Form O (to be drafted by IBM);

(ii) an annual return which shall be submitted before the 1st July each year for the preceding year in the Form P (to be drafted by IBM);

(5) In case, it is found that the owner, agent, mining engineer or manager of mine or the person or company engaged in trading or transportation or storage of minerals, as the case may be, has submitted incomplete or wrong or false
information in monthly or annual returns or fails to submit a return within the date specified, -

(i) in case of mining of minerals by the owner, agent, mining engineer or manager of mine, the Regional Controller of Mines shall order suspension of all mining operations in the mine and may revoke the order of suspension only after ensuring proper compliance;

(ii) in case of trading or transportation or storage of minerals, the State Government, where the person or company engaged in trading or transportation or storage of minerals is sourcing the minerals, shall order suspension of:-

(a) trading licence (by whatever name it is called),

(b) all transportation permits issued to such person or company for mineral transportation (by whatever name it is called),

(c) storage licence for stocking minerals (by whatever name it is called),

as the case may be, to such person or company engaged in trading or transportation or storage of minerals, and may revoke the order of suspension only after ensuring proper compliance.

(6) In case of mining of minerals by the owner, agent, mining engineer or manager of mine, the sale value of mineral shall be,-

(a) where exports has occurred, free-on-board (F.O.B) price of the mineral, less deductions specified below:

(i) loading charges by the miner;
(ii) transportation charges from the mine site to the rail head or domestic end-use capacity or port, including railway freight;

(iii) unloading and loading charges at the rail-head or domestic end-use capacity or port;

(iv) charges for sampling and analysis of ore grade;

(v) rent for the plot at the stocking yard in railway siding or port;

(vi) handling charges in port;

(vii) charges for stevedoring and trimming;

(viii) any other incidental charges levied outside the mine-site as notified by the Indian Bureau of Mines from time-to-time.

(b) where sale of mineral has occurred, value of mineral recorded in the invoice in case of domestic sale less loading charges of the miner at the mine site;

Provided that in case a sale has occurred:

(i) between any persons or association of persons or companies where the seller has a substantial interest in the association of persons or company buying the mineral or the persons or company buying the mineral or the buyer has a substantial interest in the association of persons or company selling the mineral;

(ii) for the purposes of use of mineral in an end-use industry for which the mine is a captive supplier,

the sale shall not be recognized as a sale for the purpose of this rule and clause (c) of this sub-rule shall be applicable.
Explanation: For the purpose of this sub-rule, a person shall be deemed to have a substantial interest in an association of persons or a company if he or the association or company of which he is a member is entitled or eligible to share in the profits of that association or company to an extent exceeding 10% of the distributed profits or if he is a member of the management board of the association of persons or company, by whatever name called.

(c) where the sale has not occurred, the average sale price published monthly by the Indian Bureau of Mines for a particular mineral for a particular State shall be taken as the value per unit of the mineral for the purposes of reporting;

Provided that if for a particular mineral, the information for a State for a particular month is not published by the Indian Bureau of Mines, the last available information published for that mineral for that particular State by the Indian Bureau of Mines previous to the reporting month shall be referred.

(7) In case of trading, transportation or storage of minerals, for purpose of filing of returns, the sale value of the mineral shall be,-

(a) where sale of mineral has occurred, value of mineral recorded in the invoice in case of domestic sale, or the F.O.B or C.I.F value of minerals,

(b) where sale has not occurred, the average sale price published monthly by the Indian Bureau of Mines for a particular mineral for a particular State shall be taken as the value per unit of the mineral for the purposes of reporting;

Provided that if for a particular mineral, the information for a State for a particular month is not published by the Indian Bureau of Mines, the last available information published for that mineral for
that particular State by the Indian Bureau of Mines previous to the reporting month shall be referred.

(8) If more than one mineral is produced from the same mine, return shall be submitted in specified forms for each mineral separately.

(9) In case of temporary discontinuance of mining or suspension of mining, or temporary discontinuance or suspension of trading, transportation or storage of minerals, the owner, agent, mining engineer or manager of mine, or the person or company engaged in trading or transportation or storage of minerals, as the case may be, shall submit return in the specified form for the mineral for which return had been submitted earlier, indicating “NIL” information.

(10) In case ownership of the mine or the trading or transportation or storage company changes during the reference period, separate returns have to be filled by each owner for the respective periods of ownership.

(F.No. 16/148/2009-MVI)
(Ajita Bajpai Pande)
Joint Secretary to Government of India
Dear Smt. Pachau,

Please refer to my D.O. letters of dated 31.11.2009 and 18.11.2009 regarding the need for setting up the State level Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee and preparation of a concerted action plan to tackle the increasing incidents of illegal mining. The Hon'ble Minister of Mines & DoNER has since written to Chief Minister of all State Governments in this regard vide his D.O. letter dated 1.12.2009 following a review of the current situation in a meeting with the State Secretaries of Mining and Geology on 27.11.2009.

2. Each State has been advised to draw up an ACTION PLAN to tackle Illegal Mining and also to put in place measures for preventing repeated large-scale occurrences of such clandestine activity. The specific points that need to be addressed in the Plan were identified and are in the Annexure to this letter. This is to request you to personally review the Plan and add to or modify the Plan as best suited for the State’s needs. I shall be grateful if such a Plan is drawn up and sent to us. The State’s agenda for monitoring the Mines Sector for enhancing the collection of Royalty Revenues, may also kindly be given wide publicity.

3. I look forward to hearing from you very quickly, as you will agree, that this is now a very sensitive subject and needs attention at the highest level.

Yours sincerely,

(Santha Sheela Nair)

Shri Vanhela Pachhua,
Chief Secretary,
Government of Mizoram,
Aizawl.

Encl: As above
Action points for modeling the State Government Action Plan for curbing illegal mining:

- Use of Satellite Imagery sourced from State Remote Sensing Organisations to curb illegal mining.

- Developing reliable mechanism in the State Government for collecting and monitoring of data regarding prices of various minerals, wherein the price trend could indicate possible chances of illegal mining in certain minerals.

- Developing a mechanism for integrated monitoring of information on movement of trucks’ vehicles from mining areas to ports/ markets/ manufacturing units which use mineral ores, and correlating the same with the production data capture any spurt in mining activity.

- Maintaining and collecting information from ports, custom authorities, Ministry of Commerce on export of ores out of the country.

- Bar-coding, use of Holograms for transport permits, royalty paid permits etc., as a means of tracing unauthorized transport or sale of ores.

- Compulsory registration of all the end-users and issue of directives to the end-user industries to mandatorily check payment of royalty before purchase of ores for various manufacturing processes, with penalties for violations.

- Development of reporting mechanism for the traders of mineral ores and end-use industries to report receipt of ore for which royalty payments have not been made.

- Constituting and empowering Joint teams of officials from various Departments of the State Government including, Police, Forest, Revenue department to conduct checks and file cases.

- Coordinating and concentrating efforts of both State Government and Indian Bureau of Mines through combined inspection in specific areas in which illegal mining is suspected and to ensure safety and effective cessation of illegal mining.

- Ensure non-pendency of applications for renewal of licences.

- Creation of a Special Cell in Police force to tackle illegal mining.