OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Constitution of a Committee for drafting of rules to prescribe parameters of evidence on existence of mineral contents

The undersigned is directed to state that the President of India has promulgated a Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Amendment Ordinance, 2015 on 12.01.2015 to amend the MMDR Act, 1957.

2. The Ministry has decided to constitute following committee for drafting the rules to prescribe parameters of evidence on existence of mineral contents.

   i) Shri Ranjan Sahai, COM(P&C)/IBM - Chairman
   ii) Shri S.K Adhikari, CMG/IBM - Member Secretary
   iii) Shri M.K Somani, RMG/IBM - Member
   iv) Shri U.I Gupta, SMG/IBM - Member
   v) Shri S.K Thakur, GM-Exploration / MECL - Member
   vi) Shri Anjan Chatterjee, DDG & Head Mission / GSI - Member
   vii) Shri T. Natarajan, Commissioner, DMG, Gujarat - Member
   viii) Shri R.S. Kalamkar, Joint Director, DMG, Maharashtra - Member
   ix) Shri. Deepak Kumar Mohanty, Director of Mines, Odisha - Member

3. The Committee shall prescribe parameters of evidence regarding existence of mineral contents in line with the requirements of the Ordinance in unambiguous terms.

4. The Committee shall consider all aspects of delineating mineralization for the purpose of earmarking it for direct Mining Lease (ML) auction or Prospecting Licence (PL)-cum-Mining Lease auction including the transition from Reconnaissance Permit to PL and PL to ML. The committee shall prescribe mineral-wise / deposit-wise parameters of evidence of existence of minerals contents.

5. If required, the Committee may co-opt representatives from other mineral rich States as special members of the Committee.

6. The Committee shall submit its draft report by 29th January, 2015 to the Ministry. Thereafter carry out consultations with stake holders on the draft report and submit its final reports by 13th February, 2015 to the Ministry.

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