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Government of India
Ministry of Mines

New Delhi, the 25th April, 2016

Subject: Meeting to expedite the pending mining lease cases saved under section 10A(2)(c) to be held under the chairmanship of Secretary (Mines) on 10th May, 2016 at 12 AM.

The mining lease applications saved under Section 10A(2)(c) (prior approval granted in cases for mineral listed in 1st Schedule of the Act or LOI issued in cases for other major minerals) 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 had come to notice of the Ministry that some of such applications are still pending for the execution of mining lease. A state-wise list of such cases has been given by FIMI (copy enclosed)

2. It was 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, for the CCEC meeting on 06.03.2016. Only Jharkhand and Mizoram have supplied the list of saved cases under 10A(2)(c). Mizoram has stated that it does not have any such pending cases, while Jharkhand has given list of ‘13’ MLs which are saved.

4. In the CCEC meeting on 6.4.2016, representative of Jharkhand informed that 17 such applications are pending which lie in Saranda forest reserve and are awaiting final report from MoEFCC. Odisha informed that 6 out of 45 old cases pertain to application saved under section 10 A (2) (c). Karnataka informed that 51 such applications are pending but are awaiting finalisation of R&R plans and have to be decided within the 30 MT cap in the State. Secretary (Mines) had sensitised the State Governments that already more than a year has elapsed and state governments should expedite all such Mining Lease cases to get them executed and registered within the prescribed time.

5. A meeting of the 12 major mineral rich States on 10th of May, 2016 for reviewing and expediting such pending cases. A senior representative from MoEFCC may also be present for the discussion, since it has been informed that many such cases are pending for various clearances pertaining to MoEFCC. For the meeting, the State Government should list out such saved cases under Section 10A(2)(c) (prior approval granted in cases for mineral listed in 1st Schedule of the Act or LOI issued in cases for other major minerals) which were pending with the State Government on 12.1.2016 along with following information—

I. Total saved cases under Section 10A(2)(c) which were pending with the State Government on 12.1.2016, of which,
II. the cases which have been disposed of by the State Government &

III. the cases which are still pending along with the reason. The cases pending for intervention by the MoEFCC may be segregated.

The State Governments may email the compiled list on mmdr2014@gov.in by 5th May, 2016 for discussion in the meeting.

6. The meeting is to be held under the chairmanship of Secretary (Mines) on 10th May, 2016 at 12 AM at Aluminium Room, 101-D, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi, 110001. It will be held immediately after the meeting of PAMCAF (Post-Auction Clearances and Approvals Facilitator), which is being scheduled for 11 AM. Its notice is being issued separately. You are requested to kindly attend or depute a senior officer to attend the meetings. A confirmation in this regard along with contact details of the person attending the meeting may be emailed to the undersigned.

DA-As above.

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2. Secretary, In charge of Mining and Geology in the State of:
   i) Andhra Pradesh
   ii) Chhattisgarh
   iii) Goa
   iv) Gujarat
   v) Jharkhand
   vi) Karnataka
   vii) Madhya Pradesh
   viii) Maharashtra
   ix) Odisha
   x) Rajasthan
   xi) Tamil Nadu
   xii) Telangana

With the request to make it convenient to attend the meeting.

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   1. PS to Secretary (Mines), AS(Mines), EA & DIR(RL)
   2. NIC with request to upload this on the website of the Ministry of Mines.