

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *106
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH May, 2016**

FUNDS ALLOCATED, RELEASED AND UTILIZED BY NMET

***106. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA:**

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that despite passage of a year of allotting mining licenses, no significant headway has been made by the National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET);
- (b) the State-wise details of activities carried out, progress made, funds allocated, released and utilized by NMET till date;
- (c) the State-wise details of funds accrued to the Trust including the lease-wise details of two per cent royalty received from lease holders; and
- (d) the State-wise and expenditure-wise details of the utilization of funds collected under NMET till date?

A N S W E R

**MINISTER OF STEEL & MINES
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)**

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.106 REGARDING FUNDS ALLOCATED, RELEASED AND UTILIZED BY NMET ASKED BY SHRI VIVEK GUPTA FOR ANSWER ON 4TH MAY 2016

(a) to (d): In pursuance of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act 2015, the National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) was set up vide gazette notification No. G.S.R. 633 (E) dated 14.8.2015 and the National Mineral Exploration Trust Rules 2015 were also notified vide Gazette Notification No. G.S.R. 632 (E) dated 14.8.2015, with the prime objective of promoting mineral exploration in the country. The amendment Act prescribes payment to the NMET, a sum equivalent to 2% of the royalty paid in terms of the minerals listed in the Second Schedule.

The government has taken following actions relating to NMET:

- (i) As per NMET Rules, the Governing Body (GB) and the Executive Committee of NMET have been set up.
- (ii) The first meeting of Executive Committee and GB of NMET was held on 8.10.2015 and 20.11.2015 respectively to finalise modalities for utilization of funds accruing to NMET and processing of proposals received from the state governments for funding under NMET.
- (iii) Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL), a PSU under the Ministry of Mines has been designated as the nodal agency for carrying out exploration under NMET.
- (iv) A Technical Committee has also been constituted to evaluate the projects for funding under the NMET.
- (v) A tripartite agreement among NMET, MECL and the respective State Government has been approved for implementation of the exploration projects.
- (vi) Separate account has been opened on 2.9.2015 in the State Bank of India, Main Branch, Parliament Street, New Delhi for NMET Fund and State Governments have been advised to deposit NMET contribution in this Account.
- (vii) Technical Committee in its meeting held on April 1-2, 2016 cleared 13 projects costing around Rs.28.21 crore for the approval of the Executive Committee. The list of the projects is at Annexure 'A'.

As on 31.03.2016, NMET has received an amount of Rs.134.41 crore primarily from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha, Maharashtra, Goa, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Bihar.

ANNEXURE-‘A’ REFERRED IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.106 REGARDING FUNDS ALLOCATED, RELEASED AND UTILIZED BY NMET ASKED BY SHRI VIVEK GUPTA FOR ANSWER ON 4TH MAY 2016

Mineral Exploration projects approved by the Technical Committee

Sl. No.	STATE	Block/District	Mineral	Estimated cost in Rs. Lakhs
1.	Odisha	Jumka- Pathiriposhi Block, Distt. Sundargarh	Iron	1103.68
2.	Odisha	Purheibahal- Chandiposhi Block, Distt.- Sundargarh,	Iron	481.89
3.	Maharashtra	Mandri – Panchala Block, Distt. Nagpur	Manganese	126.88
4.	Maharashtra	Lanjera– Futala Block, Distt. Nagpur	Manganese	145.45
5.	Chhattisgarh	Ranigaon- Gondaiya Block, Distt. Bilaspur,	Limestone	97.17
6.	Chhattisgarh	Nahardih- Madhaipur Block, Distt. Raipur	Limestone	27.89
7.	Chhattisgarh	Sendurkhar Block, Distt. Kabirdham (Kawardha)	Bauxite	47.51
8.	Chhattisgarh	Saraipani- Dadar Block, Distt.- Kabirdham (Kawardha)	Bauxite	47.85
9.	Madhya Pradesh	Ghunchihai Block, Distt. - Satna	Limestone	59.34
10.	Madhya Pradesh	Naubasta- Kolard Block, Distt- Satna	Limestone	60.80
11.	Madhya Pradesh	Jamodi- Mahanna Block, Distt. Satna	Limestone	66.61
12.	Karnataka	G.R. Halli South Block, Distt.- Chitradurga	Gold	428.00
13	Jharkhand	Karam (Karambi) Block, Distt. Sahibganj (Santhal Parganas)	Bauxite	128.14
			TOTAL	2821.21