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Subject: Circulation of minutes of 14th meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee of National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust (NMEDT)-reg

Please find enclosed herewith the minutes of the 14th meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee of NMEDT held on 03rd November, 2026 for your kind perusal.

Yours faithfully,

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(**Rajiv Kumar**)
Joint Director (Admn. & Legal)

Encl: As above

To all attendees of PSC Meeting,

1. Shri N. K. Panda, Regional Director, Southern Region, Atomic Mineral Exploration and Research Directorate, Nagarbhavi, Bangaluru.
2. Shri Abhay Agrawal, Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur.
3. Shri Alok Kumar, Dy. Secretary, IFD, Ministry of Mines, GPOA-3, Zone-5, 4th Floor, Netaji Nagar, New Delhi.
4. Shri Ravi Dutt, Cost Accounts Officer, NMEDT, 9th Floor, Jeevan Prakash, 25, K. G. Marg, New Delhi.
5. Shri. K Reguram, Under Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Kartavya Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. Shri Gopal Ram, Additional Director Geology (HQ), Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Rajasthan.

7. The Joint Director, Dept. of Mines and Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh.
8. The Director, Directorate of Mines and Geology, Govt. of Odisha.
9. The Addl. Director, Mineral Resource Department, Govt. of Chhattisgarh.
10. Shri Bhagwati Prasad Raturi, Ex -GM (Exploration), MECL, Lane N0-7, New Garhwal Colony Near Malsi Puliya, Balawala, Dehradun.
11. Dr. Pankaj Satija, NTH Complex, 4th Floor, A-2 Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi.
12. Dr. P Krishnamurthy (Technical Expert, PSC), Flat No. 103, A Block, IGV Apts., Ideal Homes Township, RR Nagar, Bengaluru.
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3. The Director (Mines and Minerals), Directorate of Geology and Mining, Government of Assam.
4. The Director, Department of Geology and Mining, Government of Arunachal Pradesh.
5. The Commissioner, Commissioner of Geology and Mining, Government of Gujarat.
6. The Director, Mineral Resource Department, Government of Chhattisgarh.
7. The Director (Mines), Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Jharkhand.
8. The Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka.
9. The Director, Mineral Resource Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh.
10. The, Director, Directorate of Mineral Resources, Government of Meghalaya.
11. The Director, Directorate of Geology and Mining, Government of Nagaland.
12. The Director, Directorate of Mines and Geology, Government of Odisha.
14. The Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Rajasthan.
13. The Director, Directorate of Geology and Mining, Government of Uttarakhand.

14. The Director, Directorate of Mines and Minerals, Government of West Bengal.
15. The General Manager (Exploration), Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL), Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Bhawan, Seminary Hills, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
16. The Madhya Pradesh State Mining Corporation Ltd. Block 'A', 2nd Floor, Paryawas Bhawan Jail Road, Arera Hills, Bhopal.
17. Shri S. Dhanendran, Director/Member Secretary, TCC-1 (Invitee), GSI Training Institute, Hyderabad, Telangana.
18. Shri Sanjay Singh, Director/Member Secretary, TCC-2 (Invitee), GSI, Western Region, Jaipur.
19. M/s Maiki South Mining Private Limited, Dongfang Electric Building, 3rd Floor, Premises 16, Mar 1111, AA 1A, New Town, Kolkata, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal.
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Minutes of 14th Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) meeting, NMEDT

held on 03.11.2026 at 10:30 AM

The 14th meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) was held under Chairmanship of Shri Pankaj Garg, Director General, NMEDT on 3.11.2026 at Conference Hall, 9th Floor, Jeevan Prakash Building, New Delhi in hybrid mode. The list of participants is given at Annexure-1. Director (Projects) & Member Secretary, PSC extended a warm welcome to all members and informed that the project proposals recommended in the 12th meeting of Joint TCC, 106th & 107th meetings of TCC-1 and 38th & 39th meetings of TCC-2 were placed before the Committee for consideration and decision.

Joint TCC

Agenda 14.1: Partial reimbursement of exploration expenses in respect of the Katghora (Lithium and REE) Composite Licence (CL) Block

PSC was apprised that M/s Maiki South Mining Private Limited had submitted a proposal seeking partial reimbursement of exploration expenses in respect of the Katghora (Lithium and REE) Block, located in Korba district, Chhattisgarh, which was allotted to the company through auction under a Composite Licence. Prospecting activities commenced on 05.06.2025, envisaging phased exploration up to the G2 level during FY 2025–26 to FY 2027–28. Phase-I exploration, comprising G3-level exploration, is nearing completion, and preparation of the Geological Report is underway.

PSC was further informed that the lithium values recorded so far were generally low, with weighted average Li concentrations of 253 ppm and 133 ppm in the dominant leucogranite and pegmatite lithologies, respectively, indicating no significant lithium enrichment across the block. The exploration carried out so far had not established any significant lithium concentration or a well-defined zone of economically promising mineralization within the block.

Decision of PSC: PSC observed that the agency had carried out G3-level exploration, comprising geological mapping, surveying, sample analysis and scout drilling. However, the investigations undertaken so far had not established any significant lithium resource within the block. In view of the exploration results and the absence of any significant lithium mineralization, PSC considered it inappropriate to extend financial assistance under the Scheme for Partial Reimbursement of Exploration Expenses for blocks allotted under a Composite Licence. Accordingly, PSC did not approve the proposal of M/s Maiki South Mining Private Limited for partial reimbursement of exploration expenses.

Agenda 14.2: Approval of cost revision of ongoing exploration projects recommended by Joint TCC

PSC was apprised that Joint TCC at its 12th meeting has recommended the cost revision of following ongoing exploration projects for approval of PSC.

Table-1: Details of project recommended by Joint TCC for cost revision							
S. No.	**Block/Project**	**Agency**	**Approved cost (Rs.)**	**Revised cost (Rs.)**	**Change in Cost (Rs.)**	**Remarks**	**Comments of PSC**
1	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE and associated Rare Metals in the modified NB9 and NB 10 block (2.85 sq. km) in the northern part of the Siwana Ring Complex, Balotra district, Rajasthan **[12th Joint TCC]**	MECL	8,25,26,063.56	8,18,77,801.06	(-) 6,48,262.5	Cost reduced due to change in drilling from outsourced to in-house, removal of trenching and associated sample analysis	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the cost revision of ongoing exploration project, as per table-1.

Technical-cum-Cost Committee-1 (TCC-1)

Agenda 14.3: Approval of new exploration project proposals recommended by the Technical-cum-Cost Committee-1 (TCC-1)

PSC was apprised that TCC-1 has recommended following 08 mineral exploration projects proposal with an estimated cost of Rs. 11,99,35,496.9 (Rs. 1199.35 lakhs) for approval of PSC.

Table-2: Details of exploration projects recommended by TCC-1

Amount in Rs.

Sl. No.	Project/Block Name	Area (in km^2)	Agency	Commodity	Stage	Duration (months)	Cost	Comments of PSC
1	Preliminary exploration (G3 Stage) of Graphite in Bhaleri Block, District: Rayagada, Odisha **[106th TCC-1]** **[ME/DD/G3/OD/26-27/255]**	4.11	MMPL Pvt. Ltd.	Graphite	G3	12	1,82,09,954	**Approved**
2	Preliminary Exploration (G3 Stage) for Copper and associated minerals in the Bakra-Phuljhari Block, District: East Singhbhum, State: Jharkhand **[106th TCC-1]** **[ME/DD/G3/JH/26-27/303]**	3.75	NRD Tata	Copper and associated minerals	G3	12	3,35,07,066	**Deferred** AMD informed that the area has potential for Uranium and the proposal may be deferred.
3	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Kullu-Bihara Block, District: Rewa, Madhya Pradesh **[106th TCC-1]** **[ME/IND/G3/MP/P/26-27/030]**	3.40	S&S Geological Consultants	Limestone	G3	8	86,52,488	**Approved**

4	General Exploration (G-2) for Glauconitic Sandstone in Muskaniya-Gareriatola-Barwari Block [Block area- 2.73 sq. km], District-Garhwa, Jharkhand. **[107th TCC-1]** **[ME/DD/G2/JH/MECL/26-27/027]**	2.73	MECL	Glauconite	G2	12	2,09,37,773	**Approved** TCC informed that the block has been annulled two times and bidders have pointed out data gaps in the area. Considering the above PSC approved the project.
5	Preliminary exploration (G-3 stage) for glauconite in Amiya block, District-Kachchh, Gujarat **[107th TCC-1]** **[ME/DD/G3/GJ/MECL/26-27/028]**	6.04	MECL	Glauconite	G3	12	1,07,91,666.33	**Approved**
6	Preliminary exploration (G-3 stage) for glauconite in Khatiya block, District-Kachchh, Gujarat **[107th TCC-1]** **[ME/DD/G3/GJ/MECL/26-27/036]**	4.89	MECL	Glauconite	G3	12	73,63,428.38	**Approved**
7	Preliminary Exploration for Phosphorite in Hirapur-Khairwaha block, District: Chhatarpur, Madhya Pradesh **[107th TCC-1]** **[ME/IND/G3/MP/P/26-27/029]**	2.80	S & S Geological consultant	Phosphorite	G3	10	1,17,37,723.61	**Approved**
8	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Aluminous Laterite, Ti	38.03	Geo Consultants	Aluminous	G4	10	87,35,397.57	**Approved**

	& V in Shankari Block, Kendujhar District, Odisha **[107th TCC-1]** **[ME/IND/G4/OD/P/26-27/033]**		Private Limited	Laterite, Ti & V				
	Total						**~~11,99,35,496.9~~** **8,64,28,430.9**	

Discussion:

PSC advised that mineral rich provinces like Siwana Ring Complex may be identified across the country and targeted exploration in fast-track basis may be carried in those areas for ascertaining the mineral wealth of the country.

Dr. Pankaj Satija, Technical Expert, suggested that an attempt may be made to undertake project-wise data analysis by incorporating parameters for each category of exploration, viz. G2, G3, G4 to have expenditure per sq. km. to facilitate a comparative assessment. For mining sector also, there are factors like reserve per sq. km. to have an idea of concentration of ore. This too varies from state to state but, it provides a useful basis for comparison. Similarly, analysing exploration expenditure per sq. km. across different project categories would help identify variations in expenditure, assess the factors contributing to such variations and identify areas where improvements and cost optimisation may be achieved.

Shri N. K. Panda, Regional Director, AMD clarified that, while expenditure per sq km could provide a meaningful basis for comparison in the mining sector, where mineral reserves are already established or known, its applicability to mineral exploration needs to be viewed differently. Mineral exploration involves investigating unknown geological potential, and the expenditure is largely governed by the nature and intensity of exploration undertaken in a particular project. While the rates for various surveys, investigations and analytical services are generally governed by the NMEDT Schedule of Charges, a major factor contributing to variations in expenditure is the quantum and depth of drilling undertaken. Consequently, expenditure per sq km may not, by itself, provide a representative basis for comparing exploration projects with mining blocks.

Abhay Agrawal, COM (NZ), IBM informed that while approving or assessing any exploration project wherein the presence of critical mineral is indicated, the threshold value of such critical mineral may be assessed and based on the available threshold values, considered and structured decision can be taken by the committee for approval of such projects. He further

informed that if any potential area lies nearby existing mining lease where in the resources can be extrapolated based on the available data in such mine, then such area may be considered for taking up for auction [CL], based on the available geoscience data, as prescribed under rule 7(1) of 'Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015. Such projects may not be considered for further exploration, through NMEDT funds.

Chaiman, PSC requested Shri Abhay Agrawal, COM (NZ), IBM to provide a commodity wise detailed list of threshold values of critical minerals to NMEDT Secretariat.

Decision of PSC: PSC approved 07 exploration projects and deferred 01 exploration project (Sl. No. 2), as mentioned against respective NPEAs/NEAs in table-2, with a total cost of Rs. 8,64,28,430.9.

Agenda 14.4: Ratification of revised for Procurement of Sample Processing Units for Establishment of Rock Laboratory in GSI

PSC was apprised that GSI has been sanctioned a project for the procurement of Sample Processing Units for the establishment of Rock Laboratories in the State Units and Regional Offices of GSI, at an approved cost of Rs. 14,25,43,480/- for a duration of 18 months.

It was further informed that the price bids for five (05) out of the twelve (12) items have been opened and the L1 bidders finalised. The quoted prices for these five items differ from the originally approved cost estimates, resulting in a reduction in the overall procurement cost. Accordingly, the revised project cost has been worked out at Rs. 12,41,24,461/- as against the originally approved cost of Rs. 14,25,43,480/-. The item-wise price is given below:

Table-1 Details of equipments of Sample Processing Units for Establishment of Rock Laboratory

S. No.	Name of Item	Cost per Unit (in Rs.)	Number of Units	Approved Total Cost with 18% GST (in Rs.)	Revised Cost per Unit (in Rs.)	Change in Cost (in Rs.)	Cost/Revised Cost with 18% GST (in Rs.)
1	Jaw Crusher	15,00,000.00	24	3,60,00,000	…..	…..	3,60,00,000
2	Disc Mill	3,78,780.00	18	68,18,040	…..	…..	68,18,040
3	Vibratory Cup Mill	9,45,180.00	14	1,32,32,520	…..	…..	1,32,32,520
4	Planetary Ball Mill	14,09,620.00	32	4,51,07,840	11,96,500	(-) 68,19,840	3,82,88,000
5	Sieve Shaker	2,70,220.00	29	78,36,380	93,869	(-) 51,14,179	27,22,201

6	Electric Oven	2,40,000.00	21	50,40,000	…..	…..	50,40,000
7	Polygonal Blenders	1,50,000.00	26	39,00,000	…..	…..	39,00,000
8	Riffle splitter	50,000.00	26	13,00,000	65,000	3,90,000	16,90,000
9	Rock Saw	2,67,860.00	30	80,35,800	…..	…..	80,35,800
10	Rock Cutter	1,40,420.00	15	21,06,300	…..	…..	21,06,300
11	Hydraulic Core Splitter (manual)	3,18,600.00	31	98,76,600	1,05,000	(-) 66,21,600	32,55,000
12	Hydraulic Core Splitter (Automated)	4,70,000.00	7	32,90,000	4,33,800	(-) 2,53,400	30,36,600
Total Cost				**14,25,43,480**	**Revised total of Project:**		**12,41,24,461**

Further, GSI has sought financial sanction of Rs. 4,89,91,801/- (Rupees Four Crore Eighty-Nine Lakh Ninety-One Thousand Eight Hundred One Only) for the procurement of five equipment items, viz., Riffle Splitter, Planetary Ball Mill, Hydraulic Core Splitter (Automated), Sieve Shaker and Hydraulic Core Splitter (Manual). In order to expedite the procurement, Chairman, PSC has approved the revised cost of the project from Rs. 14,25,43,480 to Rs. 12,41,24,461 and also accorded financial approval of Rs. 4,89,91,801/- on 19.10.2026.

Discussion:

The PSC enquired with GSI about the procurement status of the remaining seven (07) items. GSI informed that, out of these seven items, re-tendering is required for two items, namely Disc Mill and Polygonal Blenders, due to price escalation. The procurement process for the remaining five (05) items is currently at the Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) stage.

Decision of PSC: PSC ratified the proposal and instructed GSI to complete the procurement within the approved time schedule.

Agenda 14.5: Approval of cost revision of ongoing exploration projects recommended by TCC-1

PSC was apprised that TCC-1 has recommended cost revision with timeline extension (if any) of following 04 projects for approval of PSC.

Table-4: Details of projects recommended by TCC-1 for cost revision								
Sl. No.	**Block/Project**	**Agency**	**Approved cost (Rs.)**	**Revised cost (Rs.)**	**Change in Cost (Rs.)**	**Timeline Extension**	**Remarks**	**Comments of PSC**
1	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Chhasra Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat **[102nd TCC-1]**	CGM Gujarat	1,74,04,577	34,11,422	(-) 1,39,93,155	30.11.26	Due to local agitation work drilling could not be executed and target reduced from 900m to 176m. Accordingly, other quantum also reduced.	**Approved**
2	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Vayor Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat **[102nd TCC-1]**	CGM Gujarat	94,28,274	60,33,653	(-) 33,94,621	30.11.26	Due to local agitation work drilling could not be executed and target reduced from 450m to 310m. Accordingly, other quantum also reduced.	**Approved**
3	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Jadva Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat **[102nd TCC-1]**	CGM Gujarat	60,97,512	47,31,394	(-) 13,66,118	30.11.26	Due to forest issue, the quantum of drilling reduced from 280m to 229m. Accordingly, other quantum also reduced.	**Approved**
4	Preliminary Exploration for Bauxite in Mothala Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat **[102nd TCC-1]**	CGM Gujarat	2,25,60,284	90,37,996	(-) 1,35,22,288	30.11.26	Due to local agitation work drilling could not be executed and target reduced from 1100m to 398m. Accordingly, other quantum also reduced.	**Approved**

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the cost revision of 04 exploration projects, as per table-4.

Agenda 14.6: Approval of surrender of ongoing exploration project along with timeline extension (if any)

PSC was apprised that TCC-1 has recommended surrender of 01 ongoing exploration projects for approval of PSC.

Table-5: Details of project recommended by TCC-1 for surrender of ongoing exploration project

Sl. No.	Title of the project	Agency	Sanction order issued on	Approved Cost	Remark	Comments of PSC
1	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone in Paradva-Amrapar Blocks A-B-C-D, Jamnagar District, Gujarat	CGM Gujarat	SO issued on 11.03.26 (Approved in 5th PSC)	1,30,79,347	Work not initiated due to local agitation. Project may be surrendered. CGM Gujarat to surrender the amount released to them along with the interest.	**Approved**

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the surrender of ongoing exploration project, as per table-5.

Agenda 14.7: Approval of timeline extension of ongoing exploration/ procurement projects, recommended by TCC-1

PSC was apprised that TCC-1 has recommended timeline extension of following 03 ongoing mineral exploration projects, for approval of PSC.

Table-6: Details of project recommended by TCC-1 for timeline extension

Sl. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Scheduled date of completion	Required timeline (up to)	Sanction Order and originally approved timeline details	Remarks	Comments of PSC
1	Proposal for procurement of equipment through NMET fund for capacity augmentation in MECL **[106th TCC-1]**	MECL	30.09.26	30.11.26	Sanction Order was issued on 01.03.24 Original date of	To complete the procurement	**Deferred**

					completion was 28.02.25		
2	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Bauxite in Barpat Block, Balrampur Ramanujganj District, Chhattisgarh **[106th TCC-1]**	DGM Chhattisgarh	30.09.26	30.11.26	Sanction Order was issued on 13.12.24 Original date of completion was 12.12.25	For submission of GR *(Work delayed due local agitation)*	**Approved**
3	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) for aluminous laterite and associated critical mineral in Govindagude & Sudigudde block, Udupi District, Karnataka **[107th TCC-1]**	Critical Mineral Tracker	31.10.26	31.12.26	Sanction Order was issued on 10.02.25 Original date of completion was 09.08.25	For completion of project & GR submission	**Approved**

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the timeline extension of 02 projects and deferred 01 project (Sl. No. 1), as per table-6.

Technical-cum-Cost Committee-2 (TCC-2)

Agenda 14.8: Approval of new exploration project proposals recommended by the Technical-cum-Cost Committee-2 (TCC-2)

PSC was apprised that TCC-2 has recommended following 08 mineral exploration project proposals with estimated cost of Rs. 18,38,71,153 (~1838.71 lakhs) for approval of PSC.

Table-7: Details of exploration projects recommended by TCC-2 for approval

Amount in Rs.

Sl. No.	Project/Block Name	Area (in km^2)	Agency	Commodity	Stage	Duration (months)	Cost	Comments of PSC
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE and RM in Mathwad area, Alirajpur District, Madhya Pradesh **[38th TCC-2]** **[ME/IND/G4/MP/P/26-27/025]**	100	MMPL Pvt. Ltd.	REE and RM	G4	10	1,56,26,916	**Approved**
2	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Graphite and associated minerals in Ekhatya block, Keyi Panyor District, Arunachal Pradesh **[38th TCC-2]** **[ME/IND/G3/AR/P/26-27/021]**	1.64	MMPL Pvt. Ltd.	Graphite and associated minerals	G3	12	7,32,19,595	**Approved**
3	Preliminary Exploration (G3) of Ti, V and associated minerals in Parbad- Kumir block, Purulia District, West-Bengal **[38th TCC-2]** **[ME/DD/G3/WB/26-27/064]**	3.0	MMPL Pvt. Ltd.	Ti, V and associated minerals	G3	12	2,42,94,553	**Approved**
4	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Laterite hosted Vanadium and associated minerals in Khirhni block,	2.3	BMRC Geomining Solutions Pvt Ltd	Laterite hosted Vanadium and	G3	12	63,55,321	**Approved**

	Katni District, Madhya Pradesh **[38th TCC-2]** [**ME/DD/G3/MP/26-27/260**]			associated minerals				
5	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Barium, Vanadium and associated mineralization around N/V Andoli, Teekar, Dhoora Sangroli, District Almora, Uttarakhand **[38th TCC-2]** **[ME/IND/G4/UK/P/26-27/023]**	40	Enkay Enviro Services Pvt. Ltd.	Barium, Vanadium and associated mineralization	G4	10	1,08,10,068	**Approved**
6	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Regolith based REE and Associated Minerals in Wallang Block, District- East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya **[39th TCC-2]** **[ME/DD/G3/ML/MECL/26-27/031]**	10.70	MECL	REE and Associated Minerals	G3	12	1,16,11,591	**Approved**
7	Preliminary exploration(G3) for Bauxite, aluminous laterite and associated Critical minerals in Asanpani block, Balarampur district, Chhattisgarh **[39th TCC-2]** **[ME/IND/G3/CT/P/26-27/027]**	9.51	MMPL Pvt. Ltd.	Bauxite, aluminous laterite and associated Critical minerals	G3	12	2,12,80,272	**Approved**
8	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Phosphorite, Associated Elements in Deopur - Dalipur Block, Chhatarpur - Sagar District, Madhya Pradesh **[39th TCC-2]**	2.50	Enkay Enviro Services Pvt. Ltd.	Phosphorite	G3	12	2,06,72,837	**Deferred** PSC observed that the agency has only four (04) technical manpower. PSC already approved (01)

	[ME/DD/G3/MP/26-27/281]							project of agency on the earlier instance and has also considered the project at serial no. 5 for its approval. Thus, the project at S. No. 8 has been deferred as of now.
							~~**18,38,71,153**~~ **16,31,98,316**	

Decision of PSC: PSC approved 07 exploration projects and deferred 01 exploration project (Sl. No. 8), as mentioned against respective NPEAs/NEAs in table-7, with a total cost of Rs. 16,31,98,316/-.

Agenda 14.9: Approval of change of stage, title and area of the ongoing exploration project

PSC was apprised that TCC-2 has recommended change of stage, title and area of 01 ongoing exploration projects for approval of PSC.

Table-8: Details of project recommended by TCC-2 for change of stage and title of ongoing exploration project

Sl. No.	**Title of the project**	**Agency**	**Changed title of the project with stage of exploration**	**Remark**	**Comments of PSC**
1	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Potash mineralization in Kalu Block, Bikaner District, Rajasthan (Area: 53 km^2) Sanctioned Cost: Rs. 4,16,82,544 **[38th TCC-2]**	FAGMIL	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Potash mineralization in Kalu Block, Bikaner District, Rajasthan (Modified area: 20.3 km^2) Cost revised in 11th PSC Rs. 5,67,48,646	Committee observed that drilling was done in 1600m grid pattern. Hence recommended the proposal for change in stage and title from Preliminary (G3) exploration to Reconnaissance Survey (G4).	**Approved**

				Further, the area of the project was inadvertently mentioned as 53 km^2 by the TCC-2 at its 12^{th} meeting. Hence, the committee recommended to modify the area from 53 km^2 to 20.3 km^2.	

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the change of stage, title and area of the ongoing exploration project as per table-8.

Agenda 14.10: Reimbursement of NPV and Compensatory Afforestation Charges for ongoing exploration project

TCC-2 at its 38^{th} meeting has recommended the reimbursement of NPV and Compensatory Afforestation Charges (CA) claimed by MECL for the following project:

Table-9: Details of project recommended by TCC-2 for reimbursement of NPV and CA charges

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Details of NPV and Compensatory Afforestation (CA) Charges	Demand raised by Forest Dept. on	Remarks	Comments of PSC
1	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE and associated minerals in Bhimgoda South Block, Balotra District, Rajasthan **[38th TCC-2]**	MECL	NPV: Rs. 17,42,364 CA: Rs. 56,88,800 Total: Rs. 74,31,164	24.04.26	Committee observed that presently NPV and CFA is claimed for 26 bore holes. Till date the agency did not make any payment towards NPV and CFA.	**Deferred** The PSC instructed MECL to provide details of the number of trees along with their variety, proposed to be felled for the execution of the project.

Decision of PSC: PSC deferred the proposal of reimbursement of NPV and Compensatory Afforestation Charges claimed by MECL, as per table-9.

Agenda 14.11: Approval of cost revision of ongoing exploration projects recommended by TCC-1

PSC was apprised that TCC-2 has recommended cost revision with timeline extension of following 01 projects for approval of PSC.

Table-10: Details of project recommended by TCC-2 for cost revision of ongoing exploration project

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved cost (Rs.)	Revised cost (Rs.)	Change in Cost (Rs.)	Timeline Extension	Remarks
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 stage) for establishing the occurrence of Lithium and associated minerals in Great Rann of Kachchh, Gujarat **[39th TCC-2]**	CGM Gujarat	30,92,597	7,66,391	(-) 23,26,206	30.11.26	Part of the area has been taken up by Government for green zone development. Timeline extension required to submit the bills

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the revised cost and timeline extension of ongoing exploration project as per Table-10.

Agenda 14.12: Approval of timeline extension of ongoing exploration/ procurement projects, recommended by TCC-2:

PSC was apprised that TCC-2 has recommended timeline extension of following 10 mineral exploration/procurement projects, for approval of PSC.

Table-11: Details of project recommended by TCC-2 for timeline extension

Sl. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Scheduled date of completion	Required timeline (up to)	Sanction Order and originally approved timeline details	Remarks	Comments of PSC
1	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for REE and associated mineralization in GoI-Bagindi-Tilwara Area, Siwana Ring	MECL	9.09.26	1.01.27	S.O issued on 10.11.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion	For submission of GR	Approved

	Complex, Balotra District, Rajasthan **[38th TCC-2]**				was 09.09.26		
2	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Graphite in Korapara, Bankura District, West Bengal **[38th TCC-2]**	MMPL Pvt. Ltd.	9.10.26	9.12.26	S.O issued on 10.02.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 9.12.25	For completion of work and submission of GR	Approved
3	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone in Khongkha Block, Kiphire district, Nagaland **[38th TCC-2]**	DGM Nagaland	30.09.26	30.11.26	S.O issued on 26.03.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 25.06.26	For submission of GR	Approved
4	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Limestone in Gunaur Pali Block, Panna District, Madhya Pradesh **[38th TCC-2]**	MPSMC	30.09.26	30.11.26	S.O issued on 28.02.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 27.11.24	For submission of GR	Approved
5	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Limestone in Dhanokhar Nagod Block, Panna & Satna Districts, Madhya Pradesh **[38th TCC-2]**	MPSMC	30.09.26	30.11.26	S.O issued on 28.02.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 27.11.24	For submission of GR	Approved
6	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Tungsten, REE and Associated minerals in and around Nellie Area, Morigaon and	MECL	31.10.26	30.11.26	S.O issued on 13.12.24 Original approved	For submission of GR	Approved

	West Karbi Anglong Districts, Assam **[39th TCC-2]**				Scheduled Date of Completion was 12.03.26		
7	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Manganese and Associated Minerals in Kankura Block, West Singhbhum District, Jharkhand **[39th TCC-2]**	NRD Tata	9.12.26	9.04.27	S.O issued on 10.03.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 9.6.26	To complete drilling and associated work and submission of GR *(The project is delayed due to non-receipt of forest clearance. Forest clearance received on 10.02.26)*	Approved
8	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Bauxite, Aluminous Laterite, Manganese and Associated Minerals around Rengalaberha Kashira area, Sundargarh District, Odisha **[39th TCC-2]**	NRD Tata	16.11.26	31.03.27	S.O issued on 17.11.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 16.11.26	To complete drilling and associated work and submission of GR *(The project is delayed due to non-receipt of forest clearance)*	Approved
9	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 stage) for Iron Ore, Amhawa Block, Sidhi District, Madhya Pradesh **[39th TCC-2]**	MMPL Pvt. Ltd.	31.10.26	28.02.27	S.O issued on 10.02.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 09.02.26	To complete the drilling and submission of GR	Approved
10	Preliminary Exploration (G3) in Jhalauthar Phosphorite Block for Rock Phosphate,	Engeotech Consultant	28.06.26	31.03.27	S.O issued on 30.10.24	To complete the drilling and submission of GR	Approved

	Bada Malehra Taluka, Chhatarpur District, Madhya Pradesh **[39th TCC-2]**				Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 29.10.25	*(Project delayed due to expiry of notification and pending forest clearance)*	

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the timeline extension of ongoing projects as per table-11.

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Annexure-1

List of Participants

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Position	Mode of joining
1	Shri. Pankaj Garg	Director General, NMEDT	Chairman	Physical
2	Shri. Anshoo Pandey	Director, NCMM	Member, ex officio	Absent
3	Shri. N K Panda	Regional Director, SR, AMD	Member, ex officio	Online
4	Shri. Birendra Kr. Thakur/Ranjan Kr Das	Director Tech., Ministry of Coal/Representative	Member, ex officio	Absent Out of station
5	Shri. Bhupinder Kumar/K. Reguram	Director (E-I), MoPNG/Representative	Member, ex officio	Online
6	Smt. Geetika Sharma	Director & HoD, NMEDT	Member Secretary	Online
7	Shri. Alok Kumar	Dy. Secretary, IFD, Mines	Member, ex officio	Online
8	Shri. Jayant Naik	Director, M-II, GSI	Member, ex officio	Online
9	Shri. Abhay Agarwal	Controller of Mines, IBM	Member, ex officio	Online
10	Shri. Ravi Dutt	Cost Accounts Officer	Member, ex officio	Physical
11	Ms. Anju Singh	Dy. Director, MRD, Chhattisgarh	Member, ex officio	Online
12	Shri. O. P. Jangid	Sr. Geologist, Representative of Addl. Director, DGM Rajasthan	Member, ex officio	Online
13	Shri T Rajasekhara	Joint Director, DGM Andhra Pradesh	Member, ex officio	Online
14	Shri Rohit Kumar Lenka	Director, DMG Odisha	Member, ex officio	Online
15	Shri. B. P. Raturi	Technical Expert		Online
16	Shri. Pankaj Satija	Technical Expert		Online
17	Dr. P Krishnamurthy	Technical Expert		Online
18	Prof. T. K. Biswal	Technical Expert		Online
19	Shri. Hanuma Prasad Modalli	Technical Expert		Absent
20	Dr. S Ravi	Dy. D. G. and Chairman, TCC-1	Special Invitee	Online
21	Shri. Sanjay Singh	Director and Member Secretary, TCC-2	Special Invitee	Online
22	Shri. S Dhanendran	Director and Member Secretary, TCC-1	Special Invitee	Online