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Subject: Circulation of Minutes of 13th Meeting of the Executive Committee of National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) held on 12th June, 2019.

Please find enclosed the minutes of 13th Meeting of Executive Committee of NMET held on 12th June, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Mines at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi, for your kind perusal.

Action Taken Report on relevant paras may kindly be forwarded to this office.

28/6/19

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NATIONAL MINERAL EXPLORATION TRUST

Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Executive Committee of National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) held on 12th June, 2019.

The 13th meeting of the Executive Committee of National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Anil Mukim, Secretary, Mines on 12th June, 2019 in Khanij Kaksh, Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

The list of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

Joint Secretary, Mines & Member Secretary, EC welcomed the participants. Agenda-wise discussions followed.

13.1 Approval of Minutes of the 12th meeting of EC

All the items of minutes of 12th EC meeting were approved by EC except item no. 12.3, 12.4 and 12.5. These agenda items pertain to engagement of consultants for monitoring of NMET funded projects (12.3), hiring of manpower and vehicles (12.4) and payment of wages to consultants and outsourced manpower (12.5). However, JS&FA, Mines has made an observation that NMET is a Division of Ministry of Mines and therefore, the concurrence of JS&FA for such hiring/ payments is required.

Director, NMET informed the Committee that all the three items pertain to delegation of Financial Power for NMET expenditure and are being pursued separately in file.

(Action: NMET and IFD)

13.2 Discussion on ATR of the 12th meeting of Executive Committee

Para 12.15 of 12th EC meeting: Requirement of office space for NMET.

EC deliberated the matter in 12th EC meeting and decided that NMET shall hire an office space as soon as possible in view of paucity of space as informed by Administration Division of Ministry of Mines. As decided, the revised proposal was submitted to IFD for approval on 30.04.2019. However, JS&FA stated that there would be no requirement of additional space for NMET as it is a Division of Ministry of Mines. Accordingly, IFD advised to use the available vacant space in F-Wing and Aluminium Room for NMET office.

The Member Secretary, EC informed that as per proviso of the Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (As amended in 2015), NMET has been established as a Statutory Trust with a two tier system of governance having its own Governing Body and Executive Committee and not as a Programme Division of the Ministry of Mines. Also, as the State Governments are major stakeholders in mineral exploration, the structure of the Trust has been framed by ensuring adequate representation of States in Governing Body (GB) and Executive Committee (EC) of the Trust.

If NMET has to function like a Programme Division of Ministry of Mines then such an elaborate structure of GB and EC is not required. As per the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961 (As Amended up to 31st January, 2017), the business of the Ministry of Mines is allocated to the Hon'ble Minister of Mines. Therefore, as a Programme Division, NMET

has to function under the singular control of the Hon'ble Minister of Mines. Therefore, the view that NMET is a Division of Ministry of Mines contradicts the legislative provisions of MMDR Act.

Due to the divergent views on the status of NMET's identity, it was decided that it would be better to submit a Cabinet note in this regard and request Secretary (Expenditure) for a meeting with the Chairman, EC to discuss and resolve the issue.

(Action: NMET)

13.3 Status of transfer of NMET contribution by States

EC was informed that 11 States namely Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Telangana have started transfer of NMET contribution as per approved accounting procedure of NMET. The details of NMET fund contribution transferred to Consolidated Fund of India (CFI) stands at ₹149300.32 lakhs as on 31st May, 2019. The details are as under:

Period	Amount (₹ in lakhs)	Particulars
Upto 31st March, 2019	144737.77	This includes ₹131956.57 lakhs transferred from NMET Central account in SBI to Consolidated Fund of India before start of NMET accounting procedure. Remaining amount of ₹12781.20 lakhs was transferred to CFI as per accounting procedure of NMET during 2018-19.
April, 2019 to May, 2019	4562.55	Transferred as per accounting procedure of NMET.
Total	**149300.32**	As on 31st May, 2019

The remaining 10 major mineral producing States are being followed up for adoption of accounting procedure for transfer of NMET contribution.

The State of Andhra Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh have informed that the matter regarding accounting procedure for transfer of NMET contribution into CFI is in process and requests have been made to the Accountant General office / Finance Departments of concerned State Governments.

The States of Assam, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Uttarakhand and West Bengal are facing various problems in initiating the transfer of NMET contribution to CFI. Letters have been issued to the concerned authorities of the States to initiate action towards transfer of NMET contribution to CFI. State-wise status of transfer of NMET contribution is attached as **Annexure-II**.

EC took note of the matter and directed that the matter shall be regularly pursued with the remaining States.

(Action: All States and NMET)

13.4 Approval on Report of Committee on formulation of the Schedule of Charges for NMET funded projects

As advised by EC, a meeting with nominated experts of EC was held to re-examine the NMET, SoC Committee report on 9th May, 2019 Chaired by the Chairman, TCC, NMET.

The comments of the experts were placed for approval of EC. The Nodal Officers of MECL and CMPDI expressed that NMET, SoC Committee had stakeholders representation. Therefore, their viewpoint were reflected in SoC Committee report. However, later on, the experts of EC had taken some decisions which do not adequately address the stakeholders'

concerns. The Nodal officers were of view that stakeholders viewpoint must be considered before making any changes in the original NMET, SoC report.

EC decided that a meeting may be held with NEAs and Expert members under the Chairmanship of Member Secretary, EC, NMET to finalise the SoC of NMET. It was also decided that the present SoC of Ministry of Mines for promotional projects would continue for project proposals till finalization of SoC of NMET.

EC decided in 12th meeting that new exploration projects of MECL for NMET funding will be taken up when empanelment procedure of drilling agencies will be completed by MECL. MECL informed that the empanelment procedure has been completed. EC decided that MECL can now submit exploration proposals in TCC for NMET funding.

(Action: MECL and NMET)

13.5 Status of pending matters of NMET

i. The discussions held and decisions taken on the issue of hiring of office space has already been described on para 13.2.

ii. A bill of ₹14,47,910.00 was received in April, 2019 from NICSI regarding NMET website development. The bill along with a note in file was forwarded to IFD for financial concurrence on 2nd May, 2019 but the same is yet to be accorded.

EC observed that the smooth functioning of NMET is getting hampered due to long pendency of files. The Chairman stated that all concerned are equally responsible and accountable for the delay in clearing files and all such issues be resolved in a time bound manner.

Annexure-I

List of participants

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Annexure-II

Statement regarding transfer of NMET contribution by States as per Accounting Procedure upto 31st May, 2019

S. No	States	Deposited amount in CFI as per new accounting procedure*		
		2018-19 (₹)	2019-20(₹)	**Total (₹)**
1.	Chhattisgarh	51,13,26,085	8,46,90,774	59,60,16,859
2.	Goa	36,80,652	-	36,80,652
3.	Gujarat	1,96,79,034	-	1,96,79,034
4.	Himachal Pradesh	81,26,688	18,45,255	99,71,943
5.	Karnataka	11,14,76,771	-	11,14,76,771
6.	Kerala	4,98,398	609	4,99,007
7.	Madhya Pradesh	19,22,66,675	5,44,47,574	24,67,14,249
8.	Odisha	-	26,02,84,291	26,02,84,291
9.	Rajasthan	8,50,17,186	4,63,40,625	13,13,57,811
10.	Tamil Nadu	6,82,30,980	86,45,464	7,68,76,444
11.	Telangana	27,20,56,882	-	27,20,56,882
Total		**1,27,81,20,350**	**45,62,54,592**	**1,73,43,74,942**

*** The transfer of NMET contribution as per accounting procedure was commenced during the year 2018-19.**