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Government of India
Ministry of Mines
National Mineral Exploration Trust

F. No. 6/3/2015-NMET/175 New Delhi, 08th August, 2023

Subject: Circulation of minutes of 5th meeting of the Governing Body (GB) of National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) held on 28th June, 2023-reg.

Please find enclosed the minutes of 5th meeting of Governing Body of NMET held on 28th June, 2023 under the Chairmanship of Shri Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Minister of Mines, Coal & Parliamentary Affairs at New Delhi for your kind perusal.

Action taken report on relevant paras may kindly be forwarded to this office.

(Vivek Kumar Sharma) 08.08.23
Director & HoD
National Mineral Exploration Trust

To,

1. PS to Hon'ble Minister of Hon'ble Minister of Mines, Coal & Parliamentary Affairs, Shastri Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi.
2. PS to Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. PS to Hon'ble Minister of State, Department of Atomic Energy, New Delhi.
4. PS to Minister of State, Mines, Shastri Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi.
5. PS to Minister In-Charge, Mines & Geology, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
6. PS to Minister In-Charge, Mines & Geology, Government of Assam, Guwahati.
7. PS to Minister In-Charge, Mines & Geology, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
8. PS to Minister In-Charge, Mines & Geology, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
9. PS to Minister In-Charge, Mines & Geology, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.
10. PS to Minister In-Charge, Mines & Geology, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.

Copy to,

1. The Director General, Geological Survey of India 27, J. L. Nehru Road, Kolkata.
2. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, MECL, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Bhawan, Seminary Hills, Nagpur.

3. The Secretary (Mines), Government of Andhra Pradesh.
4. The Secretary (Geology & Mining), Government of Arunachal Pradesh.
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11. The Secretary (Industries, Mines & Geology), Government of Jharkhand.
12. The Secretary, (Industries & Commerce) Government of Karnataka.
13. The Principal Secretary, Industries Department, Government of Kerala.
14. The Secretary (Mines), Government of Madhya Pradesh.
15. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Industries & Mines), Government of Maharashtra.
16. The Commissioner and Secretary, Mining & Geology Department, Government of Meghalaya.
17. The Commissioner & Secretary, Geology & Mining, Government of Nagaland.
18. The Principal Secretary (Steel & Mines), Government of Odisha.
19. The Principal Secretary, Mines & Geology, Government of Punjab.
20. The Principal Secretary (Mines), Government of Rajasthan.
21. The Principal Secretary (Industries), Government of Tamil Nadu.
22. The Principal Secretary (Industries & Mines), Government of Telangana.
23. The Secretary (Mines & Geology), Government of Uttar Pradesh.
24. The Principal Secretary (Mines), Government of Uttarakhand.
25. The Secretary (Industry, Commerce & Enterprises), Government of West Bengal.
26. The Secretary, Department of Industries, Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh.
27. The Principal Secretary, Mines and Geology Department, Government of Sikkim.

Copy for information to:

1. PSO to Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. PPS to Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. PS to JS & FA, Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. PS to Joint Secretary (VKD), Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. Director (Technical), Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

Ministry of Mines

National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET)

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Governing Body (GB) of National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) held on 28th June, 2023 at Constitution Club of India, New Delhi

The 5th meeting of the Governing Body (GB) of the National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) was held under the chairmanship of Shri Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs on 28th June, 2023 at New Delhi. The list of participants is at **Annexure-1**

Shri Vivek Bharadwaj, Secretary, Ministry of Mines & Convener, GB, NMET welcomed all members of the Governing Body of NMET. He informed that excluding the Himalayan Region and Gangetic plains, about 7 lakh sq.km. of the country is available for exploration and 30% has already been explored. By FY 2026-27, it is expected that the baseline surveys of the country will be completed. He informed that the objective of National Mineral Exploration Trust is to boost and support the exploration activities.

Shri Sanjay Lohiya, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines & Member Secretary, EC, NMET presented the agenda of the GB meeting:

5.1: Approval of minutes of 4th GB meeting held on 13th April, 2022

The minutes of the 4th GB meeting were circulated on 5th May 2022 to all GB members and no comments have been received.

Decision of GB:

GB approved the minutes of 4th GB meeting held on 13th April, 2022.

5.2: Action Taken Report (ATR) of minutes of 4th GB meeting held on 13th April, 2022

The Action Taken Report **(Annexure II)** on minutes of 4th GB meeting held on 13th April, 2022 was presented.

Decision of GB:

GB accepted the Action Taken Report on minutes of 4th GB meeting held on 13th April, 2022.

5.3: Nomination of one Minister from six State Governments to the Governing Body, NMET

GB was informed that on completion of tenure of the of six Ministers in charge of Mines & Geology from States of Rajasthan, Karnataka, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu as Members of GB, Shri Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Minister of Mines and Chairperson, Governing Body of NMET has nominated Ministers in-charge of Mines & Geology of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka and Odisha as ex-officio Member of the Governing Body of NMET.

5.4: Nomination of one representative from four State Governments for Executive Committee, NMET

GB was informed that the tenure of the nominated members from Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand in the **Executive Committee (EC) was** over in March, 2020.

Hence, the Secretary, Mines and Chairperson EC, NMET nominated one representative as member of EC from **Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu** w.e.f. 3rd October, 2022.

5.5: Nomination of five expert members for the EC of NMET

GB was informed that in compliance with NMET notification, 2015, Secretary, Mines and Chairperson EC, NMET nominated the following five expert members to the Executive Committee (EC) of NMET in the year 2018.

i. Dr. N. Pazhamalai Nathan, Dy. Director General (Retd.), GSI
ii. Shri Alok Sharma, General Manager (Exploration) (Retd.), CMPDIL
iii. Shri Pratap Singh Parihar, Director (Retd.), AMD
iv. Shri Naresh Nautiyal, Head & Business Development & Planning (Retd.),MECL
v. Prof. (Dr.) Hari Shankar Pandalai, Professor (Retd.), IIT Bombay

Upon, completion of the tenure of these members, Secretary, Mines and Chairperson EC, NMET has nominated the following five expert members of the EC of NMET w.e.f. 1st October, 2022:

i. Shri Alok Sharma, GM (Exploration) (Retd.) CMPDIL
ii. Shri Naresh Nautiyal, Head (Business Development & Planning) (Retd.), MECL
iii. Dr. Yamuna Singh, Scientist-H, Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (Retd.)- New Member
iv. Dr. Laxman Singh Shekhawat, Dy. Director General (Retd.), Geological Survey of India - New Member
v. Dr.Sahendra Singh, Associate Professor, Department of Applied Geology, Indian Institute of Technology (ISM)- New Member

5.6: Status of engagement of Notified Private Exploration Agencies

Shri Sanjay Lohiya, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines & Member Secretary, EC informed that Ministry of Mines has notified 14 private exploration agencies as NPEAs

(Notified Private Exploration Agencies). As on date, NMET has approved 11 projects of 05 NPEAs in 05 States.

5.7: Overview of NMET activities during FY 2022-23

Shri Sanjay Lohiya, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines & Member Secretary, EC presented the Expenditure, Budget, Approved Projects (Category wise) Project details (commodity-wise and agency–wise), successfully Auctioned NMET funded Mineral Blocks and NMET blocks under auction process.

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S. No.	Financial Year	Amount Collected (₹ in Crore)	No. of projects approved	Sanctioned amount (₹ in Crore)	Fund Released (₹ in Crore)
1	2015-16	134.41	--	--	--
2	2016-17	509.39	57	246.11	--
3	2017-18	556.64	25	145.68	79.95
4	2018-19	246.94	49	327.32	88.40
5	2019-20	664.85	20	55.78	68.31
6	2020-21	620.85	14	164.69	83.13
7	2021-22	885.60	32	751.43	124.71
8	2022-23	934.72	98	354.92	159.87
	Total	**4553.40**	**295**	**2045.93**	**604.37**

GB was informed that NMET has approved 295 projects with estimated cost of ₹2045 crore, out of which 11 blocks have been auctioned with estimated revenue generation of more than ₹ 1,69,655 Cr. An amount of Rs. 38 crores was spent on exploration by NMET on these 11 blocks.

NMET has approved 11 projects to be implemented by Notified Private Exploration agencies with the support of the respective State Governments with an estimated cost of ₹ 7.60 Cr.

5.8: Incentives to State Government in respect of auction of mineral blocks during FY 2021-22 &2022-23

GB was informed that a letter was issued to the states on 29th December, 2021 after the approval from Hon'ble Minister of Mines and Chairman of Governing Body of NMET regarding modification of "Reimbursement of Transactional Advisor Fee to State Government for auction of mineral blocks", regarding the following incentives from NMET:

i. A sum of ₹20 lakh will be released to each State (where mineral blocks are available for auction) for financial year 2021-22.
ii. ₹20 lakh incentive for each successful auction of mineral block by the State Government.

iii. 50% of amount paid to Transaction Advisor, subject to a maximum of ₹5 lakh for each block which was put up for auction but could not be successfully auctioned.

iv. The reimbursements/incentive will be made for mineral blocks, auctioned or put up for auction but could not be auctioned, from 01.04.2021 onwards.

The incentive provided by NMET may be used by the states for reimbursement of transaction advisor fee, preparation of project proposals for NMET, purchase of equipment-exploration related machineries, capacity building training programs, exposure visits etc.

Accordingly, NMET has released a total of ₹37.34 Cr. in FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 **(Annexure III)** as incentives to State governments.

5.9: Funding of Rashtriya Khanij Vikas Puraskar for FY: 2019-20 and 2020-21

Shri Sanjay Lohiya, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines & Member Secretary, EC informed that the 3rd meeting of the Governing Body (GB) of NMET held on 31st July, 2021 had approved funding of National Level Awards scheme for incentivizing States taking initiative in exploration, auction and operationalization of mines in the country. For this purpose, an award of ₹ 18.00 Crore was approved in the 3rd GB meeting in respect of the combined performance of States for two years i.e. 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Accordingly, NMET released ₹ 17 Cr. towards the Rashtriya Khanij Vikas Puraskar for FY: 2019-20 and 2020-21 under three categories: Category-I for Iron ore, Limestone and Bauxite, Category-II for Other minerals (Minerals other than minor minerals (iron ore, and bauxite limestone) and Category-III for Minor Minerals (other than sandstone and gravel) like mica, granite, marble etc.

However, as per the directives received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, the award is to be converted into ranking of States and the award money will be discontinued henceforth.

5.10: Financial assistance for procurement of machinery/ equipment/ chemical analysis instruments aimed at enhancing the exploration activities

GB was informed that the Hon'ble Minister of Mineral Resources Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh during the 4th meeting of the Governing Body (GB) of NMET had requested to increase the financial assistance for procurement of machinery/ equipment/ chemical analysis instruments for State DGM. Similarly, Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka also requested for increase in financial assistance from Ministry of Mines to DGM.

In view of the above, the Hon'ble Minister of Mines and Chairperson, Governing Body approved a scheme to facilitate strengthening of technical infrastructure of State DGMs viz. procurement of machinery/ laboratory equipment / instruments/ hardware/ software and other necessary infrastructure excluding building construction, staff car, laptop, computers aimed

at capacity building of the State DGMs for enhancing the exploration activities in the letter issued on **8th June, 2022 (Annexure –IV).** Further, a letter was issued on **9th February, 2023** (**Annexure- V),** regarding the disbursement of funds to State Governments concernd for procurement in respect of approved procurement items.

Under this scheme, NMET has approved ₹ 54.03 Cr to 19 States/UTs wherein ₹ 19.08 has already been released as first instalment **(Annexure VI**).

Decision of GB:
GB ratified the proposal.

5.11: Annual Budget for 2023-24

The budget estimates and actual expenditure details from FY 2018-19 to FY 2022-23 were presented to GB and further budget estimates for FY 2022-23 were put up for the approval of GB:

(₹ in Cr.)

Heads	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
Budget Estimates (B.E)	400	150	150	100	100	400
Revised Estimates (R.E)	150	110	90	125	160	-
Expenditure	88.40	68.31	83.13	124.71	159.87	53.06*

**up to 22/06/2023*

Decision of GB:
GB approved the annual plan and budget as above.

5.12: Salient decisions of Executive Committee held between April 2022 to March 2023

GB was informed that in FY 2022-23 (April 2022 to March 2023), 06 meetings of Executive Committee were conducted under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Mines and approved 98 projects with an estimated cost of ₹ 355.51 Cr.

First project of Notified Private Exploration Agency (NPEA) with an estimated cost of ₹2.63 Cr was approved in the 28th EC Meeting held on 16th March, 2023.Thereafter, 02 more projects of NPEA with an estimated cost of ₹1.69 Cr were approved in the 29th EC Meeting held on 31st March, 2023.

EC had approved 01 project of Gemstone titled “Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) for Gemstones in and around Neelam Khan Area (5.00 Sq. Km) Districts- Kishtwar, Jammu & Kashmir” with estimated cost of ₹4.26 Cr.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State, Department of Atomic Energy & Member sought more information on the project which was submitted.

Action: MECL

Remarks by Hon'ble Members:

Shri Jogen Mohan, Hon'ble Minister of Mines and Mineral Department, Assam informed that preliminary survey shows huge resources of Oil, Natural Gas, Coal, Silimanite, Iron ore , limestone etc in Assam. He informed that Oil and Limestone are already being mined in Assam and Exploration Agencies like ONGC, OIL, CIL are conducting exploration activities in the state. However, he requested the pace of exploration and production needs to be increased significantly. He further conveyed that the Assam Government works constantly in collaboration with GSI and MECL. He appreciated the financial assistance for strengthening of State DGM from NMET and briefed about the NMET funded projects sanctioned to State DGM of Assam. He requested that time extension may be approved for the completion of 03 projects funded by NMET. He also stated that 6 blocks of Limestone are in process of auction. Hon'ble Minister also invited the NPEAs for exploration in Assam.

Further, Hon'ble Minister requested for relaxation in 9.2(b) Mineral Auction rule, 2015 for faster auctioning process. In this regard, Additional Secretary, Mines suggested that a proposal for relaxation in Mineral Auction rule, 2015 may be sent to Ministry of Mines.

Dr. Dhaval Patel, Commissioner of Geology and Mining ,Gujarat, informed that 01 project of NPEA has already sanctioned from NMET in which the mapping, survey and sampling work has already been initiated. Further he informed that more than 9900 samples from Gujarat Geochemical Survey work are yet to analysed. It has been decided that the analysis will be carried out by CGM Gujarat. However, as they are facing difficulty in analysis of gold. CGM Gujarat has sent proposal of financial assistance for procurement of instruments to NMET costing 232 lakhs .He also informed that CGM Gujarat will send proposals for exploration in Kutch and Saurashtra for bauxite .

Shri R. Girish, Director, DMG Karnataka informed that Karanataka has auctioned all the available mineral blocks. He raised his concern over delay in receiving permission from MoEF &CC for the exploration activities.

Shri Praveen M. Khanooja, Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas suggested that expenditure of NMET may be increased as the annual NMET collection is more than the Annual NMET budget.

Shri Janardan Parsad, DG, GSI requested CGM Gujarat to analyse the samples collected during Geochemical Survey work in Gujarat through NMET fund.

Dr. Dhaval Patel Commissioner of Geology and Mining Gujarat replied that except gold analysis all the analysis will be completed in FY 2023-24.He informed that NMET funding for geochemical analysis of 9932 GGCMP samples costing 2267.38 lakh have been sought by CGM Gujarat.

Shri Ghanshyam Sharma, CMD, MECL, informed that all the successfully auctioned NMET funded mineral blocks were implemented by MECL. The exploration costs of the blocks are ₹ 38.00 Cr which will generate revenue over 50 years of ₹ 1,69,655.53 Cr.

Concluding Remarks by Hon'ble Minister, Mines and Chairman EC

Shri Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs & Chairperson, urged the state governments and exploration agencies to increase exploration activities in the country. He informed that in the coming years, mining sector is expected to contribute 2.5 % of the GDP of the country. He advised states to draw examples from states of Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Chhattisgarh where the exploration activities have brought about substantial revenue generation to States. He assured that the Central Government will continue to support all the States in boosting their mineral exploration activities.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Director (Technical) & OIC, NMET.

Annexure-I

List of participants of 5th GB meeting held on 28th June, 2023 at New Delhi

Sl. No	**Name of Participant**	**Designation**
1.	Shri Pralhad Joshi	Hon'ble Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs & Chairperson, *ex officio*
2.	Dr. Jitendra Singh	Hon'ble Minister of State, Department of Atomic Energy for Atomic Energy & Member, *ex officio*
3.	Shri Jogen Mohan	Hon'ble Minister of Mines And Mineral Department, Assam & Member, *ex officio*
4.	Shri Vivek Bharadwaj	Secretary, Ministry of Mines & Convenor, *ex officio*
5.	Shri Sanjay Lohiya	Additional Secretary Ministry of Mines & Member Secretary, EC NMET
6.	Shri Praveen M. Khanooja	Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas
7.	Shri Janardan Prasad	Director General, Geological Survey of India
8.	Shri Ghanshyam Sharma	CMD, MECL
9.	Dr. Dhaval Patel	Commissioner of Geology and Mining, Gujarat
10.	Ms. Santosh	Deputy Director General, Ministry of Coal
11.	Shri Pradeep Singh	Director (Technical), Ministry of Mines
12.	Dr. S. Ravi	Chairman, TCC-NMET & DDG, GSI
13.	Shri R. Girish	Director, DMG Karnataka
14.	Shri N. Anand	Director, DGM Assam
15.	Shri H. P. Harish	Deputy Director (Plan), DMG Karnata
16.	Shri Yogesh Sharma	Adviser (MECL) ,Protocol Officer (MoM)
17.	Shri A.Vaibhav Kumar	Addl. PS To Minister of State for Mines, Coal & Railways
18.	Shri Vasant Burde	Under Secretary , o/o MoS (RCM)
19.	Shri Amit Chhoker	Geologist, o/o MoS (RCM)
20.	Shri Akhilesh Kumar Srivastava	Technical Secretary & Manager CMD Directorate MECL
21.	Shri Saurabh Vivek	Manager (Geology) , CMD Directorate MECL

Annexure-II

Action Taken Report (ATR) on minutes of minutes of 4th GB meeting held on 13th April, 202

Para	Decision/Comments of 4th GB meeting	Action taken/To be taken
Para 3.5	**Project advance to State Governments/NEAs for mineral exploration** GB approved and ratified the scheme formulated for advance to state DGMs, central PSEs and state PSEs in three instalments: i. 1st instalment of 40% of the approved project cost along with sanction order, ii. 2nd instalment of 40% after submission of Utilization Certificate (UC) iii. 3rd and final instalment after project completion	Under this Scheme, NMET disbursed following amount: (i) 1st instalment of ₹125.44 Cr (ii) 2nd instalment of ₹ 21.30 Cr (iii) 3rd and final instalment of ₹ 18 Cr* ***Final payment of completed project***
Para 3.6	**Incentives to State Government in respect of Auction of mineral blocks** GB approved and ratified the scheme for financial incentives to states i. A sum of 20 lakh will be released to each State (where mineral blocks are available for auction) for financial year 2021-22. ii. ~20 lakh incentive for each successful auction of mineral block by the State Government. iii. 50% of amount paid to Transaction Advisor, subject to a maximum of ~5 lakh for each block which was put up for auction but could not be successfully auctioned. iv. The reimbursements/incentive will be made for mineral blocks, auctioned or put up for auction but could not be auctioned, from 01.04.2021 onwards.	As incentive to State, NMET disbursed following amount: i. ₹4 Cr incentive to 14 States where mineral blocks are available for auction. ii. ₹30 Cr incentive for 150 successful auction of mineral block. iii. ₹3.3 Cr incentive for block which was put up for auction but could not be successfully auctioned.
Para 3.7	**Financial assistance for procurement of machinery/equipment/chemical analysis instruments aimed at enhancing the exploration activities** NMET will provide Financial Assistance as follows: i. Central Government organizations like IBM, GSI etc. will be given fund from NMET as per the requirement for the purpose of procurement of machinery/equipment/ instruments and other latest technological upgradations of the existing equipment/ software etc. ii. State DGMs/DMGs will be given up to	NMET has sanctioned following projects for financial assistance: i. For Central Government organizations: • GSI: 2 projects for ₹ 102 Cr. • IBM: 4 projects for ₹ 24.40 Cr. ii. For State DGMs/DMGs: • DMG Karnataka: 1 project

	10% of the total approved exploration project cost including approved project cost of concerned state PSUs, sanctioned in a year for the purpose of procurement of machinery/ equipment/ instruments and other latest technological upgradations of the existing equipment/software etc.	for ₹ 0.25 Cr. • DGM Assam: 1 project for ₹1.07 cr.
Para 3.12	**Scheme for engagement of Notified Private Exploration Agencies (NPEA) in Mineral Exploration.** GB approved the scheme for engagement of Notified Private Exploration Agencies in Mineral Exploration, through NMET funding	NMET has circulated the scheme vide O.M. No. F. No. 6/3/2015-NMET/128 dated 10th May, 2022. Under the above scheme, NMET has approved 11 projects amounting to ₹ 7.60 Cr. for commodities Ni, Co, PGE, Iron Ore, REE, Graphite and Bauxite from NMET Funds.
Para 4.0	**Remarks by Hon'ble Members:** Govt. of Madhya Pradesh & Govt. of Karnataka has requested to increase the financial assistance of 10% of total approved project cost sanctioned in a year for procurement of instruments for State DGM.	Hon'ble Minister of Mines and Chairperson, Governing Body approved new scheme to facilitate strengthening of technical infrastructure of State DGMs as per the manner detailed in the letter issued dated 8th June, 2022 The same has been put up for ratification in 5th GB meeting.

Annexure-III

S. No.	State	For FY 2021-22		For FY 2022-23		Total (₹ in Lakh)
		State Incentive (₹ in Lakh)	Block Incentive (₹ in Lakh)	State Incentive (₹ in Lakh)	Block Incentive (₹ in Lakh)	
1	Andhra Pradesh	20	87.77	-	250	357.77
2	Arunachal Pradesh	20	-	-	-	20
3	Assam	20	-	-	-	20
4	Chhattisgarh	20	40	-	380	440
5	Gujarat	20	78.59	-	40	138.59
6	Jharkhand	20	-	-	-	20
7	Karnataka	20	225.2	-	260.8	506
8	Kerala	20	-	-	-	20
9	Madhya Pradesh	20	80	-	580	680
10	Maharashtra	20	247.34	-	143.96	411.3
11	Odisha	20	180	-	200	400
12	Rajasthan	-	140	20	160	320
13	Tamil Nadu	20	-	-	-	20
14	Telanagana	-	-	20	-	20
15	Uttar Pradesh	20	-	-	160	180
16	Uttrakhand	-	-	20	-	20
17	West Bengal	-	-	20	-	20
18	Bihar	-	-	20	-	20
19	Goa	-	-	20	80	100
20	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	20	-	20
	Total	**260**	**1078.9**	**140**	**2254.76**	**3733.66**

Annexure IV

F. No. 6/9/2015-NMET/ 71
Government of India
Ministry of Mines
National Mineral Exploration Trust

New Delhi, 8th June, 2022

To

As per the list

Subject: Financial assistance for procurement of machinery/ laboratory equipment /instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities - reg.

Availability of machinery/ equipment / instruments and other latest technological upgradations/ hardware/ software etc. are of paramount importance for successful accomplishment of mineral exploration work and essential for capacity building of the State DGMs for enhancing the pace of mineral exploration in the country.

2. In order to facilitate strengthening of technical infrastructure of State DGMs viz. procurement of machinery/ laboratory equipment / instruments/ hardware/ software and other necessary infrastructure excluding building construction, staff car, laptop, computers aimed at capacity building of the State DGMs for enhancing the exploration activities, NMET will consider proposals for providing funds, after evaluation by Technical-cum Cost Committee (TCC) and approval by Executive Committee.

3. The specific proposals in this regard should be submitted by the concerned DGM to NMET in soft and hard copy within one month from the date of issue of this letter to the following:

Director,
National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET),
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Email ID: nmet-mines@gov.in

Maneesh Khar 08/06/2022
(Maneesh Khar)
Director, NMET

To

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3. The Principal Secretary, Department of Mines & Minerals, Government of Assam.
4. The Principal Secretary-cum-Mines Commissioner, Government of Bihar.

5. The Secretary, Mineral Resource Department, Government of Chhattisgarh.
6. The Principal Secretary, Department of Mines & Geology, Government of Goa.
7. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Industries), Government of Himachal Pradesh.
8. The Principal Secretary (Industry & Mines), Government of Gujarat.
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10. The Secretary (Industries, Mines & Geology), Government of Jharkhand.
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27. The Secretary, Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Tripura.
28. The Secretary, Commerce & Industries, Government of Mizoram.
29. The Secretary, Textiles, Commerce & Industry, Government of Manipur.
30. The Principal Secretary, Department of Mines & Geology, Government of Haryana.

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30. The Director, Department of Mines & Geology, Government of Haryana.

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1. PSO to Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Shashtri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001
2. PPS to AS, Ministry of Mines, Shashtri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001

Annexure V

Only through email

F. No. 6/9/2015-NMET/ 340
Government of India
Ministry of Mines
National Mineral Exploration Trust

New Delhi, 9th February, 2023

To
As per the list.

Subject: Release of funds to State Government for procurement of machinery and equipment for mineral exploration - Reg.

Madam/Sir,

Ministry of Mines vide letter no. 6/9/2015-NMET/71 dated 08.06.2022 has approved the *financial assistance for procurement of machinery / laboratory equipment / instruments* etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities to facilitate strengthening of technical infrastructure of State DGMs.

2. The procurement proposals submitted by State Governments will be evaluated by Technical-cum-Cost Committee (TCC) and approved by Executive Committee of NMET. Ministry of Mines has decided to provide the financial assistance for procurement of machinery / laboratory equipment / instruments etc. *to State* DGMs / DMGs in the following manner:

i. 1st installment along with Sanction order of the procurement project approved by NMET - 40% of the approved cost.
ii. 2nd installment after submission of Utilization Certificate (UC) and progress report in respect of 1st installment - 40% of the approved cost.
iii. The 3rd and final installment will be released after completion of the procurement and on submission of Utilization Certificate (UC) of earlier released amounts and review by Technical-cum-Cost Committee (TCC) of NMET. The 3rd installment will be equal to the actual total procurement cost minus amount already released subject to total releases not exceeding the sanctioned amount.
iv. The procurement projects approved by NMET after 8th June 2022 is applicable for financial assistance for procurement of machinery / laboratory equipment / instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities.

3. The release of funds shall be subject to the following conditions:
(i) The fund shall be utilised only for the sanctioned procurements only for which it has been released.
(ii) In case of non-utilisation of the fund released, it shall be returned to NMET or NMET may adjust the same against other procurements or exploration projects(s) of State Government approved by NMET.
(iii) Interest earned on the fund shall be utilised for NMET approved sanctioned procurements / exploration projects and will be considered as fund released by NMET.
(iv) The procurement proposal approved by NMET should not be financed by State Government from any other source.
(v) The UC shall be submitted in accordance with GFR 2017.

(vi) The State Government shall submit final UC and completion certificate within 6 months from release of last installment.

4. As the funds will be released through PFMS, the concerned State Government (DGM/DMG), which are not registered on PFMS as an Agency under NMET, are requested to provide details as per **Annexure-1** for registration of them as an Agency under NMET. The requisite details may please be forwarded through email on "**nmet-mines@gov.in**".

This issues with the approval of Secretary (Mines).

09.02.23

(Vivek Kumar Sharma)
Director & HoD, NMET
Ministry of Mines

To:

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5. The Secretary, Mineral Resource Department, Government of Chhattisgarh.
6. The Principal Secretary, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Goa.
7. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Industries), Government of Himachal Pradesh.
8. The Principal Secretary (Industry and Mines), Government of Gujarat.
9. The Commissioner Secretary (Industries and Commerce), Government of Jammu & Kashmir.
10. The Secretary (Industries, Mines and Geology), Government of Jharkhand.
11. The Secretary, (Industries and Commerce), Government of Karnataka.
12. The Principal Secretary, Industries Department, Government of Kerala.
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14. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Industries and Mines), Government of Maharashtra.
15. The Commissioner and Secretary, Mining and Geology Department, Government of Meghalaya.
16. The Commissioner & Secretary, Geology and Mining, Government of Nagaland.
17. The Principal Secretary (Steel and Mines), Government of Odisha.
18. The Principal Secretary, Mines and Geology, Government of Punjab.
19. The Principal Secretary (Mines), Government of Rajasthan.
20. The Principal Secretary (Industries), Government of Tamil Nadu.
21. The Principal Secretary (Industries and Mines), Government of Telangana.
22. The Secretary (Mines and Geology), Government of Uttar Pradesh.
23. The Principal Secretary (Mines), Government of Uttarakhand.
24. The Secretary (Industry, Commerce and Enterprises), Government of West Bengal.
25. The Secretary, Department of Industries, Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh.
26. The Principal Secretary, Mines and Geology Department, Government of Sikkim.
27. The Secretary, Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Tripura.
28. The Secretary, Commerce and Industries, Government of Mizoram.
29. The Secretary, Textiles, Commerce and Industry, Government of Manipur.
30. The Principal Secretary, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Haryana.

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Annexure-1

Following details to be provided by the State Government

S. No.	Particular	Particulars
1	Type of Registration	State Government Institution/CPSE/SPSE etc.
2	PAN Number	
3	Agency Name (Name of the Department)	
4	Act/Registration No. (if available)	
5	Date of Registration (DD/MM/YYYY), if applicable	
6	Registering Authority, if applicable	
7	State of Registration	
8	TIN Number	
9	TAN Number	
10	PAN Verify Status	
11	GST Number	
12	Block No/Building/Village/Name of Premises	
13	Road/Street/Post office	
14	Area/Locality	
15	City	
16	State	
17	District	
18	Pin Code	
19	Contact Person	
20	Designation	
21	Phone No.	
22	Mobile No.	
23	Email	
24	Bank Account Number	
25	Name as per bank A/C	
26	IFSC Code	
27	Branch & Bank Detail	

Date:

Signature:
Name:
Designation:

Annexure VI

Release of funds to State Governments for Procurement of machinery/ equipment/ chemical analysis/ instruments

S. No.	State	Approved Cost (₹ in Lakh)	Amount released (₹ in Lakh)
1	**Arunachal Pradesh**	81	32.4
2	**Assam**	403.65	161.46
3	**Mizoram**	465.31	202.12
4	**Manipur**	221.35	88.54
5	**Nagaland**	495.25	197.88
6	**Sikkim**	207.05	82.82
7	**Bihar**	15.5	6.2
8	**Chhattisgarh**	478.27	191.31
9	**Goa**	35.96	14.38
10	**Jammu and Kashmir (U.T)**	144.56	57.82
11	**Jharkhand**	527.9	-
12	**Karnataka**	417	166.8
13	**Ladakh (U.T)**	205.96	82.38
14	**Madhya Pradesh**	161.35	64.54
15	**Maharashtra**	442.62	177.05
16	**Rajasthan**	470.2	188.08
17	**Tamil Nadu**	499.09	199.63
18	**Uttar Pradesh**	76.95	30.78
19	**West Bengal**	54.5	21.8
Total		**5403.47**	**1965.99**

(This is for kind information and ratification of GB)