

Ministry of Mines
National Mineral Exploration & Development Trust
Minutes of 33rd meeting of Technical-cum-Cost Committee - II (TCC - II)
held on 21st and 22nd July, 2026

The 33rd meeting of Technical-cum-Cost Committee-II (TCC-II) of National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust (NMEDT) was convened through video conferencing on 21st and 22nd July, 2026. The meeting was chaired by Shri Pradeep Singh, ADG (PSS), GSI and Chairman, TCC-II, NMEDT.

Members of TCC-II, NMEDT and representatives from M/s BMRC Geomining Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL), M/s GEMS Project Private Limited, M/s GMMCO Technology Services Limited, M/s Geo Marine Solutions Private Limited, M/s Bhushilp Mines and Minerals Private Limited, M/s. United Exploration India Private Limited, M/s. Gemcokati Exploration Private Limited, M/s Eartnenviro Lab Private Limited, Madhya Pradesh State Mining Corporation Limited (MPSMCL), M/s. Indian Mine Planners and Consultants, M/s South West Pinnacle Exploration Limited, M/s Ocean Drilling and Exploration Pvt. Ltd., M/s Midwest Limited, M/s. GeoExpOre Private Limited, M/s Enkay Enviro Services Private Limited, M/s Critical Mineral Trackers, DGM Maharashtra etc. have attended the meeting through video conferencing mode.

The list of participants is at **Annexure-1**.

Shri Pradeep Singh, ADG (PSS), GSI and Chairman, TCC-II, NMEDT warmly welcomed all TCC-II members and every participant representing from State DGMs/DMGs, Notified Exploration Agencies (NEAs) and Notified Private Exploration Agencies (NPEAs). Shri Pradeep Singh apprised the Committee that during the 7th tranche of auctions of critical and strategic mineral blocks conducted by the Ministry of Mines, 6 glauconite blocks could not be successfully auctioned. Out of these, 2 blocks had been explored by GSI and the remaining 4 blocks by NPEAs. In view of this, it was decided not to take up new proposals of glauconite for evaluation. A policy decision may be taken by NMEDT regarding funding of new proposals of glauconite.

Dr. S. Ravi, DDG & HOD, GSITI, and Chairman, TCC-I, NMEDT, presided over the afternoon session of the meeting held on 21st July, 2026.

33.1 Technical Evaluation of New Project Proposals

Agenda 33.1.1 Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Tin & Niobium in Shankarpur Area, Balrampur District, Chhattisgarh

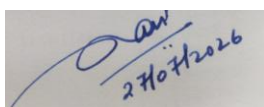
ID: ME/DD/G4/CT/26-27/090

Area: 37.7 sq. km

[Implementing Agency: M/s BMRC Geomining Solutions Pvt Ltd]

- a) The proposed 37.7 sq. km area for reconnaissance survey (G4), falls in Survey of India Toposheet no. 64M/10, in parts of Balrampur District, Chhattisgarh.
- b) The table containing the comments is given below:

S.N.	Agency	Comment
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1	GSI	There is 100% overlap with GSI previous work in FS 2023-24. 'Reconnaissance survey for Graphite in Jogni Sonhara Area, Balrampur District, Chhattisgarh'. Adjacent to the GSI previous work in FS 2023-24, Reconnaissance survey for Tungsten and associated mineralization in and around Adhaura Area, Balrampur District, Chhattisgarh. No overlap with FS 2026-27.
2	AMD	AMD has carried out G4 stage of exploration for uranium in and around the proposed block in different phases, wherein evidence of U mineralisation has been established. Grab samples (n=63) analysed up to 0.062% U ₃ O ₈ from the area. There is no ongoing exploration / reconnaissance project. AMD does not have baseline / exploration data on the said commodities mentioned. In view of known potentiality for uranium in the area, analysis of uranium may be included in the analysis list. Further, intimation regarding drilling of the boreholes, if any, during the exploration may be communicated to AMD for gamma ray logging.
3	MECL	The proposed block by M/s BMRC Geomining Solutions Pvt Ltd has no overlapping with the ongoing or completed blocks of MECL.
4	DGM	Not available
5	NMEDT	NMEDT funded Nawadih block overlaps with Buffer zone of the proposed area as per NGDR Portal.

- c) The agency informed that the proposed area forms a part of the Chhotanagpur Gneissic Complex and comprises mainly gneisses, migmatites, metasedimentary enclaves, metabasic rocks, anorthositic bodies, and granitic intrusions. Recently, a team of geologists from BMRC and GSPL visited the area for exploration of graphite and tungsten based on GSI's findings. During reconnaissance traverses over 6.47 sq. km., a few rock samples were collected for analysis. The analytical results of eight samples indicate anomalous concentrations of tin and niobium in the exposed rocks, with Sn values ranging from 11.86–390.33 ppm and Nb values from 13.6–220.98 ppm. The anomalies are mainly associated with pegmatites and the contact zones between pegmatite and calc-silicate/biotite gneiss.
- d) Considering the above, the committee recommended the proposal for approval of PSC. Total 300m of drilling in 5 scout boreholes was agreed by the committee. The committee further suggested the agency to target the lithology viz. pegmatites/calc silicate rocks. Drilling quantum to be decided after ascertaining mineral evidences based on analytical results of channel/trench samples. The recommended quantum of laboratory studies is dynamic in nature and may be suitably modified after review of the project, based on encouraging chemical results.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee recommended the proposal for approval of PSC for "Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Tin, Niobium and associated minerals in Shankarpur area, Balrampur district, Chhattisgarh" with an estimated cost of ₹ 123.77/- lakhs (including GST) within time schedule of 10 months for carrying out the proposed work and submission of geological report as per Annexure 2A & 2B. The project will be reviewed after 4 months and 8 months.

Annexure-2A

Cost estimate for Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Tin, Niobium and associated minerals in Shankarpur area, Balrampur district, Chhattisgarh
Drilling 300m; BH: 5, Area: 37.7 sq. km, Period of Completion: 10 months, Review - After 4 and 8 months

			Rates as per NMEDT SoC		Estimated Cost of the Proposal		
S.No.	Item of Work *	Unit *	SoC-Item No.*	Rates as per (Rs.) SoC *	Qty.	Total Amount (Rs)	Remarks
A	Geological Mapping and Other Geological Work						
a.	Geological mapping, (1:12,500 scale), Satellite imagery/Aerial photo interpretation, Trenching/pitting and sampling (BRS/PCS/Chip/Grab/Soil/SSS)	Per sq. km	1.1	18,300.00	37.7	6,89,910.00	
b.	Charges for Geologist per day (Field) for geological mapping with Sampling	day	1.2.1a(b)	14500	100	1450000	
c.	Labours Charges	day	5.8	556	200	111200	
d.	Charges for Geologist per day (HQ)	day	1.2.1a(a)	10500	30	315000	
e.	Sampler Charges	Days	1.2.1b	7850	45	353250	
f.	Labour	Days	5.8	556	180	100080	
g.	Demarcation of lease boundary, Fixation of borehole and determination of co-ordinates & Reduced Level (RL) of the boreholes by DGPS (including charges for labours deployed for the work) - use of CORS Network system for all DGPS is compulsory	Per point of observation	1.3.2	24000	5	120000	
	Sub Total- A					₹ 31,39,440.00	
B	Trenching/Pitting						
	Excavation of Trenches up to 2.0 m depth	per cu. m	2.1.1	4125	150	618750	
	Sub Total- B					618750	
C	Drilling (In House)						
a.	Drilling in / Drilling in Hard rock/ Strata: HQ size borehole upto 400m Depth and NQ Size beyond 400m depth In case NQ size drilling is done before 400m depth, the rate shall decrease by 20%	Per m	2.2.1.1d	10000	300	3000000	
b.	Construction of concrete Pillar (12"x12"x30")	Per borehole	2.2.7	2000	5	10000	

c.	Miscellaneous Charges (Transportation of Drilling Rig, Accommodation for Drill Camp, Camp setting and winding, construction of approach road.	Lumpsum	2.2.9			750000	For Drilling cost less than 50 lakhs 25% of the Drilling Cost
d.	Land Crop compensation	Per borehole	5.6	30000	5	150000	
e.	Drill Core Preservation	Per m	5.3	1590	100	159000	
f.	Borehole plugging by cement	Per borehole	2.2.8	10000	5	50000	
	Sub-Total- C					4119000	
D	LABORATORY STUDIES						
a.	Analysis of one rock/soil sample for quantitative analysis of 14 REE elements + 9 trace element (U, Ta, Ge, Be, Hf, Sn, As, Rb, Th) by ICP-MS (sequential technique) with 10 % External Check	Per Sample	4.1.15	7400	150	1110000	Quantum is dynamic and can be modified based on encouraging chemical results
b.	Check samples (10%)	Per Sample	4.1.15	7400	15	111000	
c.	Major oxide (WD XRF) - (oxides +Traces - 24 elements)	Per samples	4.1.17a	4200	150	630000	Quantum is dynamic and can be modified based on encouraging chemical results
d.	Check samples (10%)	Per samples	4.1.17a	4200	15	63000	
	Sub Total- D					1914000	
E	Physical & Petrological Studies						
a	Preparation of standard thin section of rock	Nos.	4.3.1	500	10	5000	
b	Complete petrographic /ore microscopic study/mineragraphic report of rock sample (along with 5 nos. digital photo micrographs)	Nos.	4.3.4	2800	10	28000	
	Mineral Physics Study						
	XRD study	per Sample	4.5.2	4000	20	80000	
	EPMA	Per Hours	4.4.1	10500	10	105000	

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					Subtotal -E	218000	
					Total A to E	1,00,09,190.00	
	Preparation of Exploration Proposal	soft copy	5.1			2,00,183.80	2% of approved project cost or 5 lakh whichever is lower
	Geological Report Preparation	soft copy	5.2			250000	
					Peer Review	30000	
					Total Estimated Cost without GST	1,04,89,373.80	
					Provision for GST (18%)	18,88,087.28	
					Total Estimated Cost with GST	₹ 1,23,77,461.08	
					Total Estimated Cost with GST in Lakhs	₹ 123.77	
Note:							
1	Strict adherence to the Ministry of Finance's and GFR guidelines is mandatory. Every transaction must adhere to GFR rule 21.						
2	In case of delay/non- performance, the appropriate action will be taken by competent authority against delinquent agency as per prevailing govt. of India rules/guidelines on procurement.						
3	If any part of the project is outsourced, the amount will be reimbursed as per the Item no. 6 of NMEDT Soc. In case of execution of the project by NEA on its own, a Certificate regarding non outsourcing of any component/project is required.						
4	Necessary efforts should be made to minimize any adverse impact on the environment during exploration activities.						
5	Any item of work not mentioned above shall be added as per Soc.						
6	All the Geological Reports and data are to be uploaded on NGDR as per MERT template by the agency.						

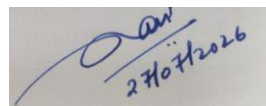
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Timeline for Reconnaissance Exploration (G4) for Tin, Niobium and associated minerals in Shankarpur area, Balrampur district, Chhattisgarh

S.No.	Item of work	Months											
		1	2	3	4	Review	5	6	7	8	Review	9	10
1	Camp Setup												
2	Large Scale Mapping (1:12500)												
3	Bed Rock Sampling												
4	Trenching/Pitting												
5	Chemical analysis of surface samples												
6	Scout drilling												
7	Core sampling and its preparation												
8	Chemical analysis of Core Samples												
9	Processing of Analytical data & Resource Estimation												
10	Preparation of geological report with Peer review Comments												


Agenda 33.1.2 Preliminary exploration (G3) for Lithium and associated Minerals in Gunakanepalle Block, Y.S.R. Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh.

ID: ME/DD/G3/AP/MECL/26-27/005

Area: 4.57 sq. km

[Implementing Agency: Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL)]

- a) The proposed block of 4.57 sq. km area for preliminary exploration (G3), falls in Survey of India Toposheet no. 57J/3, in parts of Y.S.R. Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh.
- b) The table containing the comments is given below:

S.N.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	The proposed NPEA area falls within the Murichintala-Venkatampalli G4 block carried out during FS 2024-25. Furthermore, as a continuation of this project, a G3 stage exploration proposal was submitted for internal peer review, and the project has been approved for FS 2027-28. The proposed block of agency completely overlaps with the approved GSI block for same stage and same commodity. Hence, the proposal is not considered feasible for exploration, to avoid duplicity of work.
2	AMD	AMD has carried out reconnaissance exploration (G4 stage) for uranium in and around the proposed block, wherein evidence of U mineralisation has been established and grab samples (n=24) from the area analysed up to 280ppm U3O8. The area is under active exploration (G4/G3 stage) by core drilling to probe the subsurface continuity of the uranium mineralisation. Boreholes from the area intercepted ore grade U mineralisation. The proposed block falls within the ongoing exploration block of AMD. In view of the known potential for uranium in and around the proposed block and ongoing exploration by AMD, the proposed block is not recommended.
3	DGM	Not available
4	NMEDT	Proposed G3 Block overlaps with Exploration block of GSI_G4_FS_2021-2022 for Lithium in parnapalle-lopatnutala area of Ananatpur and Kadapa district). Proposed G3 Block overlaps with Exploration block of GSI_G4_FS_2024-25 (G4 for Lithium and associated mineralisation in Murarichintala- Venkatapuram area, Kadapa district). No NMEDT funded project as per NGDR Portal.

- c) The Committee observed that the proposed block falls within the ongoing exploration block of AMD.
- d) Considering the above, the Committee did not agree to recommend the proposal.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee did not recommend the proposal due to overlap of the proposed block with ongoing exploration block of AMD.

**Agenda 33.1.3 Preliminary exploration (G3) for Lithium and associated Minerals
in Murarichintala Block, Y.S.R. Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh**

ID: ME/DD/G3/AP/MECL/26-27/006

Area: 5.92 sq. km

[Implementing Agency: Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL)]

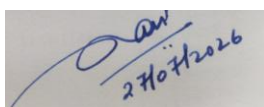
- a) The proposed block of 5.92 sq. km area for preliminary exploration (G3), falls in Survey of India Toposheet no. 57J/3, in parts of Y.S.R. Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh.
- b) The table containing the comments is given below:

S.N.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	The proposed NPEA area falls within the Murichintala-Venkatampalli G4 block carried out during FS 2024-25. Furthermore, as a continuation of this project, a G3 stage exploration proposal was submitted for internal peer review, and the project has been approved for FS 2027-28. The proposed block of agency completely overlaps with the approved GSI block for same stage and same commodity. Hence, the proposal is not considered feasible for exploration, to avoid duplicity of work.
2	AMD	AMD has carried out reconnaissance exploration (G4 stage) for uranium in and around the proposed block, wherein evidence of U mineralisation has been established and grab samples (n=24) from the area analysed up to 280ppm U3O8. The area is under active exploration (G4/G3 stage) by core drilling to probe the subsurface continuity of the uranium mineralisation. Boreholes from the area intercepted ore grade U mineralisation. The proposed Gunakanepalle block falls within the ongoing exploration block of AMD. In view of the known potential for uranium in and around the proposed block and ongoing exploration by AMD, the proposed block is not recommended.
3	DGM	Not available
4	NMEDT	Proposed G3 Block overlaps with Exploration block of GSI_G4_FS_2021-2022 for Lithium in parnapalle-lopatnutala area of Ananatpur and Kadapa district). Proposed G3 Block overlaps with Exploration block of GSI_G4_FS_2024-25 (G4 for Lithium and associated mineralisation in Murarichintala- Venkatapuram area, Kadapa district). No NMEDT funded project as per NGDR Portal.

- c) The Committee observed that the proposed block falls within the ongoing exploration block of AMD.
- d) Considering the above, the Committee did not agree to recommend the proposal.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee did not recommend the proposal due to overlap of the proposed block with ongoing exploration block of AMD.



Agenda 33.1.4 Preliminary exploration (G3) for Gold in Javakula-D Block, Sri Sathya Sai District, Andhra Pradesh

ID: ME/DD/G3/AP/26-27/087

Area: 10.0 sq. km

[Implementing Agency: M/s Gems Projects Pvt. Ltd.]

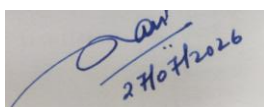
- a) The proposed block of 10 sq. km area for preliminary exploration (G3), falls in Survey of India Toposheet no. 57J/8, in parts of Sri Sathya Sai District, Andhra Pradesh.
- b) The table containing the comments is given below:

S.N.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	GSI has carried out project in FS 2017-18, titled Reconnaissance survey for gold and associated minerals in northern part of Veligallu schist belt and adjoining areas, parts of Cuddapah and Ananthapur district, Andhra Pradesh (G-4). The proposed NPEA block is falling within on-going RMT project of GSI for FS 2026-27. Work in this project is already initiated. Therefore, the proposal may not be considered feasible.
2	AMD	AMD has carried out reconnaissance exploration (G4 stage) for uranium in and around the proposed block. No significant surface radioactive zone was delineated. There is no ongoing exploration / reconnaissance project.
3	MECL	No overlapping with the ongoing or completed blocks of MECL.
4	DGM	In the reference 1st cited, the Department of Mines and Geology issued Expression of Interest (EOI) for selection of Notified Private Exploration Agencies (NPEAs) to undertake detailed Gold exploration up to G2 level for six (06) Javakula Gold Blocks (Blocks A to F), each measuring approximately 1000 hectares, situated in Sri Satya Sai District, Andhra Pradesh. Accordingly, the selected agency is hereby informed that Javakula Gold Block D (approximately 1000 hectares, Sri Satya Sai District, Andhra Pradesh) is assigned to M/s Gems Projects Pvt. Ltd. for undertaking detailed gold exploration up to G2 level, subject to compliance with the conditions stipulated in this letter and such further directions as may be issued by this Directorate and NMEDT from time to time.
5	NMEDT	There is no overlapping with the NMEDT Funded projects.

- c) As per the comments received from GSI, the proposed NPEA block is falling within on-going RMT project of GSI for FS 2026-27.
- d) The Committee also observed that G4 stage exploration has not been done in the proposed G3 block. Considering the above, the Committee did not agree to recommend the proposal.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee did not recommend the proposal due to overlap of the proposed block with ongoing RMT project of GSI and also G4 stage exploration data was not available for the proposed block.



Agenda 33.1.5 Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Vanadium bearing Titaniferous Aluminous Laterite in Kottur area, Sangareddy District, Telangana

ID: ME/IND/G4/TG/P/26-27/014

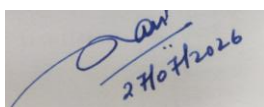
Area: 66 sq. km

[Implementing Agency: M/s GMMCO Technology Services Ltd]

- a) The proposed 66 sq. km area for reconnaissance survey (G4), falls in Survey of India Toposheet no. 56G/10, in parts of Sangareddy District, Telangana. The proposal was approved in principle in 30th TCC-II meeting held on 4th and 5th June, 2026.
- b) The table containing the comments is given below:

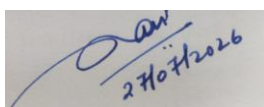
S.N.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	The Kottur area proposed by the M/s. GMMCO Technology services LTD (GTS), lies above the Zaheerabad G4 exploration block taken up by GSI during the FS: 2022-23. The G4 exploration carried out by GSI, yielded encouraging values of Al_2O_3 ranging from 13.87% to 36.29%, falling in the aluminous laterite/bauxite category and with associated critical minerals like vanadium with values ranging from 338 to 3421 ppm and TiO_2 from 1.12% to 6.65%. Based on the encouraging results, GSI also took up G3 exploration in Parvathapur and Govindpur blocks which have been handed over to the MOM for auctioning. Therefore, it is feasible to take up G4 exploration in the proposed Kottur block area by the M/s. GMMCO Technology services LTD (GTS), based on the above work carried out by SU: Telangana, GSI in the Zaheerabad block which yielded encouraging values for alumina and the associated critical minerals.
2	MECL	No overlapping with the ongoing or completed blocks of MECL.
3	AMD	There is no ongoing exploration / reconnaissance project
4	DGM	As per available information, during 2022-23 reconnaissance level investigations in the Zaheerabad-Sangareddy region involving large scale geological mapping, trenching and systematic geo chemical sampling work was carried out by GSI. At present there are no existing mining/quarry leases in the proposed area. No ongoing projects.
5	NMEDT	There is no overlapping with the NMEDT Funded projects.

- c) The agency informed that GSI has carried out G4 stage exploration towards the northern part of the proposed area during FS 2024-25 and towards the southern part in FS 2022-23. As reported by the Geological Survey of India (2024), the lateritic profiles of the region exhibit considerable geochemical variability, with Al_2O_3 values reaching up to 34.63%, Fe_2O_3 up to 37.24%, TiO_2 up to 8.55%, and vanadium concentrations up to 2023 ppm. The presence of aluminous laterite, along with significant enrichment of V, Ti, and Ga, suggests favourable geological conditions for hosting critical mineralisation within the block.
- d) Considering the above, the Committee recommended the proposal for approval of PSC. Total 150m of drilling in 5 scout boreholes (30m each) was agreed by the Committee. The recommended quantum of laboratory studies is dynamic in nature and may be suitably modified after review of the project, based on encouraging chemical results.



Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee recommended the proposal for approval of PSC for “Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Vanadium & Titanium in Aluminous Laterite in Kottur Area, Sangareddy District, Telangana” with an estimated cost of ₹ 85.11/- lakhs (including GST) within time schedule of 10 months for carrying out the proposed work and submission of geological report as per Annexure 3A & 3B. The project will be reviewed after 4 months and 8 months.



Cost estimate for Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Vanadium & Titanium in Aluminous Laterite in Kottur Area, Sangareddy District, Telangana.
Area- 66 sq.km, Completion time- 10 months, Review 4 & 8 months; Drilling 150 m; BH:5

S. No.	Item of Work *	Unit *	Rates as per NMEDT SoC		Estimated Cost of the Proposal		Remarks
			SoC-Item No.	Rates as per SoC	Qty	Total Amount (Rs)	
A	Geological Mapping Other Geological Work & Surveying						
i	Geological Mapping (on 1:12,500 Scale)	Sq.km	1.1	18,300	66	12,07,800	
ii	Charges for Geologist per day (Field) for geological mapping & trenching work	day	1.2.1a	14,500	120	17,40,000	
iii	Charges for Geologist per day (HQ)	day	1.2.1a	10,500	30	3,15,000	
iv	Labours (Field) for one Geologist)	Per day	5.8	556	240	1,33,440	
v	Charges for one Sampler per day (1 Party)	day	1.1.1b	7,850	35	2,74,750	
vi	Labours (Field) for sampler	Per day	5.8	556	140	77,840	
	Sub Total-A					37,48,830	
B	Survey Work						
i	DGPS Survey and for BH fixation & RL determination (5BH)	Per Point of observation	1.3.2	24,000	5	1,20,000	
	Sub Total- B					1,20,000	
C	Pitting/Trenching						
i	Pitting	per cu. m	2.1.2	4,725	50	236250	
	Sub Total- C					2,36,250	
D	Drilling						
i	Drilling (In-house)	per m	2.2.1.1c	5,500	150	8,25,000	5 BHs 30 m each
ii	Land / Crop Compensation (in case the BH falls in agricultural Land)	per BH	5.6	30,000	5	1,50,000	
iii	Construction of concrete Pillar (12"x12"x30")	Per borehole	2.2.7	2,000	5	10,000	
iv	Borehole plugging by cement	Lum sum per borehole	2.2.8	10,000	5	50,000	

v	Miscellaneous Charges (Transportation of Drilling Rig, Accommodation for Drill Camp, Camp setting and winding, construction of Approach Road)	Drilling cost	2.2.9	0.25		2,06,250	1. For Drilling cost less than 50 Lakhs: 25% of the Drilling Cost
vi	Core preservation	m	5.3	1,590	70	1,11,300	
					Sub Total- D	13,52,550	
E	LABORATORY STUDIES						
	Chemical Analysis						
i.	Major oxides (WD XRF)- (oxides+ traces -24 elements)	Per Sample	4.1.17a	4,200	225	9,45,000	PS-50, CS-175,
ii.	10% External Check Samples	Per Sample	4.1.17a	4,200	23	96,600	
iii.	Analysis of one rock/soil sample for quantitative analysis of 14 REE elements + 9 trace element (U, Ta, Ge, Be, Hf, Sn, As, Rb,Th) by ICP-MS (sequential technique) with 10 % External Check	Per Sample	4.1.15	7,400	30	2,22,000	
iv.	10% External Check Samples	Per Sample	4.1.15	7,400	3	22,200	
	Physical & Petrological Studies						
i	Preparation of polished thin section	Per sample	4.3.2	800	10	8,000	
ii	Study of thin polished section	Per sample	4.3.4	2,800	10	28,000	
iii	SEM-EDX Studies	Per hour	4.4.1a	8,800	2	17,600	
					Sub Total E	13,39,400	
					Total A to E	67,97,030	
F	Geological Report Preparation (soft copy)	One time	5.2	Lumpsum		2,50,000	
G	Peer review Charges	As per EC decision				30,000	
H	Preparation of Exploration Proposal (Soft copy)	One time	5.1	2% of the Cost or Rs. 5.0 Lakhs whichever is less		1,35,941	
					Total Estimated Cost without GST	72,12,971	
					Provision for GST (18%)	12,98,335	
					Total Estimated Cost with GST	85,11,306	
					Say Rs. In Lakhs	85.11	
Note:							
1	Strict adherence to the Ministry of Finance's and GFR guidelines is mandatory. Every transaction must adhere to GFR rule 21.						
2	In case of delay/non- performance, the appropriate action will be taken by competent authority against delinquent agency as per prevailing govt. of India rules/guidelines on procurement. Rules/guidelines on procurement.						

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3	If any part of the project is outsourced, the amount will be reimbursed as per the Item no. 6 of NMEDT SoC. In case of execution of the project by NEA on its own, a Certificate regarding non outsourcing of any component/project is required.
4	Necessary efforts should be made to minimize any adverse impact on the environment during exploration activities.
5	Any item of work not mentioned above shall be added as per SoC.
6	All the Geological Reports and data are to be uploaded on NGDR as per MERT template by the agency.

Annexure 3B														
Timeline for Reconnaissance Survey for (G4) Vanadium & Titanium in Aluminous Laterite in Kottur Area, Sangareddy District, Telangana. Total Block Area- 66 sq.km, Drilling: 150 m; BH: 5														
S. No	Activity	Unit	Months											
			1	2	3	4	Review-1	5	6	7	8	Review-2	9	10
1	Camp Establishment	Months												
2	Geological mapping	Months												
3	Sampling (Pitting)	Months												
4	Sampling analysis (Pitting)	Months												
5	Survey	Months												
6	Scout Drilling	Months												
7	Core logging & sampling	Months												
8	Sampling analysis (Drill core samples)	Months												
9	Laboratory analysis (Petrography & SEM)	Months												
10	Camp winding	Months												
11	Report preparation and submission	Months												

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Agenda 33.1.6 Preliminary exploration (G3) for graphite, base metals and associated minerals in areas between Limber and Pahlipora block, Baramulla District, Jammu and Kashmir

ID: ME/DD/G3/JK/25-26/004

Area- 3.10 sq. km.

[Implementing Agency: M/s Geo Marine Solutions Pvt. Ltd]

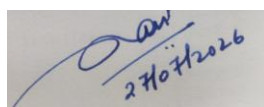
- a) The proposed block of 3.10 sq. km area for preliminary exploration (G3), falls in Survey of India Toposheet no. 43J/4, in parts of Baramulla District, Jammu and Kashmir. The proposal was placed in 9th PSC meeting held on 3rd June, 2026 wherein the PSC deferred the proposal and directed that the block be re-evaluated by TCC for verification of the block area as per the exploration and mining norms and requirement of eco-sensitive zones.
- b) The table containing the comments is given below:

S.N.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	The proposed area/ block of NPEA is falling completely within the Reconnaissance survey block (G-4) explored by GSI during FS:2020 2021 for graphite and associated mineralization. GSI is taking up G-4 stage project in adjacent area on graphite, vanadium and associated mineralization during upcoming FS:2026-2027.
2	MECL	The block proposed is not overlapping with explored block and ongoing blocks.
3	AMD	There is no ongoing exploration / reconnaissance project.
4	DGM	As per the letter of DGM J&K dated 8.7.2026, following conclusion has been made. Based on the joint field verification, examination of the notified geocoordinates contained in MoEF&CC Notification S.O. 1330 (E) dated 25.3.2022, GIS-based spatial assessment, it is concluded that the proposed exploration block is located entirely outside the notified Eco-sensitive zone of Kazinag National Park, Lachipora Wildlife Sanctuary or Limber Wildlife Sanctuary. The proposed exploration block also lies beyond a radial distance of one kilometer from the notified boundaries of these protected areas. Accordingly, the restrictions applicable to the notified Eco-sensitive zone as well as minimum one-kilometer buffer around the boundaries of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries in terms of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, are not attracted in respect of the proposed exploration area.
5	NMEDT	No overlap with NMEDT funded projects.

- c) The agency informed that they have complied with the advice and recommendations given by PSC & 28th TCC-II.
- d) The committee re-evaluated the block and made an observation regarding the applicability of the multiplication factor (2X/1.5X) in the State of Jammu and Kashmir with reference to the Revised NMEDT SoC dated 15.12.2025, wherein Section 4 provides as follows:
- i. The drilling cost shall be 2× for the areas included in Part A and Part B (Annexure I & II) of Ministry of Finance, Dept. of Expenditure OM No. 3/1/2017-E.2(B) dated 17th July 2017 (as cited in the SoC).
 - ii. The drilling cost shall be 1.5× for the areas included in Part C and Part D (Annexure III & IV) of the said OM.
 - iii. The section 4 of the said OM was further modified by an OM dated 10.2.2026 where in it was read as, "The multiplication factor of 2x or 1.5x, as the case may be which is recommended based on the guidelines issued by the department of expenditure, Government of India, shall apply to all field components such as geologist/geophysicist man days, drilling, sampling, geophysical investigations, wages for labour, etc. The non-field components shall not be considered for higher cost by applying the multiplication factor".
- e) The committee observed that the area corresponding to the Limber–Pahlipora block, Baramulla district, did not fall within the areas described in the referenced OM in respect of which the multiplication factor of 2X or 1.5X is applicable. The same was communicated to the agency.
- f) In reply, the agency vide its email dated 26.07.2026 confirmed the position, informed that execution of the field work at normal NMEDT SoC rates would not be feasible for M/s Geomarine Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (NPEA), and conveyed withdrawal of its DPR proposal for the block.

Recommendations of TCC-II

In the light of the above and the provisions of the Revised NMEDT SoC, and in view of the withdrawal of the DPR proposal by the implementing agency, the committee did not recommend the proposal for approval of PSC.



Agenda 33.1.7 Preliminary exploration (G3) for establishing zones of copper and associated mineralization in Dongargaon block, near Asola Medha, Chandrapur District, Maharashtra.

ID- ME/DD/G3/MH/26-27/022;

Area: 1.3 sq. km

[Implementing Agency: M/s Bhushilp Mines and Minerals Pvt Ltd]

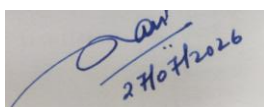
- a) The proposed block of 1.3 sq. km area for preliminary exploration (G3), falls in Survey of India Toposheet no. 55P/11, in parts of Chandrapur District, Maharashtra.
- b) The table containing the comments is given below:

S.N.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	GSI has carried out a G4 stage investigation in the proposed area in FS. 2023-24 titled "Reconnaissance survey for basemetal and associated mineralization in Palasgaon-Wadhona area, Chandrapur District, Maharashtra.". The received proposal is based on the outcome of this G4 stage investigation. Though the background values of Cu and associated mineralization in the proposed Dongargaon block are apparently suitable for further exploration, the quartz reef cropping out to the north in the Awalgaon-Wadhona block was explored by GSI in FS 2025-26 in the G-3 stage exploration for Cu and associated mineralization (report under finalization) and it didn't intersect any significant mineralization up to the second level of drilling.
2	MECL	No overlapping with the ongoing or completed blocks of MECL.
3	AMD	There is no ongoing exploration / reconnaissance project.
4	DGM	Not available.
5	NMEDT	There is no overlapping with the NMEDT Funded projects.

- c) The representative from the state DGM was present in the meeting and informed the committee that the DGM Maharashtra has proposed exploration project in the area and they would provide communication in this regard to NMEDT.
- d) The committee observed that 2 reservoirs are present in the proposed block and asked NMEDT secretariat to seek comments from State Government regarding the feasibility of the exploration activities in proposed block.
- e) Considering the above, the Committee did not agree to recommend the proposal.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee did not recommend the proposal as the comments from State Government was not available during the meeting. Also, 2 reservoirs were present in the proposed block for which comments of State Govt. were required to decide the feasibility of the exploration activities in proposed block.



**Agenda 33.1.8 Preliminary exploration (G3) for Limestone in Rawatbhata
Limestone block, Chittorgarh District, Rajasthan**

ID: ME/DD/G3/RJ/26-27/037

Area: 9.6 sq. km

[Implementing Agency: M/s United Exploration India Pvt. Ltd.]

- a) The proposed block of 9.6 sq. km area for preliminary exploration (G3), falls in Survey of India Toposheet nos. 45P/5 & 45O/8, in parts of Chittorgarh District, Rajasthan. The proposal was discussed during 31st TCC-II held on 16th and 17th June, 2026 wherein the Committee deferred the proposal and the agency was advised to demarcate a reduced area of approximately 8-10 sq. km. for the proposal.
- b) The table containing the comments is given below:

S.N.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	The present block has been proposed based on the exploration work carried out by the Directorate of Mines & Geology (DMG), Rajasthan. Based on the available analytical values, the area shows promising potential for cement-grade limestone mineralization. DMG has mapped pinkish dolomitic limestone along with red to grey limestone in the area. The grey limestone bands have reported CaO 44.10%, MgO 2.76%, and SiO ₂ 13.06%, indicating suitability for cement-grade limestone, although the surface exposure is limited. At present no exploration for Cement grade Limestone and any other mineral/commodity is being carried out in the area.
2	AMD	There is no ongoing exploration / reconnaissance project AMD does not have baseline / exploration data on the commodity mentioned.
3	MECL	No overlapping with the ongoing or completed blocks of MECL.
4	DGM	Not available
5	NMEDT	There is no overlapping with the NMEDT Funded projects as per NGDR Portal

- c) The Agency informed that, as per advice by TCC-II, they have reduced the proposed area to 9.6 sq. km.
- d) The Agency further informed that Preliminary investigations carried out by DMG, Rajasthan during 1994-95 in the proposed area revealed the presence of limestone belonging to the Lower Bhander Group of the Vindhyan Supergroup. Regional Mineral Survey (RMS) covering 100 sq. km on a scale of 1:50,000, along with detailed geological mapping over 15 sq. km (1:10,000) and 2 sq. km (1:2,000), was conducted around Shambhunath Ji Ka Khera and adjoining villages. The study identified pinkish dolomitic limestone and red to greyish limestone. The grey limestone exhibits cement-grade composition with CaO 44.10%, MgO 2.76%, and SiO₂ 13.06%, though its exposure is limited. The massive, hard, compact pink dolomitic limestone contains MgO 15.71% and SiO₂ 17.36% and has potential for use as decorative stone after cutting and polishing.
- e) In view of the above the Committee agreed to recommend the proposal for approval of PSC. Total 650m of drilling in 13 boreholes (50m each) was agreed.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee recommended the proposal for approval of PSC for "Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Southeast of Shambhunath Ji Ka Kheda Block,

Tahsil Rawatbhata, District Chittorgarh, Rajasthan" with an estimated cost of ₹ 119.85/- lakhs (including GST) within time schedule of 12 months for carrying out the proposed work and submission of geological report as per Annexure – 4A & 4B. The project will be reviewed after 4 months and 8 months.

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Annexure-4A

Cost estimate for Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in South east of Shambhunath Ji Ka Kheda Block, Tahsil Rawatbhata, District Chittorgarh, Rajasthan
Area: 9.60 sq.km, Drilling: 650 m; BHs: 13 (50 m each), Timeline- 12 months, Review 4 & 8 months;

S. No.	Item of Work	Unit	Rates as per NMEDT SoC		Estimated Cost of the Proposal		Remarks
			SoC-Item -Sl. No.	Rates as per SoC (Rs.)			
					Qty.	Amount (Rs)	
A	GEOLOGICAL WORK						
1	Detailed Geological Mapping (1:4000)	per sq.km	1.1	18300	9.6	175680	
i	Charges for Geologist- Field	day	1.2.1a(b)	14,500	90	1305000	
ii	Charges for one Geologist - HQ	day	1.2.1a (a)	10,500	30	315000	
iii	Labours Charges; Base rate	day	5.8	556	180	100080	
2	Samples Preparation						
i	Charges for one Sampler per day	one sampler per day	1.2.1b	7,850	37	290450	
ii	Labours (4 Nos)	day	5.8	556	148	82288	
3	Survey						
i	Charges for one qualified Surveyor	one surveyor per day	1.3.1	10500	20	210000	
ii	Labours (4 Nos)	day	5.8	556	80	44480	
iii	DGPS survey for BH Fixation & RL determination	Per Point of observation	1.3.2	24,000	21	504000	13 BHs and 8 boundary coordinates
	Sub Total- A					30,26,978	
B	DRILLING						

i	Drilling (In-House): up to 400m depth (Soft Rock)	m	2.2.1.1c	5,500	650	3575000	
ii	Land / Crop Compensation	per BH	5.6	30,000	13	390000	
iii	Construction of concrete Pillar (12"x12"x30")	per borehole	2.2.7	2,000	13	26000	
iv	Borehole plugging by cement	Per Borehole	2.2.8	10,000	13	130000	
v	Miscellaneous Charges (Transportation of Drilling Rig, Accommodation for Drill Camp, Camp setting and winding, construction of Approach Road)	Lumpsum	2.2.9		1	8,93,750.00	
ix	Core Preservation: One complete borehole and mineralised cores of all the remaining Bhs	m	5.3	1,590	250	397500	
	Sub Total- B					54,12,250	
C	LABORATORY STUDIES						
1	Chemical Analysis						
i	Primary & Check samples for Limestone						
	Major Oxides (WD XRF) - (Oxides+ Trace 24 elements)	Nos	4.1.17a	4,200	260	1092000	Core sample- 250, BRS 10
	External Check (10%)	Nos	4.1.17a	4,200	26	109200	
2	Physical & Petrological Study						
i	Preparation of polished thin section	Nos	4.3.2	800	5	4000	
ii	Complete petrographic study report	Nos	4.3.4	2,800	5	14000	
iii	Bulk Density	Nos	4.8.3	2,500	10	25000	
	Sub Total- C					1244200	
D	Total A to C					96,83,428	

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E	Geological Report Preparation	soft copy	5.2.(ii)	exploration with cost of work exceeding Rs. 50 lakhs but less than Rs 150 Lakhs = 2.5 Lakh	2,50,000	
F	Peer review Charges		As per EC decision		30,000	
G	Preparation of Exploration Proposal (soft copy)	soft copy	5.1	2% of the Cost or Rs. 5 Lakhs whichever is lower	1,93,669	
	Total Estimated Cost without GST				1,01,57,097	
	Provision for GST (18%)				18,28,277	
	Total Estimated Cost with GST				1,19,85,374	
	Total cost in Lakhs (Rs.)				119.85	
Note:						
1	Strict adherence to the Ministry of Finance's and GFR guidelines is mandatory. Every transaction must adhere to GFR rule 21.					
2	In case of delay/non- performance, the appropriate action will be taken by competent authority against delinquent agency as per prevailing govt. of India rules/guidelines on procurement.					
3	If any part of the project is outsourced, the amount will be reimbursed as per the Item no. 6 of NMEDT SoC. In case of execution of the project by NEA on its own, a Certificate regarding non outsourcing of any component/project is required.					
4	Necessary efforts should be made to minimize any adverse impact on the environment during exploration activities.					
5	Any item of work not mentioned above shall be added as per SoC.					
6	All the Geological Reports and data are to be uploaded on NGDR as per MERT template by the agency.					

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Annexure-4B

Cost Estimate for Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Southeast of Shambhunath Ji Ka Kheda Block, Tahsil Rawatbhata District Chittorgarh, Rajasthan
Area: 9.60 sq.km, Drilling: 650 m; in BHs:13

Sl. No.	Particulars	Month-1	Month-2	Month-3	Month-4	Month-5		Month-6		Month-7	Month-8		Month-9	Month-10	Month-11	Month-12
1	Camp Setting/ mobilization					Review						Review				
2	Geological Mapping															
3	Topographical Survey															
4	Sample collection, Preparation															
6	Drilling															
7	DGPS Survey															
9	Petrographic study															
10	Laboratory Studies															
11	Report Preparation															

Agenda 33.1.9 Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Vanadium, Titanium bearing Aluminous Laterites in the Raipur block, Chandrapur District, Maharashtra

ID: ME/DD/G3/MH/26-27/083

Area: 6 sq. km

[Implementing Agency: M/s Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd.]

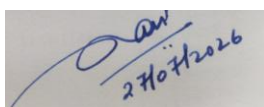
- a) The proposed block of 6 sq. km area for preliminary exploration (G3), falls in Survey of India Toposheet no. 56M/2, in parts of Chandrapur District, Maharashtra.
- b) The table containing the comments is given below:

S.N.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	GSI has carried out one G4 stage investigation in the proposed block FS. 2024-25 titled "Reconnaissance survey for vanadiferous and aluminous laterite in and around Sengaon-Nagarla area, Chandrapur district, Maharashtra" (UNFC stage-G4). State Unit: Maharashtra, GSI CR has submitted a GM block (Raipur block for laterite and associated critical mineral) and is currently under scrutiny. GSI has already submitted a GM block that extensively overlaps with the proposed G3 block of the NPEA.
2	MECL	No overlapping with the ongoing or completed blocks of MECL.
3	AMD	There is no ongoing exploration / reconnaissance project.
4	DGM	Not available
5	NMEDT	There is no overlapping with the NMEDT Funded projects as per NGDR Portal.

- c) As per the comments of GSI, a GM block has been submitted (Raipur block for laterite and associated critical mineral) by GSI and it is currently under scrutiny.
- d) Considering the above, the Committee did not agree to recommend the proposal.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee did not agree to recommend the proposal due to overlap of the proposed block with a GM block submitted by GSI which is currently under scrutiny.



33.2 Review of Ongoing Procurement Projects & Timeline Extension

Agenda 33.2.1 Financial assistance from NMEDT funds to procure machinery/ laboratory equipment/instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities.

[Implementing Agency: DGM UP]

- a) It was noted that no representative from DGM Uttar Pradesh was present during the meeting.

33.3 Review of Ongoing Projects/ Completed Project & Timeline Extension

Agenda 33.3.1 Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Graphite and associated minerals in Jarapa Block, District: Rayagada, Odisha

[Implementing Agency: M/s Eartnenviro Lab Pvt. Ltd.]

- a) The committee deferred the project to upcoming TCC-I meeting for discussion

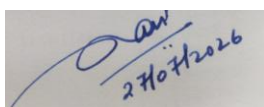
Recommendations of TCC-II

The committee deferred the project to upcoming TCC-I meeting for discussion.

Agenda 33.3.2 Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Limestone in Dhanokhar Nagod Block, Panna & Satna Districts, Madhya Pradesh

[Implementing Agency: MPSMC]

- a) The project was recommended in 61st TCC meeting held on 30th, 31st January, & 7th February, 2024, and approved in 33rd EC meeting held on 19th February, 2024. The project was approved with a scheduled timeline of 9 months at a sanctioned cost of ₹78.74/- lakhs (including GST). The Sanction Order was issued on 28th February, 2024. Scheduled project completion timeline was 27th November, 2024.
- b) The project was reviewed during 7th meeting of TCC-II held on 24th and 25th March, 2025, where in the committee recommended a timeline extension of 8 months up to 27th July, 2025 for submission of GR. Subsequently, these recommendations were approved in 42nd EC meeting held on 2nd June, 2025.
- c) During the review of the project in 20th meeting of TCC-II held on 2nd & 5th January, 2026, the Committee recommended a timeline extension of up to 26th May, 2026 for remaining work execution and submission of Geological report (GR). Subsequently the recommendation was approved in 4th PSC meeting held on 13th January, 2026. Further, in 21st TCC-II meeting held on 19th and 22nd January, 2026, the Committee recommended revised cost from ₹78.74 lakhs (including GST) to ₹81.44 lakhs (including GST) for additional quantum of DGPS survey for borehole point fixation which was subsequently approved in 5th PSC meeting held on 9th February, 2026.



- d) During 30th TCC-II meeting MPSMCL informed that justification for delay in the project work has been submitted to NMEDT and further informed that the Geological mapping of an area covering 101 sq. km at 1:12,500 scale and 40 cu. m of pitting have been completed so far. Out of the 10 approved boreholes, drilling activities are currently in progress in 4 boreholes. The committee advised the agency to present the results of 4 boreholes along with lithographs/ graphic lithologs in the next TCC meeting as the agency was not able to present the borehole lithologs during the meeting.
- e) The agency in its justification dated 25.5.2026 informed that the project encountered unavoidable delays during execution due to inaccessibility of the site, along with logistical and operational constraints that affected the continuity of exploration drilling activities. Although the 20th and 21st TCC-II Review Meetings recommended submission of the final Geological Report by 26.05.2026, these constraints prevented completion within the stipulated timeframe. Exploration drilling is currently in progress and is expected to be completed by mid-June 2026.
- f) In the current meeting the agency informed the committee that they have completed 10 boreholes with approved quantum of 250 m and showed the lithologs of four boreholes. The agency again requested for the timeline extension up to 30th September for completion of remaining work and final Geological report submission.
- a) The committee observed that time line extensions had already been given many times for project completion. The committee agreed to recommend time line extension up to 30th September 2026 for completion of remaining work and final Geological report submission. The committee informed that no further timeline extension would be recommended.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee recommended the proposal for approval of PSC for “timeline extension up to 30th September, 2026” for completion of remaining work and final GR submission.

Agenda 33.3.3 Preliminary exploration (G3) for Limestone in Sangmania Block, Satna District, Madhya Pradesh

[Implementing Agency: MPSMC]

- a) The project was recommended in 1st TCC-II meeting held on 26th and 27th September, 2024, and approved in 38th EC meeting held on 29th November, 2024. The project was approved with a scheduled timeline of 10 months at a sanctioned cost of ₹112.65/- lakhs (including GST). The Sanction Order was issued on 13th December, 2024. Scheduled project completion timeline was 12th October, 2025.
- b) The project was reviewed during the 29th meeting of TCC-II held on 20th and 21st May, 2026, wherein the Committee recommended timeline extension of 9 month

18 days up to 31st July, 2026, for completion of the remaining work, including Geological Report preparation, peer review, final submission, and project closure.

- c) MPSMCL informed that justification for delay in the project work has been submitted to NMEDT. So far, geological mapping of 5.5 sq. km. area at 1:4,000 scale along with 305.89 m of drilling in 8 boreholes (BHs) against the approved 400 m drilling in 10 BHs have been completed by the Agency. The drill core samples indicate average values of 41.03% CaO, 2.77% MgO, and 13.95% SiO₂. An inferred mineral resource of 201.13 million tonnes has been estimated using the cross-section method.
- d) The Committee evaluated the revised cost sheet of the project in view of the reduction in the approved quantum of drilling, pitting, and the corresponding sampling and chemical analysis. The Committee also agreed to the allocation of a peer reviewer for the Geological Report (GR).
- e) During the meeting the agency informed their report had been peer reviewed and some correction suggested by the Peer Reviewer needs to be incorporated in the Geological report. Further it requested for the timeline extension of 7 days up to 7 August 2026 for final submission of Geological report.
- f) The committee agreed for the timeline extension up to 7th August 2026 for final submission of Geological report.

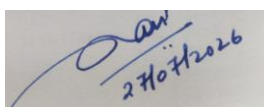
Recommendation of the TCC:

The Committee noted the agency's request for a 7-day extension to incorporate the Peer Reviewer's observations into the Geological Report and recommended extending the timeline up to 07 August 2026 for submission of the final Geological Report.

Agenda 33.3.4 Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Bauxite and associated minerals in Ratnal Area, Districts Kachchh, Gujarat

[Implementing Agency: Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL)]

- a) The project was recommended in 9th TCC-II meeting held on 29th and 30th May 2025, and approved in 43th EC meeting held on 14th August, 2025. The project was approved with a scheduled timeline of 10 months at a sanctioned cost of ₹118.30/- lakhs (including GST). The sanction Order was issued on 8th September, 2025. Scheduled project completion timeline was 7th July, 2026. The approved drilling quantum was 270 m with 9 boreholes with average depth 30 m.
- b) This was the first review by the agency. The agency informed the committee that, as a major portion of the block was covered by privately owned agricultural land, local landowners raised concerns during geological mapping and Bedrock Sampling (BRS) activities and requested prior permission from the State Directorate of Geology and Mining (DGM) before allowing further exploration work. Accordingly, a request for permission had already been submitted to the DGM Office on 19.01.2026. However, there was a delay in obtaining the approval



despite multiple follow-ups with the DGM Office, Bhuj. The required permission was finally issued on 02.06.2026, following which the pitting work was carried out and completed.

- c) The agency informed the committee that the Geological mapping had been completed along with bedrock sampling, no drilling had been initiated till date, and remaining work was under progress. In order to establish the continuity of ore body, taking into account the boulder/pocket nature of deposit the agency requested for 14 boreholes to have better control on resource estimation. The agency requested for 6 months timeline extension for completion of drilling, analysis and GR completion.
- d) The committee, after due deliberation, advised the agency to complete drilling in 5 representative boreholes within the mapped area and submit the results for review. The committee asked the agency to provide justification for timeline extension to NMEDT. The committee agreed for timeline extension up to 7th January 2026 for completion of drilling, analysis and GR completion.

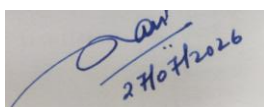
Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee recommended the proposal for approval of PSC for “timeline extension up to 7th January, 2027” for completion of drilling, analysis and GR completion.

Agenda 33.3.5 Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Bauxite and associated minerals in Kukma Area, District Kachchh, Gujarat

[Implementing Agency: Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL)]

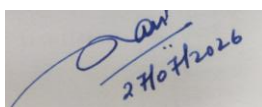
- e) The project was recommended in 9th TCC-II meeting held on 29th and 30th May 2025, and approved in 43th EC meeting held on 14th August, 2025. The project was approved with a scheduled timeline of 10 months at a sanctioned cost of ₹ 75.45/- lakhs (including GST). The sanction Order was issued on 8th September, 2025. Scheduled project completion timeline was 7th July, 2026. The approved drilling quantum was 150 m with 5 boreholes with average depth 30 m.
- f) This was the first review by the agency. The agency informed the committee that following approval of the Kukma exploration projects by NMEDT during 2025, the preliminary activities, including reconnaissance, geological mapping, and identification of lithological units and prospective mineralized zones, were completed within the stipulated schedule. Subsequently, applications seeking statutory permission for pitting were submitted to the District Geologist, Commissioner of Geology and Mining, Bhuj, on 19 January 2026. However, despite continuous follow-up through official correspondence and telephonic communications, the requisite permissions were received only on 02 June 2026, after a delay of approximately four and a half months. This unforeseen administrative delay adversely affected the scheduled commencement of pitting activities and consequently delayed the downstream activities of sample collection and laboratory analyses.



- g) The agency informed that the geological mapping was completed, 30 out of 35 approved bedrock samples were collected. The agency analysed the 30 BRS samples out of which 6 samples were above cutoff grade for the Bauxite and 15 BRS samples were analysed for three trace elements with values of V values ranges between 122.14-1027.10 ppm, Ga value ranges between 11.42-75.66 ppm and Sc value ranges between 13.61-44.84 ppm respectively and results were awaiting for remaining samples, analysis of pit samples were awaited. The agency asked for the timeline extension up to 30th September for completion of remaining work and geological report submission.
- h) The committee after due deliberations opined that the results were not encouraging and there was no need of drilling. The committee advised the agency for pre-closure of the project and evaluated the revised cost sheet due to suggested changes in quantum of approved work.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee recommended the proposal for approval of PSC for “revised cost of ₹ 19.22/- lakhs (including GST) against the approved cost of ₹75.45/- lakhs (including GST), due to pre-closure of the project as BRS analysis results were not encouraging”. (Annexure 5)



Revised cost for Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Bauxite and associated minerals in Kukma Area, District Kachchh, Gujarat
[Area- 13.32 sq. km; Schedule timeline- 10 months; BH-0; Drilling-0 m; Review- After 4 months]

S. No.	Item of Work	Unit	Rates as per NMET SoC 2020-21		Estimated Cost of the Proposal		Revised estimated Cost of the Proposal		Remarks
					Qty.	Amount (Rs)	Qty.	Amount (Rs)	
A	GEOLOGICAL WORK (1:12500 scale)								
i	Charges for one Geologist- Field	day	1.3	11,000	100	11,00,000	60	6,60,000	
ii	Charges for one Geologist per- HQ	day	1.3	9,000	60	5,40,000	25	2,25,000	
iii	2 labours/ party (As per rates of Central Labour Commissioner)	day	5.7	541	200	1,08,200	120	64,920	Amount will be reimbursed as per the notified rates by the Central Labour Commissioner or respective State Govt. whichever is higher
iv	Sampling party days-1 Samplers Labour charge not included	day	1.5.2	5,100	51	2,60,100	7	35700	
v	4 labours/ party (As per rates of Central Labour Commissioner)	day	5.7	541	204	1,10,364	28	15,148	Amount will be reimbursed as per the notified rates by the Central Labour Commissioner or respective State Govt. whichever is higher
	Sub Total- A					21,18,664		10,00,768	
B	PITTING AND TRENCHING								
i	Pitting	Cu m	2.1.2	3800	50	1,90,000	27	1,02,600	
	Sub Total- B					1,90,000		1,02,600	
C	LABORATORY STUDIES								
1	Chemical Analysis								
	Primary & Check samples for Bauxite BRS/Chip/Channel/Trench/BH samples)								

i	Primary Samples for 5 radicals i.e. Al ₂ O ₃ , SiO ₂ , Fe ₂ O ₃ , TiO ₂ & LOI	Nos	4.1.15a	4,200	185	7,77,000	46	1,93,200	BH-100, BRS-35, Pit-50
ii	For each additional trace elements viz. V, Sc & Ga	Nos	4.1.15b	1,263	185	2,33,655	-	-	BH-100, BRS-35, Pit-50
iii	External (10%) Check samples for 5 radicals i.e. Al ₂ O ₃ , SiO ₂ , Fe ₂ O ₃ , TiO ₂ & LOI	Nos	4.1.15a	4,200	19	79,800	4	16,800	
iv	External (10%) Check samples for each additional trace elements viz. V, Sc & Ga	Nos	4.1.15b	1,263	19	23,997		-	
								-	
2	Physical,Petrological, Mineralogical Studies								
i	Preparation of thin section	Nos	4.3.1	2,353	10	23,530	6	14,118	
ii	Complete petrographic study report	Nos	4.3.4	4,232	10	42,320	6	25,392	
iii	Preparation of polished section	Nos	4.3.2	1,549	10	15,490	6	9,294	
iv	Complete mineragraphic study report	Nos	4.3.4	4,232	10	42,320	6	25,392	
v	Digital Photographs	Nos	4.3.7	280	10	2,800	6	1,680	
vi	X-RD studies for mineral identification	Nos	4.5.1	4,000	10	40,000	-	-	
vii	ICP-AES/ICPMS (sequential technique) for 34 elements i.e. 16 other elements viz. Li, Ga, In, Be, Ge, Mo, Ni, Cr, Ta, W, Ba, Co, Rb, Sr, Zr, Nb ;16 REE viz. La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Eu, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, Yb, Lu, Sc, Y; 02 Actinides viz. U, Th.	Nos	4.1.14	7,731	20	1,54,620	4	30,924	Samples to be taken from the lithomerge & Bentonite clay. Orientation survey for REE zone from pits.
viii	Bulk density determination	Nos	4.10	3540	5	17,700	-	-	
ix	Combined determination of Trihydrate Alumina (THA-140°C), Monohydrate Alumina (MHA-240°C) & Reactive Silica	Nos	4.1.17a	6700	10	67,000	-	-	
	Sub Total- C					15,20,232		3,16,800	

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D	DRILLING								
i	Drilling upto 300m (Soft Rock) (1 rigs)	m	2.2.1.1b	7,168	150	10,75,200	-	-	Phase-II (As per MOC rates)
ii	Land / Crop Compansation	per BH	5.6	20,000	5	1,00,000	-	-	
iii	Construction of concrete Pillar (12"x12"x30")	per borehole	2.2.7a	2,000	5	10,000	-	-	
iv	Transportation of Drill Rig & Truck associated per drill	Km	2.2.8	36	2,580	92,880	-	-	Certification in this regard is required to be provided (As per actuals)
v	Monthly Accomodation Charges for drilling Camp (up to 2 Rigs)	month	2.2.9	50,000	2	1,00,000	-	-	
vi	Drilling Camp Setting Cost	Nos	2.2.9a	2,50,000	1	2,50,000	-	-	
vii	Drilling Camp Winding up Cost	Nos	2.2.9b	2,50,000	1	2,50,000	-	-	
viii	Approach Road Making	Km	2.2.10a	22,020	3	66,060	-	-	Road Making will be considered as per the requirement and Road Making Charges will be reimbursed for max. 4 km.
x	Drill core preservation: One complete borehole plus mineralised core of all the remaining Bhs	m	5.3	1,590	110	1,74,900	-	-	This amount will be reimbursed after successful delivery of the cores to concerned libraries/authorities
	Sub Total- D					21,19,040		-	
E	Total A to D					59,47,936		14,20,168	
F	Geological Report Preparation		5.2	For the projects having cost exceeding Rs. 50 lakhs but less than Rs.150 lakhs - A minimum of Rs. 2.5 lakhs or 5% of the value of work whichever is more		2,97,397		1,50,000	Reimbursement will be made after submission of the final Geological Report in Hard Copies (5 Nos) and the soft copy to NMET.
G	Peer review Charges		As per EC decision			30,000		30,000	

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H	Preparation of Exploration Proposal	5 Hard copies with a soft copy	5.1	2% of the Cost or Rs. 5.0 Lakhs whichever is lower	1,18,959		28,403	EA has to submit the final proposal along with Maps and Plan as suggested by the TCC-NMET in its meeting while clearing the proposal.
I	Total Estimated Cost without GST				63,94,292		16,28,571	
J	Provision for GST (18% of I)				11,50,972.47		2,93,143	GST will be reimbursed as per actual and as per notified prescribed rate
K	Total Estimated Cost with GST				75,45,263.99		19,21,714.00	
	or Say Rs. In Lakhs				75.45		19.22	
Note:								
1	Strict adherence to the Ministry of Finance's and GFR guidelines is mandatory. Every transaction must adhere to GFR rule 21.							
2	In case of delay/non- performance, the appropriate action will be taken by competent authority against delinquent agency as per prevailing govt. of India rules/guidelines on procurement							
3	If any part of the project is outsourced, the amount will be reimbursed as per the Paragraph 3 of NMET SoC and Item no. 6 of NMET SoC. In case of execution of the project by NEA on its own, a Certificate regarding non outsourcing component/project is required.							
4	Necessary efforts should be made to minimize any adverse impact on the environment during exploration activities.							
5	Any item of work not mentioned above shall be added as per SoC							
6	All the Geological Reports and data are to be uploaded on NGDR as per MERT template by the agency.							

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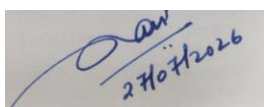
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Agenda 33.3.6 Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Bauxite and Associated Minerals in Nundhatad Block (5.12 sq.km), Kachchh District, Gujarat

[Implementing Agency: Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL)]

- a) The project was recommended during 8th meeting of TCC-II, NMEDT, held on 28th, 29th April & 2nd May 2025 and subsequently approved in 42st EC meeting held in 2nd June, 2025 at an approved cost of ₹125.11/- Lakhs (including GST) for the time schedule of 10 months up to 22nd June, 2026. This was the first review of the project. The approved drilling quantum was 300 m for 10 boreholes.
- b) The agency informed the committee that they had completed the Geological mapping, bedrock sampling and some part of pitting work. The geochemical analytical of 36 BRS samples results indicate the presence of bauxite and aluminous laterite within the mineralized horizon of the Nundhatad Block. Al_2O_3 values range from 20.55% to 55.56%, with SiO_2 , Fe_2O_3 , TiO_2 , and LOI values varying from 4.72–13.16%, 2.67–38.05%, 2.14–7.40%, and 16.16–33.51%, respectively, reflecting varying degrees of lateritization. Based on the analytical results, three bedrock samples (NUN/BRS/16, NUN/BRS/18, and NUN/BRS/30) have been classified as bauxite, while eight samples have been identified as aluminous laterite. The observed geochemical variation indicates a gradational transition from aluminous laterite to bauxite, and the occurrence of high alumina associated with relatively low silica content in several bedrock samples suggests favourable conditions for bauxite mineralization within the block. Analytical results of the remaining 14 bedrock samples are under process and are expected to further aid in delineation and evaluation of the mineralized horizon.
- c) The agency informed the committee that geological mapping, field observations, and analytical results of 36 bedrock samples confirm the presence of Aluminous Laterite/Bauxite horizons, predominantly in the northern part of the block, with a smaller isolated occurrence towards the south-eastern margin. The analytical results indicate favourable alumina values in several locations, confirming the bauxite potential of the block, while geological investigations have established the lateral continuity of the mineralized horizon in the northern sector. In view of the encouraging geological and geochemical results, agency proposed a detailed subsurface exploration programme comprising 10 boreholes of 30 m depth in the northern Aluminous Laterite/Bauxite horizon and 1 borehole in the south-eastern isolated bauxitic patch). The agency requested for the timeline extension up to 22nd December 2026 for completion of drilling work, sampling, peer review and GR submission.
- d) The agency in its justification informed the committee that following approval of the Nundhatad exploration projects by NMEDT during 2025, the preliminary activities, including reconnaissance, geological mapping, and identification of lithological units and prospective mineralized zones, were completed within the stipulated schedule. Subsequently, applications seeking statutory permission for pitting were submitted to the District Geologist, Commissioner of Geology and Mining, Bhuj, on 19 January 2026. However, despite continuous follow-up through



official correspondence and telephonic communications, the requisite permissions were received only on 02 June 2026, after a delay of approximately four and a half months. This unforeseen administrative delay adversely affected the scheduled commencement of pitting activities and consequently delayed the downstream activities of sample collection and laboratory analyses.

- e) The committee after due deliberation and based on the geochemical analysis results agreed for recommending the timeline extension up to 22nd December 2026 for completion of drilling work, sampling, peer review and GR submission.

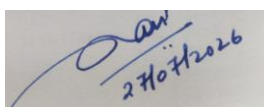
Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee recommended the proposal for approval of PSC for “timeline extension up to 22nd December 2026” for completion of drilling work, sampling, peer review and GR submission.

Agenda 33.3.7 Preliminary Exploration (G3-Stage) for Tin in Kangra Block (6.35 sq. km. Area), District – Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand

[Implementing Agency: Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL)]

- a) The project was recommended in 2nd meeting of TCC-II held on 22nd and 23rd October, 2024 and approved in 38th EC meeting held on 29th November 2024 for ₹604.91 Lakh with timeline of 15 months up to 12 March 2026. The drilling quantum was 600 m with 10 Boreholes.
- b) In 16th TCC-II meeting MECL requested for approval for changing the mode of execution of the drilling component of the project from in-house implementation to outsourcing through an external agency. The committee recommended the proposal for approval of PSC for “commencement of drilling in 6 boreholes of 50m average depth & total 300m drilling meterage” with an estimated revised cost of ₹ 380.28 Lakh. The same request was submitted by the agency in 18th TCC-II and recommended by TCC-II. The PSC in its 3rd meeting dated 15th December 2025 deferred the recommendation and approved reduction in drilling target from 600 m to 300 m. The request for outsourcing of drilling was not approved. The PSC further asked for cost revision accordingly.
- c) The agency informed the committee that all proposed boreholes are located within forest areas, necessitating prior approval from the competent forest authority. MECL submitted the requisite proposals through both offline and online modes, including the PARIVESH Portal, and complied with all EDS observations raised by the DFO. Owing to the absence of prior exploration drilling in Tehri Garhwal District, clarification was sought by the DFO from the PCCF/Nodal Officer regarding authorization under the exempted category, resulting in procedural delays. The matter was subsequently pursued by NMEDT with the Government of Uttarakhand through a D.O. letter. As on 20.07.2026, the proposal remains pending with the DFO for scrutiny and recommendation, delaying the commencement of exploration drilling.
- d) The agency in its justification dated 10.7.2026 informed the committee that the departmental drilling rigs of MECL are presently deployed in other ongoing NMEDT-approved projects and committed assignments being executed in accordance with their respective approved timelines. Diversion of the deployed

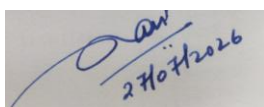


rigs may affect the progress of these ongoing projects. Moreover, considering the hilly and rugged terrain and associated accessibility constraints in the Kangra Block, deployment of lightweight and modular drilling rigs capable of being conveniently dismantled, transported and reassembled would be operationally appropriate. Presently, MECL does not have a departmental lightweight drilling rig of the required configuration suitable for such terrain conditions.

- e) The agency in the current meeting considering the limited working season, rugged terrain and the time loss in view of securing forest permission and drilling operational constraints in hilly terrain requested for approval to execute the sanctioned drilling quantum of 300 m through outsourcing. The agency further informed the committee as the proposal is currently under active consideration by the Forest Department, the exact extension period can be assessed only after permission is granted and drilling activities are allowed to commence.
- f) Considering the operational field drilling constraints and forest permission issue as informed by the agency, the committee agreed on recommendation of outsourcing the drilling component.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee recommended the proposal for approval of PSC for “revised cost of ₹ 381.21/- lakhs (including GST) against the approved cost of ₹604.91/- lakhs (including GST), due to reduction in quantum of approved project components and request of the agency to convert reduced drilling component of 300 m from inhouse to outsource (Annexure 6).



Revised Cost for Preliminary exploration (G-3) for Tin in Kangra Block Districts- Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand
Total Area -6.35 sq. km; Completion Time - 15 Months, Drilling: 300 m, BH: 06 nos.
Total Area - 6.35 sq. km; Completion Time - 15 Months

S.No.	Item of Work	Unit	SoC-Item -SI No.	Rates as per SoC	Additional Rate for Exploration work in remote and inaccessible terrain in Northeastern States and Himalayan terrain (3.35 times higher than the normal SoC)	Approved Cost of the Proposal		Revised Estimated Cost of the Proposal		Remarks
						Qty.	Total Amount (Rs)	Qty.	Total Amount (Rs)	
1	Geology & Survey									
1.1	Geologist man days (1 No.) for geological map & Report (HQ)	day	1.3	9,000		60	5,40,000	60	5,40,000	
1.2	Geologist (Field) man days for core logging/mapping/ Sampling/topographic survey	day	1.3	11,000	36,850	200	73,70,000	200	73,70,000	
1.3	Unskilled Labour (Field) (2 workers per geologist)	day	5.7	526	1,762	400	7,04,840	400	7,04,840	Amount will be reimbursed as per the notified rates by the Central Labour Commissioner or respective State Govt. whichever is higher
1.4	Survey Party Days for topographic survey (4m contour)	days	1.6.1a	8,300	27,805	60	16,68,300	60	16,68,300	
1.5	Unskilled Labour (Survey) (4 workers per Surveyer)	Days	5.7	526	1,762	240	4,22,904	240	4,22,904	Amount will be reimbursed as per the notified rates by the Central Labour

										Commissioner or respective State Govt. whichever is higher
1.6	Sampling man days - Sampler, Labour charge not included	day	1.5.2	5,100	17,085	65	11,10,525	57	9,73,845	
1.7	4 labours/ party (Rs 526/day/labour) (As per rates of Central Labour Commissioner) for sampling work	day	5.7	526	1,762	260	4,58,146	228	4,01,759	Amount will be reimbursed as per the notified rates by the Central Labour Commissioner or respective State Govt. whichever is higher
1.8	Determination of co-ordinates and Reduced Level (RL) of boreholes by DGPS including boundary corner points.	Nos.	1.6.2	19,200	64,320	16	10,29,120	12	7,71,840	Boreholes 06 Nos. + Block Boundary 06 Nos.
	Sub-Total 1						1,33,03,835		1,28,53,488	
2	Excavation									
2.1	Pitting/Trenching (upto 2m)	Cu. m	2.1.1	3,330	11,156	60	6,69,330	60	6,69,330	
	Sub-Total 2						6,69,330		6,69,330	
Phase-2										
3	Drilling									
3.1	Drilling -hard rock (up to 300m)	m	2.2.1.5a	11,500	38,525	600.00	2,31,15,000.00	300.00	1,15,57,500.00	
3.2	Land / Crop Compensation (in case the BH falls in agricultural Land)	per BH	5.6	20,000	67,000	10.00	6,70,000.00	6.00	-	As per actual
3.3	Construction of concrete Pillar (12"x12"x30")	per borehole	2.2.7a	2,000	6,700.00	10.00	67,000.00	6.00	-	
3.4	Transportation of Drill Rig & Truck associated per drill (for 2 rig)	Km	2.2.8	36	121	5,200	6,27,120.00	5,200	-	2600 Km to and fro for one rig
3.5	Monthly Accommodation Charges for drilling Camp (up to 2 Rigs)	month	2.2.9	50,000	1,67,500.00	6	10,05,000.00	6	-	
3.6	Drilling Camp Setting Cost	Nos	2.2.9a	2,50,000	8,37,500.00	2	16,75,000.00	2	-	
3.7	Drilling Camp Winding up Cost	Nos	2.2.9b	2,50,000	8,37,500.00	2	16,75,000.00	2	-	
3.8	Road Making (Rugged-Hilly Terrain)	Km	2.2.10b	32,200	1,07,870.00	5	5,39,350.00	5	-	

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3.9	Drill Core Preservation	per m	5.3	1,590	5,326.50	300	15,97,950.00	150	7,98,975.00	
3.10	Tendering process cost	One time	2.3	2% of the approved project cost or 5 lakh whichever is lower will be paid one time to Exploration Agency		-	-	1	2,31,150.00	
3.11	Operational Charges	One time	6.iii	₹8.75 lakh plus 5 percent on the balance amount of outsourced cost in excess of ₹1 crore will be paid to Exploration Agency towards operational charges. The maximum ceiling of operational charges is ₹15 lakh.		-	-	1	9,52,875.00	
	Sub-Total 3						3,09,71,420		1,35,40,500	
4	Laboratory Studies (Phase 1 & Phase 2)									
4.1	Primary Bedrock/channel/pit/trenching + Check Sample - 34 Elements of ICPMS	per sample	4.1.15	7,731	NA	363.00	28,06,353.00	363.00	28,06,353.00	Closed space sampling in grid pattern-300 Nos+trecnhing 30 Nos+check samples-33
4.2	Core samples+ Check Sample - 34 Elements of ICPMS (Primary+Internal check+ External check)	per sample	4.1.16	7,732	NA	154.00	11,90,728.00	88.00	6,80,416.00	Borehole samples-80+check samples
4.2	Preparation of thin section	Nos	4.3.1	2,353	NA	5	11,765.00	5	11,765.00	
4.3	Complete petrographic study report	Nos	4.3.4	4,232	NA	5	21,160.00	5	21,160.00	
4.4	Preparation of Polished Section	Nos	4.3.2	1,549	NA	20	30,980.00	20	30,980.00	
4.5	Complete Mineragraphic study report	Nos	4.3.4	4,232	NA	20	84,640.00	20	84,640.00	
4.6	Whole Rock Analysis(Major Oxides)	Nos	4.1.15a	4,200	NA	5	21,000.00	5	21,000.00	
4.7	XRD	Nos	4.5.1	4,000	NA	20	80,000.00	20	80,000.00	
4.8	SEM	per hour	4.4.2	2,940	NA	10	29,400.00	10	29,400.00	

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4.9	Bulk density	per sample	4.8.1	3,540	NA	10	35,400.00	6	21,240.00	
	Sub-Total -4						43,11,426		37,86,954	
5	Total 1 to 4						4,92,56,011	-	3,08,50,272	
6	Geological Report Preparation	5 Hard copies with a soft copy	5.2	Detailed exploration with cost of work exceeding ₹ 300 lakh: A minimum of ₹ 9 lakh or 3% of the value of work whichever is more subject to a maximum amount of ₹ 20 lakh and ₹ 10,000/- per each additional copy			14,77,680		9,25,508	
7	Peer review Charges		As per EC decision				30,000		30,000	
8	Preparation of Exploration Proposal (5 Hard copies with a soft copy)	5 Hard copies with a soft copy	5.1	2% of the Cost or Rs. 5.0 Lakhs whichever is lower			5,00,000		5,00,000	EA has to submit the Hard Copies and the soft copy of the final proposal along with Maps and Plan as suggested by the TCC-NMET in its meeting while clearing the proposal.
9	Total Estimated Cost without GST						5,12,63,691		3,23,05,780	
10	Provision for GST (18% of G)	%					92,27,464		58,15,040	GST will be reimbursed as per actual and as per notified prescribed rate

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11	Total Estimated Cost with GST						6,04,91,156		3,81,20,820	
						Say in Lakhs	604.91		381.21	
Note										
1	Strict adherence to the Ministry of Finance's and GFR guidelines is mandatory. Every transaction must adhere to GFR rule 21.									
2	In case of delay/non- performance, the appropriate action will be taken by competent authority against delinquent agency as per prevailing govt. of India rules/guidelines on procurement									
3	If any part of the project is outsourced, the amount will be reimbursed as per the Paragraph 3 of NMET SoC and Item no. 6 of NMET SoC. In case of execution of the project by NEA on its own, a Certificate regarding non outsourcing component/project is required.									
4	Necessary efforts should be made to minimize any adverse impact on the environment during exploration activities.									
5	Any item of work not mentioned above shall be added as per SoC									
6	All the Geological Reports and data are to be uploaded on NGDR as per MERT template by the agency.									

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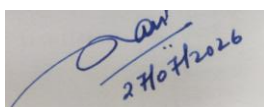
Agenda 33.3.8 Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone in Dongargaon Kasara Block, District-Yavatmal, Maharashtra.

[Implementing Agency: Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL)]

- a) The project was recommended during the 76th TCC-I Meeting held on 30th April and 1st May, 2025, and was subsequently approved in the 42nd EC Meeting held on 2nd June, 2025. The project was sanctioned at a cost of ₹122.58/- lakhs (inclusive of GST) with a scheduled duration of 10 months. The Sanction Order was issued on 23rd June, 2025, with the scheduled date of project completion being 22th April, 2026. The approved drilling quantum was 450 m drilling with 50 m each for 9 boreholes.
- b) In the 82nd TCC-I meeting the committee approved the drilling of 09 nos. of Boreholes, each of 50 m depth. In the 93rd TCC-I the committee recommended timeline extension up to 31.07.2026 for approval of PSC, NMEDT. Timeline extension was recommended for completion of drilling and submission of GR. In the 97th TCC-I meeting the Committee decided that the project would be reviewed in the next TCC meeting after receipt and interpretation of the analytical results from the first three boreholes.
- c) The agency informed the committee that out of 9 boreholes, 5 boreholes have been drilled. The remaining 4 BH are in a dense and non-accessible forest area. Hence, drilling of these 4 boreholes could not be taken up as tree felling is not permitted in the forest clearance. It further informed the committee that total 5 number of boreholes were drilled with total drilling quantum to 220 m. Limestone intercepted in MDK-04 & MDK-05 with average thickness 26.50m and Dolomite is intercepted in MDK-02, MDK-03, MDK-04 and MDK-05 boreholes with average thickness of 19.80 m. The agency had estimated resources of cement grade Limestone and beneficial grade dolomite under 333 & 334 category as per UNFC nomenclature and as per MEMC rules 2015 by polygonal method in the block taking bulk density of 2.79 gm/cc.
- d) The agency informed the committee that their geological report is ready and requested for peer reviewer for the report and timeline extension up to 31st August 2026 for final Geological report submission. The committee considered the revised project cost arising from the reduction in the approved drilling quantum due to the inaccessibility of dense forest areas.

Recommendations of TCC-II

- a) *The Committee recommended the proposal for approval of PSC for “revised cost of ₹ 74.56/- lakhs (including GST) against the approved cost of ₹122.58/- lakhs (including GST), due to reduction in approved drilling quantum and associated approved cost sheet components”. (Annexure 7)*
- b) *The Committee recommended the proposal for approval of PSC for “timeline extension up to 31st August 2026” for peer review of geological report (GR) and final GR submission.*



Revised Estimate for Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone in Dongargaon -Kasara Block, District- Yavatmal, Maharashtra
Total Area - 6.06 sq. Km; Nos. of Borehole -5; Drilling: 220 m, Borehole depth range - 50m ; Completion Time - 10 Months, Review: after 5 months

S.N	Item of Work	Unit	Rates as per NMET SoC 2020-21		Approved Cost of the Proposal			Revised cost (Rs)	Remarks
			SoC- Item -SI No.	Rates as per SoC	Qty.	Revis ed Qty.	Total Amount (Rs)		
A	GEOLOGICAL WORK								
1	Mapping at 1:4000 Scale, Borhole logging, Sampling & Report writing								
a	Charges for one Geologist per day at HQ	day	1.3	9,000	30	30	2,70,000	2,70,000	
b	Charges for one Geologist per day at field	day	1.3	11,000	120	100	13,20,000	11,00,000	
c	Labour for Geologist (2 Nos)	day	5.7	541	240	200	1,29,840	1,08,200	Amount will be reimbursed as per the notified rates by the Central Labour Commissioner or respective State Govt. whichever is higher
d	Charges for one Sampler per day (1 Party)	one sampler per day	1.5.2	5,100	59	29	3,00,900	1,47,900	

e	Labours for sampling work (4 Nos)	day	5.7	541	236	116	1,27,676	62,756	Amount will be reimbursed as per the notified rates by the Central Labour Commissioner or respective State Govt. whichever is higher
2	Survey Work								
a	Bore Hole Fixation and determination of co-ordinates & Reduced Level of the boreholes and block cardinal points by DGPS	Per Point of observation	1.6.2	19,200	13	9	2,49,600	1,72,800	Block cardinal point- 4 Borehole- 9
b	Charges of one surveyor	days	1.6.1a	8,300	30	30	2,49,000	2,49,000	Contouring at 2m inter
c	4 labours/ party survey work (As per rates of Central Labour Commissioner)	days	5.7	541	120	120	64,920	64,920	Amount will be reimbursed as per the notified rates by the Central Labour Commissioner or respective State Govt. whichever is higher
	Sub-Total A						27,11,936	21,75,576	
B	Pitting								
i	Pitting	Cu.m	2.1.1	3,330	30	-	99,900	-	
							99,900	-	
C	DRILLING								
1	Drilling (1rigs)	m	2.2.1.1b	7,168	450	220	32,25,600	15,76,960	MoC Rate

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2	Land / Crop Compensation	per BH	5.6	20,000	9	-	1,80,000	-	Amount will be reimbursed as per actuals or max. Rs. 20000 per BH with certification from local authorities
3	Construction of concrete Pillar (12"x12"x30")	per borehole	2.2.7a	2,000	13	9	26,000	18,000	Block cardinal point- 4 Borehole-5
4	Transportation of Drill Rig & Truck associated per drill	Km	2.2.8	36	400	400	14,400	14,400	To & fro
5	Monthly Accommodation Charges for drilling Camp (up to 1 Rigs)	month	2.2.9	50,000	3	3	1,50,000	1,50,000	
6	Drilling Camp Setting Cost	Nos	2.2.9a	2,50,000	1	1	2,50,000	2,50,000	
7	Drilling Camp Winding up Cost	Nos	2.2.9b	2,50,000	1	1	2,50,000	2,50,000	
8	Road Making (Flat Terrain)	Km	2.2.10a	22,020	5	5	1,10,100	1,10,100	Road Making will be considered as per the requirement and Road Making Charges will be reimbursed accordingly.
9	Drill Core Preservation	Per m	5.3	1,590	400	200	6,36,000	3,18,000	
	Sub Total B						48,42,100	26,87,460	
C	LABORATORY STUDIES								
1	<u>Chemical Analysis</u>								
i)	Primary samples								
	a. For 10 radicals i.e. CaO, MgO, Al ₂ O ₃ , SiO ₂ , Fe ₂ O ₃ , Na ₂ O,	Nos	4.1.15a	4,200	430	211	18,06,000	8,86,200	Borehole Core-400 Pit-30

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	SO3, P2O5, K2O by XRF and LOI								
ii)	Check samples External (10%)								
	a. For 10 radicals i.e. CaO, MgO, Al2O3, SiO2, Fe2O3, Na2O, SO3, P2O5, K2O by XRF and LOI	Nos	4.1.15a	4,200	43	21	1,80,600	88,200	
iii)	Bulk Density	No.	4.1	3,540	2	2	7,080	7,080	
iv)	Preparation of thin section	per sample	4.3.1	2,353	5	5	11,765	11,765	
v)	Study of thin section for petrography	per sample	4.3.4	4,232	5	5	21,160	21,160	
	Total - C						20,26,605	10,14,405	
D	Sub Total (A to C)						96,80,541	58,77,441	
E	Geological Report Preparation		5.2				4,84,027	2,93,872	EA has to submit the final Geological Report in Hard Copies (5 Nos) and soft copy to NMET
F	Preparation of Exploration Proposal (5 Hard copies with a soft copy)	5 Hard copies with a soft copy	5.1	2% of the Cost or Rs. 3.8 Lakhs whichever is lower			1,93,611	1,17,549	EA has to submit the Hard copies and soft copies of final proposal along with maps and plan as suggested by the TCC NMET in its meeting while clearing the proposal.
G	Peer review Charges		As per EC decision				30,000	30,000	

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H	Total Estimated Cost without GST						1,03,88,179	63,18,862	
I	Provision for GST (18% of H)						18,69,872	11,37,395	GST will be reimbursed as per actual and as per notified prescribed rate
J	Total Estimated Cost with GST						1,22,58,051	74,56,257	
				<i>or Say Rs. In Lakhs</i>			122.58	74.56	
Note									
1	Strict adherence to the Ministry of Finance's and GFR guidelines is mandatory. Every transaction must adhere to GFR rule 21.								
2	In case of delay/non- performance, the appropriate action will be taken by competent authority against delinquent agency as per prevailing Govt. of India rules/guidelines on procurement								
3	If any part of the project is outsourced, the amount will be reimbursed as per the Paragraph 3 of NMET SoC and Item no. 6 of NMET SoC. In case of execution of the project by NEA on its own, a Certificate regarding non outsourcing component/project is required.								
4	Necessary efforts should be made to minimize any adverse impact on the environment during exploration activities.								
5	Any item of work not mentioned above shall be added as per SoC								
6	All the Geological Reports and data are to be uploaded on NGDR as per MERT template by the agency.								

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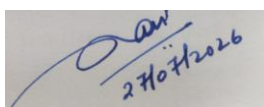
Agenda 33.3.9 Preliminary Exploration (G-3) of Limestone in Bandha Block (3.54 sq. km) and Jamuniya Block (3.68 sq. km) in District Satna, Madhya Pradesh

[Implementing Agency: Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL)]

- a) The project was recommended during the 85rd TCC-I Meeting held 27th November, 1st December and 5th December 2025 and was subsequently approved in the 3rd PSC Meeting held on 15th December, 2025. The Sanction Order was issued on 8th January, 2026 with an approved cost of ₹ 219.44/- lakhs (inclusive of GST) and a scheduled project duration of 10 months, up to 7th November, 2026. The approved drilling quantum was 1000 m with 12 boreholes with average depth of (80-100) m.
- b) The agency informed the committee that approximately 90% of the block covered by residual soil, with limestone exposed only as isolated and discontinuous outcrops. The limestone generally strikes in an east-west (E-W) direction and dips gently towards the south at an angle of 5°-7°. Four boreholes, totalling 80 m of drilling, were completed out of the 12 boreholes originally proposed. The boreholes were distributed across both the Bandha and Jamuniya blocks.
- c) It further informed the committee that the drilling results indicate that the surface limestone exposures represent remnants of the basal horizon of the Nagod Limestone Formation, which overlies the Ganurgarh Shale. The limestone horizon is only about 1.0-1.5 m thick. Prolonged weathering and erosion have removed the overlying portion of the Nagod Limestone Formation, leaving only the basal horizon preserved in the study area.
- d) The agency requested the committee that as drilling had conclusively established the absence of a thick, laterally persistent limestone body, further exploration in the present block was not technically justified.
- e) The committee after due deliberations opined that as there was no resource availability for the commodity under exploration. Therefore, committee recommended for the premature closure of the project due to insignificant resource potential in the blocks. The committee asked the agency to submit the revised cost sheet.
- f) The committee recommended for the premature closure of the project due to insignificant resource potential in the exploration project. The committee further suggested for single GR submission for both the blocks in the project.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee recommended the proposal for approval of PSC for “revised cost of ₹ 33.91/- lakhs (including GST) against the approved cost of ₹ 219.44/- lakhs (including GST), due to premature closure of the project as there was absence of significant resource potential in the exploration project”. (Annexure 8)



Revised Estimate for Preliminary Exploration (G-3) of Limestone in Bandha Block (3.54 sq. km) and Jamuniya Block (3.68 sq. km), District: Satna, Madhya Pradesh.
Total Area: 7.22 sq. km. Total Drilling: 80 m; 4 boreholes, within Timeline of 10 months; Review after 5 months

S. No.	Item of Work	Unit	Rates as per NMET SoC 2025- 26		Estimated Cost of the Proposal		Revised Cost		Remarks
			SoC-Item -SI No.	Rates as per SoC	Qty.	Amount (Rs)			
							Qty.	Amount (Rs)	
A	GEOLOGICAL WORK								
1	Geological Mapping (1:4000), Borehole logging, sampling & Report writing	per sq. km.	1.1	18,300	7.22	1,32,126	7.22	1,32,126	
i	Charges for Geologist- Field	day	1.2.1 a	14,500	150	21,75,000	50	7,25,000	For two blocks and two geologists
ii	Charges for one Geologist - HQ	day	1.2.1 a	10,500	40	4,20,000	25	2,62,500	
iii	2 labours/ party (Rs 541/day/labour) (As per rates of Central Labour Commissioner)	day	5.8	541	300	1,62,300	100	54,100	
iv	Core Sampling -01 Sampler Labour charge not included	day	1.2.1 b	7,850	139	10,91,150	3	23,550	
v	4 labours/ party (As per rates of Central Labour Commissioner)	day	5.8	541	556	3,00,796	12	6,492	
2	Survey							-	
i	Topographical Survey including geological mapping	day	1.3.1	10500	40	420000	40	4,20,000	
ii	4 labours/ party (As per rates of Central Labour Commissioner)	day	5.8	541	160	86,560	160	86,560	
iii	Bore Hole Fixation and determination of co-ordinates &	Per Point of observation	1.3.2	24,000	19	4,56,000	11	2,64,000	04 BHs and 07 boundary points

	Reduced Level of the boreholes by DGPS and boundary coordinates								
	Sub Total- A					52,43,932		19,74,328	
B	DRILLING								
i	Drilling upto 300m (1 rig)-Soft Rock	m	2.2.1.1c	5,500	1,000	55,00,000	80	4,40,000	
ii	Land / Crop Compensation	per BH	5.6	30,000	12	3,60,000			As per actuals as certified by local authorities subject to a maximum of 30000 per bore hole.
iii	Construction of concrete Pillar (12"x12"x30")	per borehole	2.2.7	2,000	19	38,000	11	22,000	4 BHs and 07 boundary points
iv	Transportation of Drill Rig & Truck associated per drill (2 rigs)		2.2.9(2)	Miscellaneous Charges (Transportation of Drilling Rig, Accommodation for Drill Cap, Camp Setting and winding, construction of Approach road)	11,00,000			1,10,000	for Drilling cost less than 50 Lakhs :25% of the Drilling cost
v	Monthly Accommodation Charges for drilling Camp (up to 2 Rig)							-	
vi	Drilling Camp Setting Cost (2 rigs)							-	
vii	Drilling Camp Winding up Cost (2 rigs)							-	
viii	Approach Road Making (Flat Terrain)							-	
ix	Core Preservation: One complete borehole plus mineralised cores of all the remaining Bhs							-	
	Sub Total- B					69,98,000		5,72,000	
C	LABORATORY STUDIES								
1	Chemical Analysis								

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i	Primary & Check samples for Limestone								
	Major oxides (WD XRF) - (oxides + elements)	Nos	4.1.17a	4,200	10	42,000	5	21,000	Samples to be collected during mapping
	Borehole Primary samples Major oxides (WD XRF)-(Oxides+traces-24 elements)	Nos	4.1.17a	4,200	950	39,90,000	16	67,200	
	External(10%) Check samples from NABL Lab Borehole Primary samples Major oxides (WD XRF)- (Oxides+traces-24 elements)	Nos	4.1.17a	4,200	95	3,99,000	-	-	
2	Physical & Petrological Studies							-	
i	Preparation of thin section	Nos	4.3.1	500	6	3,000	2	1,000	
ii	Complete petrographic/ore microscopic study / meineagraphic report of rock sample (along with 5 nos. digital photo micrographs)	Nos	4.3.4	2,800	6	16,800	2	5,600	
iii	Bulk Density studies	Nos	4.8.3	2,500	4	10,000	-	-	
	Sub Total- C					44,60,800		94,800	
D	Total A to C					1,67,02,732		26,41,128	
E	Geological Report Preparation		5.2(iii)	Total cost of the project exceeding Rs. 150 lakh, Rs, 7.5 Lakh		15,00,000		1,50,000	Reimbursement will be made after submission of the final Geological Report in Hard Copies (5 Nos) and the soft copy to NMET.
F	Peer review Charges		As per EC decision			60,000		30,000	

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G	Preparation of Exploration Proposal (5 Hard copies with a soft copy)	Soft copy	5.1	2% of the Cost or Rs. 5 Lakhs whichever is lower		3,34,055		52,823	
H	Total Estimated Cost without GST					1,85,96,787		28,73,951	
I	Provision for GST (18% of I)					33,47,422		5,17,311	GST will be reimbursed as per actual and as per notified prescribed rate
J	Total Estimated Cost with GST					2,19,44,208		33,91,262	
				Say in Lakhs		219.44		33.91	
Note:									
1	Strict adherence to the Ministry of Finance's and GFR guidelines is mandatory. Every transaction must adhere to GFR rule 21.								
2	In case of delay/non- performance, the appropriate action will be taken by competent authority against delinquent agency as per prevailing govt. of India rules/guidelines on procurement.								
3	If any part of the project is outsourced, the amount will be reimbursed as per the Paragraph 6 of NMEDT SoC. In case of execution of the project by NEA/NPEA on its own, a Certificate regarding non outsourcing of any component/project is required.								
4	Necessary efforts should be made to minimize any adverse impact on the environment during exploration activities.								
5	Any item of work not mentioned above shall be added as per SoC.								
6	All the Geological Reports and data are to be uploaded on NGDR as per MERT template by the agency.								

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Agenda 33.3.10 Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE and Phosphorite in Sumarsar area (107.46 sq.km), Kachchh District, Gujarat

[Implementing Agency: Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL)]

- a) The project was recommended during the 6th TCC-II Meeting held on 27th, 28th February, 2025 and 6th March 2025 was subsequently approved in the 41st EC Meeting held on 11th March, 2025. The Sanction Order was issued on 19th March, 2025 with an approved cost of ₹ 177.60/- (Lakhs) (inclusive of GST) and a scheduled project duration of 10 months, up to 18th January, 2026.
- b) The project was reviewed during 20th meeting the committee recommended for approval of the PSC for timeline extension of 03 months and 12 days, up to 30th April 2026, for submission of the final Geological Report (GR) and subsequently approved by 4th PSC. In 22nd TCC-II meeting the committee advised the agency to keep drilling on hold, and stated that further drilling will be decided after reviewing the core analysis results from the Nokhania Block. In 28th TCC-II meeting MECL discussed the findings of Nokhania Block and after detailed deliberation, committee opined to conclude the exploration in the block as one borehole of Nokhania block drilled in the vicinity of Sumarasar block did not intersect any promising REE bearing zones. The Committee recommended the proposal for approval of PSC for “timeline extension of 3 months up to 31st July 2026, for preparation of GR, peer review and GR submission”.
- c) The agency informed that their report has not been peer reviewed since the assigned Peer reviewer Prof. Alok Kumar Porwal, IIT Bombay was out of station. The agency informed that as soon as Peer Reviewer comments were obtained it would be presented before the TCC. In this regard the agency requested for further extension up to 31st August 2026 for final Geological Report submission.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee recommended the proposal for approval of PSC for “timeline extension up to 31st August, 2026” for submission of final geological report.

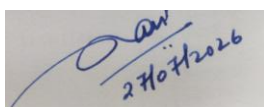
Additional Agenda

33.3 Review of Ongoing Projects/ Completed Project & Timeline Extension

Agenda 33.3.11 Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Gold, copper, graphite and associated minerals in Jamtola-Khandapar block (96.62 sq.km.) Balaghat District, Madhya Pradesh.

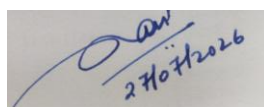
[Implementing Agency: Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL)]

- a) The project was recommended in the 57th TCC meeting held on 26th and 27th September, 2023 and approved in the 32nd EC meeting held on 6th December, 2023. The project was approved with a scheduled timeline of 12 months at a sanctioned cost of ₹216.30/- lakhs (including GST). The Sanction Order was issued



on 12th December, 2023. Scheduled project completion timeline was 11th December, 2024.

- b) Timeline extension of 6.5 months up to 30th June, 2025 was recommended in 3rd TCC-II meeting held on 5th & 6th December, 2024 and approved in the 39th EC Meeting held on 24th January, 2025. The project was reviewed in 5th TCC II meeting held on 27th, 28th & 29th January, 2025, and additional drilling was recommended with revised cost of ₹231.91 Lakh, and same was approved in the 40th EC Meeting held on 21st February, 2025.
- c) Furthermore, in the 12th TCC-II meeting held on 22nd, 25th, 26th & 27th August, 2025, the committee recommended timeline extension of 7 months up to 11th February 2026 which was subsequently approved in 1st PSC meeting held on 9th October, 2025. Again, in 22nd TCC-II meeting held on 4th and 5th February, 2026 the committee recommended timeline extension for 4 months up to 11th June 2026 and also a revised project cost from ₹231.91 lakhs (including GST) to ₹239.53 lakhs (including GST) due to additional drilling. These recommendations were approved in 6th PSC.
- d) During the 30th Meeting of TCC-II held on 04 June 2026, an extension of one month up to 11 July 2026 was granted for submission of the Final Geological Report (FGR). Subsequently, a peer reviewer was nominated on 16 June 2026, the Draft Geological Report (DGR) was submitted on 30 June 2026, and peer review comments were received on 15 July 2026. All observations and suggestions of the reviewer have since been incorporated into the Final Geological Report. The agency informed that the Final Geological Report is complete and ready for submission. However, the external check analysis of Gold (Au) and Silver (Ag) by the Fire Assay method is still pending, preventing submission of the final report.
- e) The agency informed that the Final Geological Report is complete and ready for submission. However, the external check analysis of Gold (Au) and Silver (Ag) by the Fire Assay method is still pending, preventing submission of the final report. The agency stated that the external check analysis could not be initiated earlier because the charges quoted by the available NABL-accredited laboratories were considerably higher than the approved Schedule of Charges (SoC) of NMEDT. MECL has been continuously exploring suitable laboratories capable of carrying out the analyses within the approved SoC while maintaining the prescribed quality standards.
- f) The status of the project was presented before the 33rd Meeting of TCC-II held on 22 July 2026, wherein the agency informed that all peer review comments had been fully addressed and incorporated into the FGR. The agency placed two alternatives before the Committee: either to submit the FGR immediately without the external check results and furnish the analytical results later as an addendum, or to submit the FGR only after receipt and incorporation of the external check analysis results.
- g) The agency further submitted that a detailed market survey is underway to identify a competent external laboratory capable of undertaking the analyses



within the approved Schedule of Charges. It was informed that, after finalization of the laboratory and issuance of the work order, approximately two months would be required to complete the analyses. As the external check results are essential for validation of the analytical data and incorporation into the Final Geological Report, the agency requested an extension of two months, i.e., up to 11 September 2026, for submission of the FGR.

- h) The committee after due deliberations, considering the facts presented by the agency agreed for recommending the timeline extension up to 11th September 2026 for final submission of Geological Report.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee recommended the proposal for approval of PSC for “time extension up to 11th September, 2026 for submission of final geological report”.

33.4 Technical Evaluation for In-Principle Approval

Agenda 33.4.1 Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Glauconite and REE mineralization in the rock units of Glauconitic sandstone and associated rocks of Semri group Vindhyan of Mesoproterozoic age in and around Parai, Bharra, Redi, Parma, Khamhariya Khurd, Dhawai, and Bairdah areas of Singrauli district, Madhya Pradesh.

ID: ME/IN/G4/MP/P/26-27/131

Area: 25.51 sq. km

[Implementing Agency: M/s Indian Mine Planner and Consultant]

- a) The proposed 25.51 sq. km area for reconnaissance survey (G4), falls in Survey of India Toposheet no. 63L/7, in parts of Singrauli district, Madhya Pradesh.
- b) The table containing the comments is given below:

S.No.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	GSI had carried out following projects i.e., Report on the investigation for copper in Bahera-Baharia shear zone, Sidhi district, Madhya Pradesh (FS:1978-79). Reconnaissance survey for gold and associated sulphide mineralization in mafic / ultramafic rocks in Thapna-Garhor-Baghara area, Sidhi District, Madhya Pradesh. (FS:2017-18)
2	AMD	Not available
3	MECL	It is observed that nearly 98% of the Singrauli Glauconite and REE bearing mineral block of M/s Indian Mine Planners & Consultants overlaps with the MECL ongoing Parma (G-4) Block.
4	DGM	Not available
5	NMEDT	The proposed block overlaps with two ongoing NMEDT-funded exploration blocks, Parma (MECL) and Jiawan (CMPDIL)

- c) The Committee did not agree for in principle approval of the proposal as the proposed block overlaps with two ongoing NMEDT-funded exploration blocks, Parma (MECL) and Jiawan (CMPDIL).

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee did not approve the proposal in principle as the proposed block overlaps with two ongoing NMEDT-funded exploration blocks, Parma (MECL) and Jiawan (CMPDIL).

Agenda 33.4.2 Reconnaissance survey (G4) for copper and associated Mineral in Gunti area, Tehsil Khetri, Jhunjhunu District of Rajasthan

ID: ME/IN/G4/RJ/P/26-27/133

Area: 3.25 sq. km

[Implementing Agency: M/s Southwest Pinnacle]

- a) The proposed 3.25 sq. km area for reconnaissance survey (G4), falls in Survey of India Toposheet no. 44P/16, in parts of Jhunjhunu District, Rajasthan.
- a) The table containing the comments is given below:

S.N.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	The proposed block submitted by NPEA is based on drilling investigations carried out by GSI during the field seasons 1975–81 and 2005–06. However, the results of these investigations indicate that the copper mineralization exhibits a pinch-and-swell nature, with poor continuity in both width and grade, even after close-spaced drilling. At present no G4 stage exploration project is going on in the proposed area. Therefore, the area may be considered for further exploration only if supported by additional geological, geochemical, and/or geophysical evidence demonstrating favourable mineralization potential. The area proposed for G4 stage exploration is relatively small (3.25 km ²). Therefore, a rationally larger area should be selected while avoiding overlap with previously explored or proposed blocks.
2	AMD	There is no ongoing exploration / reconnaissance project.
3	MECL	No overlapping with the ongoing or completed blocks of MECL.
4	DGM	Not available
5	NMEDT	There is no overlapping with the NMEDT Funded projects as per NGDR Portal

- b) The committee observed that the proposed area for G4 stage is too small. The objective of G4 is to scan considerable area for reconnaissance survey. The committee advised the agency to modify the proposal attempt to include similar geological prospective area which are unexplored and showing mineral evidences.

- c) The committee further observed that the two samples analysed from the proposed area showed Cu values around 100 -114 ppm which was insignificant to consider for further work. The committee based on non-encouraging values Cu did not accord approval to the project.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee did not approve the proposal in principle as the proposed exploration area of 3.25 sq. km was relatively small for undertaking a G4 stage exploration and area showed insignificant Cu values.

Agenda 33.4.3 Reconnaissance survey (G4) for REE & RM mineralization in Lakhana-Tarbod area, Nuapada District, Odisha.

ID: ME/IN/G4/OD/P/26-27/059

Area: 66 sq. km

[Implementing Agency: M/s Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd.]

- a) The proposed area of 66 sq. km for reconnaissance survey (G4), falls in Survey of India Toposheet no. 64L/10, in parts of Nuapada District, Odisha.
- b) The table containing the comments is given below:

S.N.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	The revised proposed block is not overlapping with any G4 stage REE and RM exploration blocks of GSI. No Composite License or Mining Lease, either for major or minor minerals, exists within the proposed block. The samples collected by the agency is not showing encouraging value of TREE as the maximum value is 540.44 ppm. In view of the observation no. 3, G4 stage investigation on REE is not recommended in the proposed block.
2	AMD	AMD has carried out reconnaissance exploration (G-4 stage) in and around the proposed block for uranium. No surface radioactive zone was delineated. There is no ongoing exploration / reconnaissance project.
3	MECL	With reference to the proposal titled 'Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 stage) for REE & RM mineralization in Lakhana–Tarbod Block (116 sq. km), District Nuapada, Odisha' submitted by M/s Gemcokati Exploration Private Limited, it is observed that the proposed block is partially overlapping with the MECL block.
4	DGM	The project proposal received from M/s Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd. for REE and RM for Reconnaissance Survey in and around Lakhana-Tarbod block, Nuapada District (G4), Odisha has been examined and it was observed that the proposed block was partly covered by DoMG during F.S 1963-64. Within the proposed block, occurrences of graphite and Mn are located near Komna, Singari & Biswanathpur & Mahuabhata areas. Pegmatite are located around Jehupali area. But detail assessment is not done

		systematically. Moreover, the potentiality of REE & RM was not assessed. The proposed block was covered by GSI during F.S 2024-25 for REE & RM at G4 level. A small part of the Lakhana-Tarbod block is overlapping with Chormunda Block which is under exploration by MECL.
5	NMEDT	No ESA/ESZ/Tiger Corridor/Wild Sanctuary present in the updated block. No overlap with NMEDT funded project.

- c) The agency informed that they have visited the area during 20-01-2026 to 24-01-2026. During their visit few grab & stream sediment samples were drawn from the block areas for chemical analysis, analysed for Trace elements, REE's and Major oxides. The analytical results of 4 BRS yielded total REE (La-Lu, Sc, Y) ranges from 96.31 – 540.44 ppm (Avg- 364.32) with TLREE (La-Eu) ranges from 82.95 – 513.87 ppm (Avg. 334.09 ppm) and THREE (Gd-Lu) ranges 34.45-102.04 ppm (Avg 65.05 ppm). The samples show a maximum Sc value of 50.63 ppm, Nb value of 34.51 ppm, Sr value of 328.55 ppm, Ta value of 24.92 ppm and Li value of 20.90 ppm.
- a) The Committee opined that the values of REE and other elements in BRS samples from the proposed area are not encouraging and did not approve the proposal in principle.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee did not approve the proposal in principle as the values of REE and other elements in BRS samples from the proposed area were not encouraging.

Agenda 33.4.4 Preliminary exploration (G3) for Glauconitic Potash in Bhatun-Jatwari block, Karoli District, Rajasthan.

ID: ME/IN/G3/RJ/P/26-27/175

Area: 12.5 sq. km

[Implementing Agency: M/s Ocean Drilling and Exploration Private Limited]

- a) The proposed block of 12.5 sq. km area for preliminary exploration (G3), falls in Survey of India Toposheet nos. 54B/11 & 54B/15, in parts of Karoli District, Rajasthan.
- b) The table containing the comments is given below:

S.N.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	Additionally, the southwestern part of the proposed NPEA block overlaps with the previously submitted Khidarpur Potash GM Block by GSI. In connection with above cited subject, the NIT of Gharsisar Block District Churu and Khidarpur Block District Karauli was floated for auction by DMGR on 31-07-2023 but no response was received from the bidders and the auction process of these blocks was annulled. Further, these minerals have been added in Part D (Critical and Strategic Minerals) of Schedule -1 in MMDR

		ACT by recent amendment and the auction of PART D minerals will be carried out by Central.
2	AMD	There is no ongoing exploration / reconnaissance project.
3	MECL	This is with reference to the trailing mail, based on the data provided, MECL has reviewed the KML file of the Bhatun Jatwari block in Karoli district of Rajasthan proposed by Ocean Drilling & Exploration Pvt Ltd. MECL confirm that the area does not overlapping with any previously explored, or any ongoing as well as proposed blocks by MECL in Karoli district, Rajasthan.
4	DGM	Four minor mineral mining leases are falling within this proposal area. Information regarding area falling/not falling in forest may be obtained from Forest department, Government of Rajasthan. As per aforesaid information, consent for exploration is given in the said area, geological mapping and other multi-disciplinary surveys may be conducted in whole proposal area, core drilling can be done in area excluding held mining lease areas. NPEA be advised to obtain necessary information/clearances from Forest department, Government of Rajasthan regarding area falling/not-falling in forest.
5	NMEDT	Slight overlap with auctionable G4-GM Block (Reconnaissance survey for glauconitic sandstone and shale of Vindhyan Supergroup exposed in the parts of Sawai Madhopur and Karauli districts, Rajasthan.

- a) The committee after due deliberations opined that during the 7th tranche of auctions of critical and strategic mineral blocks conducted by the Ministry of Mines, 6 glauconite blocks could not be successfully auctioned. Out of these, 2 blocks had been explored by GSI and the remaining 4 blocks by NPEAs.
- b) The committee opined that the bidder response for the said commodity was poor and further beneficiation is difficult, therefore there was no point in approving such projects until there was success in bidding.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee did not approve the proposal in principle due to poor rate of success of auction of Glauconitic Potash blocks and difficulty in beneficiation of the mineral.

Agenda 33.4.5 Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Ionic – Rare Earth Element (I REE) in Rapur area, SPSR Nellore & Tirupati Districts, Andhra Pradesh

ID: ME/IN/G4/AP/P/26-27/078

Area: 100 sq. km

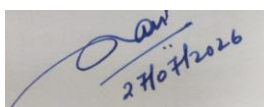
[Implementing Agency: M/S MIDWEST LIMITED]

- a) The proposed area of 100 sq. km for reconnaissance survey (G4), falls in Survey of India Toposheet no. 57N/8 & 57N/12, in parts of SPSR Nellore & Tirupati Districts, Andhra Pradesh.
- b) The table containing the comments is given below:

S.N.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	There is no ongoing exploration project for REE within the proposed NPEA area. The proposed NPEA block was covered by STM work during FS 2012-14. Exploration activity has not been done. The area may be feasible for further exploration.
2	AMD	AMD has carried out reconnaissance exploration (G-4 stage) in and around the proposed block for uranium in different phases. Significant surface radioactive zones were delineated along Nagavaripalle Venkataramarajupeta. AMD does not have baseline / exploration data on the commodity mentioned. In view of known potentiality for uranium in the area, analysis of uranium may be included in the list of elements to be analysed.
3	MECL	No overlapping with the ongoing or completed blocks of MECL.
4	DGM	No active projects in the proposed area. Geological and geochemical evidence supports I REE exploration. No leases or licenses exist in the proposed block.
5	NMEDT	Overlapping with Eco Sensitive Zone (PM Gatishakti). No NMEDT funded block in and around the proposed area as per NGDR Portal.

- a) The agency informed that Midwest Limited has been carrying out research on Ionic Rare Earth Elements (I-REE) and has established an in-house laboratory for I-REE studies in regolith clays. The tectonic contact between the Nellore Schist Belt and the Cuddapah Basin, particularly the Rapur alkali granite, is considered a prospective host for REE mineralisation based on available GSI, AMD and published data. The agency further informed that a recent preliminary survey in the area has indicated Total Rare Earth Element (TREE) values ranging from 0.9% to 1.0% in the alkali granites, suggesting favourable potential for REE mineralisation.
- b) The committee observed that the area proposed was too large for executing test model for Ionic-REE and advised the agency to delineate & target area with fertile lithology e.g syenite/alkali granites within PGC-II terrain. Planning of location of Auger BHs & their spacing was only feasible after envisaging regolith thickness
- c) Considering the above the committee accorded in principle approval to the proposal and asked the agency to submit DPR for a small test area of 20 to 25 sq. km.







Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee accorded in principle approval to the proposal and asked the agency to submit DPR within 2 months.

Agenda 33.4.6 Preliminary exploration (G3) for Vanadium and associated Mineralization around Eastern Dungra Block, Champawat District, Uttarakhand

ID: ME/IN/G3/UK/P/26-27/127

Area: 2.2 sq. km

[Implementing Agency: M/s GeoExpOre Pvt Ltd]

- a) The proposed area of 2.2 sq. km for Preliminary exploration (G3), falls in Survey of India Toposheet no. 530/15, in parts of Champawat District, Uttarakhand.
- b) The table containing the comments is given below:

S.N.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	During Annual programme of GSI, FS 2024-25, a G-4 stage investigation over a 50 sq. km area for Vanadium in Mulakot area Champawat district, Uttarakhand was carried out in parts of Toposheet no - 530/15. One G3-stage exploration item is being undertaken during FS 2026–27. The proposed NPEA block overlaps with the GSI exploration block.
2	AMD	There is no ongoing exploration / reconnaissance project. AMD does not have baseline / exploration data on the commodity mentioned.
3	MECL	No overlapping with the ongoing or completed blocks of MECL.
4	DGM	Not available
5	NMEDT	There is no overlapping with the NMEDT Funded projects. Overlaps with eastern part of M/s Vibrant Techno Lab Pvt. Ltd. proposed Baswari block which was discussed in 32 nd TCC-II.

- c) The Committee did not approve the proposal in principle as there is an overlap of the proposed area with a GSI's exploration area.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee did not approve the proposal in principle as there was an overlap of the proposed area with a GSI's exploration area.

Agenda 33.4.7 Reconnaissance survey for Iron Ore and REE & RM in Gadi Surla Area, Chandrapur District, Maharashtra

ID: ME/IN/G4/MH/P/26-27/111

Area: 53.37 sq. km

[Implementing Agency: M/s Bhushilp Mines and Minerals Pvt Ltd]

- a) The proposed area of 53.37 sq. km for reconnaissance survey (G4), falls in Survey of India Toposheet nos. 55P/12, 55P/16, 56M/9 & 56M/13, in parts of Chandrapur District, Maharashtra.
- b) The table containing the comments is given below:

S.N.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	In this regard, it is submitted that a G4 stage investigation was proposed in the same area (Garisurla block) in the year 2025 by GSI, SU: Maharashtra for taking up the item in FS. 2026-27. However, the IPR committee had recommended recasting the item as a CMAP. Accordingly, a CMAP project has been proposed for FS. 2027-28, which partially overlaps with the proposed block of the NPEA. This CMAP proposal has been approved at the IPR-1 level of GSI.
2	AMD	There is no ongoing exploration / reconnaissance project. AMD does not have baseline / exploration data on the commodity mentioned.
3	MECL	No overlapping with the ongoing or completed blocks of MECL.
4	DGM	Not available
5	NMEDT	There is no overlapping with the NMEDT Funded projects as per NGDR Portal

- c) The committee did not approve the proposal in principle as there is an overlap of the proposed area with GSI work. The agency may consult RMT report of GSI work and carve out new promising area supported by field evidences.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee did not approve the proposal in principle as there was an overlap of the proposed area with a GSI's exploration area.

Agenda 33.3.8 Reconnaissance survey for Vanadium, Scandium and Titanium bearing Aluminous Laterite of Ghodepalli area, Bidar District, Karnataka

ID: ME/IN/G4/KA/P/26-27/077

Area: 66 sq. km

[Implementing Agency: M/s GMMCO Technology Services Ltd]

- a) The proposed 66 sq. km area for reconnaissance survey (G4), falls in Survey of India Toposheet no. 56G/5 and 56G/9, in parts of Bidar District, Karnataka.
- b) The table containing the comments is given below:

S.N.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	In the proposed area, no exploration/reconnaissance projects are ongoing, however a Critical Mineral Assessment Project has

		already been proposed in the southern part of the NPEA proposed area to take for the FS: 2027-28.
2	AMD	There is no ongoing exploration / reconnaissance project. AMD does not have baseline / exploration data on the commodity mentioned.
3	MECL	No overlapping with the ongoing or completed blocks of MECL.
4	DGM	No ongoing projects for said commodity within the block. MMPL submitted on 29.6.2026 for Baridabad block which shows overlap with proposed block with an overlapping extent of 36.79 sq. km.
5	NMEDT	There is no overlapping with the NMEDT Funded projects.

- c) The Committee observed that the M/s GMMCO Technology Services Ltd submitted the project (12.6.2026) before M/s MMPL Pvt. Ltd. and the block showed overlap with GSI proposal in southern part. The committee advised the agency to modify the proposed the area after removal of the overlap part. The committee did not approve the proposal in principle as there was an overlap with GSI work.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee did not approve the proposal in principle as there was an overlap with GSI work. The committee advised the agency to modify the proposed area after removal of the overlap part and submit a new proposal.

Agenda 33.4.9 Reconnaissance survey (G4) For REE mineralization in Kondakuppam area, Ranier, Thiruvallur and Vellore Districts, Tamil Nadu

ID: ME/IN/G4/TN/P/26-27/089

Area: 95 sq. km

[Implementing Agency: M/s GMMCO Technology Services Ltd]

- a) The proposed 95 sq. km area for reconnaissance survey (G4), falls in Survey of India Toposheet no. 570/8, in parts of Vellore Districts, Tamil Nadu.
- b) The table containing the comments is given below:

S.N.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	The proposed Kondakuppam block does not overlap with any GSI-explored blocks. No ongoing exploration projects pertaining to the GSI, SU-TNP in the proposed block. A total of 25 stream sediment composite samples collected under the NGCM programme of GSI fall within the proposed block. Of these, 6 samples recorded TREE values in the range of 500–1000 ppm, while one sample recorded a TREE value of 1466.58 ppm. The remaining 18 samples contain less than 500 ppm TREE.

2	AMD	AMD does not have baseline / exploration data on the commodity mentioned.
3	MECL	No overlapping with the ongoing or completed blocks of MECL.
4	DGM	Not available

- The agency informed that Stream sediment studies under NGCM indicate anomalous TREE concentrations (126–1467 ppm) with LREE enrichment.
- The committee observed that the reported REE values were insignificant. The REE values less than 1500 ppm in granitic rocks were not encouraging for further exploration.
- The committee opined that reported TREE concentrations were insignificant for taking up exploration in the proposed area and did not approve the proposal in principle.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee did not approve the proposal in principle as reported TREE concentrations were insignificant for taking up exploration in the proposed area.

Agenda 33.4.10 Reconnaissance survey (G4) for REE mineralization in RK Pet area, Thiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu

ID: ME/IN/G4/TN/P/26-27/090

Area: 95 sq. km

[Implementing Agency: M/s GMMCO Technology Services Ltd

- The proposed area of 95 sq. km for reconnaissance survey (G4), falls in Survey of India Toposheet no. 570/8, in parts of Thiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu.
- The table containing the comments is given below:

S.N.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	The proposed RK PET Block does not overlap with any GSI-explored blocks. However, it has been reported that the proposed block overlaps by approximately 80% with the Ammavarikuppam–Vanganur Block (REE, G-4), which was submitted by MMPL Pvt. Ltd. (formerly Maheshwari Mining Pvt. Ltd.) under NMEDT. The Ammavarikuppam–Vanganur Block (REE, G-4), proposed by MMPL Pvt. Ltd. (formerly Maheshwari Mining Pvt. Ltd.), was submitted to GSI, Chennai by NMEDT on 16.09.2025 for overlap studies. The overlap and potentiality status report of the said block was submitted by GSI, Chennai to NMEDT on 23.09.2025.
2	AMD	There is no ongoing exploration / reconnaissance project. AMD does not have baseline / exploration data on the commodity mentioned.

3	MECL	No overlapping with the ongoing or completed blocks of MECL.
4	DGM	Not available
5	NMEDT	There is no overlapping with the NMEDT Funded projects

- c) The Agency informed that Stream sediment studies under NGCM indicate anomalous TREE concentrations (105–1614 ppm) with LREE enrichment.
- d) The committee did not agree for the proposal as the average values were considerably low for granitic terrain geological setup.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee did not approve the proposal in principle as reported TREE concentrations were insignificant for taking up exploration in the proposed area.

Agenda 33.4.11 Reconnaissance (G4) Exploration of Zirconium, RM, REE and associated minerals in Manpura area, Balrampur-Ramanujganj District, Chhattisgarh

ID: ME/IN/G4/CT/P/26-27/076

Area: 37 sq. km

[Implementing Agency: M/s GEMS Project Pvt Ltd]

- a) The proposed area of 37 sq. km for reconnaissance survey (G4), falls in Survey of India Toposheet no. 64M/6, in parts of Balrampur-Ramanujganj District, Chhattisgarh.
- b) The table containing the comments is given below:

S.N.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	There is 100% overlapping found in the proposed Block with GSI previous works of 1982-87. Regional Exploration for Coal in Mitgain-Bhormi Area in the Eastern Part of Tatapani-Ramkola Coalfield, Surguja District, Madhya Pradesh. One project in the SE of proposed block, Reconnaissance survey for REE in Chhotonagpur Gneissic Complex of Chalgali - Khobi area, Balrampur district, Chhattisgarh. FS 2024-25
2	AMD	AMD has carried out G4 stage of exploration for uranium in and around the proposed block in different phases, wherein evidence of U mineralisation has been established. Grab samples (n = 61) analysed up to 0.29% U ₃ O ₈ from the area. AMD does not have baseline / exploration data on the said commodities mentioned. In view of known potentiality for uranium in the area, analysis of uranium may also be included in the analysis list.
3	MECL	No overlapping with the ongoing or completed blocks of MECL.
4	DGM	There is complete overlap of the proposed block with the Tiger Corridor.
5	NMEDT	There is no overlapping with the NMEDT Funded projects.

- a) The committee observed an overlap of the proposed block with exploration block of GSI and a Tiger Corridor.
- b) In view of above, the Committee did not approve the proposal in principle.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee did not approve the proposal in principle due to overlap of the proposed block with Tiger Corridor as per DGM Chhattisgarh.

Agenda 33.4.12 Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Graphite & associated Mineralization in CGGC Terrain of Udaipur-Bori Area, Ranka Chainpur-Ramkanda Tehsils, Garhwa-Palamu Districts, Jharkhand.

ID: ME/IN/G4/JH/P/26-27/134

Area: 87.7 sq. km

[Implementing Agency: M/s Enkay Enviro Services Pvt. Ltd.]

- a) The proposed area of 87.7 sq. km for reconnaissance survey (G4), falls in Survey of India Toposheet no. 64 M/13, in parts of Garhwa-Palamu Districts, Jharkhand.
- b) The table containing the comments is given below:

S.N.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	There is an overlap of GSI Proposed Chapri graphite & Vanadium block of FS 2027-28, G4 stage which is under IPR.
2	AMD	Not available
3	MECL	No overlapping with the ongoing or completed blocks of MECL.
4	DGM	Not available
5	NMEDT	There are no NMEDT funded blocks overlapping with the proposed block in NGDR.

- c) The Committee did not approve the proposal in principle as the proposed area overlaps with GSI work.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee did not approve the proposal in principle as the proposed area overlaps with GSI work.

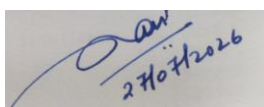
Agenda 33.4.13 Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Bauxite, and other associated mineralization around Bedmamari - Raobeda area, Kondagaon District, Chhattisgarh.

ID: ME/IN/G4/CT/P/26-27/130

Area: 35 sq. km

[Implementing Agency: M/s Enkay Enviro Services Pvt. Ltd.]

- a) The proposed area of 35 sq. km for reconnaissance survey (G4), falls in Survey of India Toposheet no. 64H/8, 64H/12, in parts of Kondagaon District, Chhattisgarh.


b) The table containing the comments is given below:

S.N.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	The Bedmamari - Raobeda block proposed by M/S Enkay Enviro Services Pvt. Ltd partial overlap with GSI LSM work Bandhanpara–Kuye–Kudarwahi–Bedmamari Plateau Bauxite exploration carried out during 1981-82. Ongoing project titled Critical mineral assessment programme in laterite-Bauxite rocks of Girgoli-Sawala area of Kondagaon District, Bastar region, Chhattisgarh in the SE of the proposed block.
2	AMD	There is no ongoing exploration / reconnaissance project. AMD does not have baseline / exploration data on the commodity mentioned.
3	MECL	No overlapping with the ongoing or completed blocks of MECL.
4	DGM	There is no Ongoing Exploration/Reconnaissance Projects related to above mentioned Mineral commodity in the proposed area. The Proposed area overlaps with the DGM (C.G.) block of Critical and strategic minerals proposed for the field season 2026-27.
5	NMEDT	The proposed block lies close to the tiger corridor. There are no NMEDT funded blocks overlapping with the proposed block in NGDR.

c) The committee did not accord in-principle approval as the proposed area overlaps with the DGM proposed block for FS 2026-27 and advised that the agency may modify the area considering the western part after consulting the available exploration work literature and data in and around area which is supported by field evidences.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The committee did not approve the proposal in principle as the proposed area overlapped with exploration block of DGM for 2026-27.

Agenda 33.4.14 Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Gold, Base Metals and Associated Minerals in Javakula-A block, Sri Satya Sai District, Andhra Pradesh.

ID: ME/IN/G3/AP/P/26-27/132

Area: 10.31 sq. km

[Implementing Agency: M/s Critical Mineral Trackers]

a) The proposed area of 10.31 sq. km for preliminary exploration (G3), falls in Survey of India Toposheet no. 57J/8, in parts of Sri Satya Sai District, Andhra Pradesh.

b) The table containing the comments is given below:

S.N.	Agency	Comment
1	GSI	The proposed NPEA block is falling within on-going RMT project of GSI for FS 2026-27. Work in this project is already initiated. Therefore, the proposal may not be considered feasible.
2	AMD	AMD has carried out reconnaissance exploration (G4 stage) for uranium in and around the proposed block. No significant surface radioactive zone was delineated. AMD does not have baseline / exploration data on the commodity mentioned.
3	MECL	No overlapping with the ongoing or completed blocks of MECL.
4	DGM	In the reference to the Order dated 19.5.2026, the Department of Mines and Geology issued Expression of Interest (Eoi) for selection of Notified Private Exploration Agencies (NPEAs) to undertake detailed gold exploration up to G2 level for six (06) Javakula Gold Blocks (Blocks from A to F), each measuring approximately 1000 hectares, situated in Sri Satya Sai District, Andhra Pradesh. 2. The Technical Evaluation Committee Meeting was convened on 24.04.2026 to examine the proposals submitted by the agencies and after detailed scrutiny of applications received against the prescribed eligibility and selection criteria, has unanimously recommended M/s Critical Mineral Trackers for undertaking detailed Gold exploration (G4 to G2 level) of Javakula Gold Block A. The said recommendation has been accepted by the Competent Authority.
5	NMEDT	Proposed Block overlaps with GSI 2026-27 mission-2 RMT Project. There are no existing NMEDT funded blocks present near the proposed block in NGDR.

c) The Committee did not approve the proposal in principle as the proposed area overlaps with ongoing RMT project of GSI.

Recommendations of TCC-II

The Committee did not approve the proposal in principle as the proposed area overlaps with on-going RMT block of GSI.

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