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**NATIONAL MINERAL EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

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**Subject: Circulation of minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) of National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust (NMEDT) held on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**

Please find enclosed herewith the minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee of NMEDT held on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 for your kind perusal.

Yours faithfully,



**[Geetika Sharma]**

Director (Projects) & HoD, NMEDT

Encl: As above

**To all attendees of PSC Meeting**

1. Shri Anshoo Pandey, Director, NCMM, Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Shri N K Panda, Regional Director, Southern Region, Atomic Mineral Exploration and Research Directorate, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru.
3. Shri Jayanta Kumar Naik, Director, NM-II, Geological Survey of India, Nagpur.
4. Shri Abhay Agrawal, Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur.
5. Shri Alok Kumar, Dy. Secretary, IFD Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. Shri Ravi Dutt, Cost Accounts Officer, NMEDT, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
7. Shri Gopal Ram, Additional Director Geology (HQ), DMG, Rajasthan.
8. Shri Vinod Bagdey, Additional Director, Mineral Resource Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.
9. Shri S. P. Kadoo, Deputy Director, DGM Maharashtra, Govt. of Maharashtra.
10. Ms. Deepa, Dy. Director, (Geology and Mining) Govt. of Tamil Nadu.
11. Shri Bhagwati Prasad Raturi, Ex -GM (Exploration), MECL, Lane N0-7, New Garhwal Colony Near MalsiPuliya, Balawala, Dehradun-248019, Uttarakhand.

12. Shri Pankaj Satija, NTH Complex, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, A-2 Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi.
13. Shri Hanuma Prasad Modali, Deccan Gold Mines Limited, No 77, 16th Cross, Sector IV, HSR Layout, Bangalore 560102.
14. Prof. T. K. Biswal, B- 4, 101, IIT Bhubaneswar Campus, Argul, Jatni, Khordha, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, 752050.
15. Dr. P Krishnamurthy (Technical Expert, PSC), Flat No. 103, A Block, IGV Apts., Ideal Homes Township, RR Nagar, Bengaluru.

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1. The Secretary (Mines), Government of Andhra Pradesh.
2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Mines and Minerals, Government of Assam.
3. The Secretary, Mineral Resource Department, Government of Chhattisgarh.
4. The Principal Secretary (Industry and Mines), Government of Gujarat.
5. The Secretary (Industries, Mines and Geology), Government of Jharkhand.
6. The Secretary, (Industries and Commerce), Government of Karnataka.
7. The Secretary, Mineral Resource Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh.
8. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Industries and Mines), Government of Maharashtra.
9. The Principal Secretary (Steel and Mines), Government of Odisha.
10. The Principal Secretary (Mines), Government of Rajasthan.
11. The Principal Secretary (Industries and Mines), Government of Telangana.
12. The Principal Secretary (Industries), Government of Tamil Nadu.
13. The Secretary (Mines and Geology), Government of Uttar Pradesh.
14. The Principal Secretary (Mines), Government of Uttarakhand.
15. The Principal Secretary, Department of Mines & Geology, Government of Goa.
16. The Principal Secretary-cum-Mines Commissioner, Government of Bihar.
17. The Commissioner & Secretary, Commerce & Industries Department, Government of Mizoram.
18. The Addl. Chief Secretary, Textiles, Commerce & Industry, Government of Manipur.
19. The Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Indira Bhawan, Civil Lines, Nagpur- 440001.

20. The Dy. Director General, PSS, GSI, CHQ, 27 JLN Road, Kolkata-700016.
21. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, CMPDIL, Gondwana Place, Kanke Road, Ranchi-834031.
22. The Director, Atomic Mineral Exploration and Research Directorate (Member PSC), Begumpet, Hyderabad.
23. Dr. S Ravi, Dy. Director General and Chairman, TCC-1 (Special Invitee, PSC), GSI Training Institute, Hyderabad.
24. Shri Pradeep Singh, Dy. Director General and Chairman, TCC-2 (Special Invitee, PSC), CHQ, GSI, 27, JLN Road, Kolkata.
25. Shri S Dhanendran, Director/Member Secretary, TCC-1 (Special Invitee, PSC), GSI Training Institute, Hyderabad.
26. Shri Sanjay Singh, Director/Member Secretary, TCC-2 (Special Invitee, PSC), GSI, Western Region, Jaipur.
27. The General Manager (Exploration), Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL), Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Bhawan, Seminary Hills, Nagpur - 440006.
28. The General Manager (ME), Mineral Exploration Department, KIOCL Limited, KIOCL Limited, Bangalore - 560034.
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30. The Director, FAGMIL, 2, West Patel Nagar, Circuit House Road, Ratanada, Jodhpur (Rajasthan)-342011.
31. M/s United Exploration India Pvt. Ltd., Unit 402, Axis mall, CF Block(Newtown), Action Area 1C, Newtown, Kolkata, New Town, West Bengal -700156.
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34. M/s Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd., E-77 MIDC, Chandrapur, Maharashtra-442401.
35. M/s Kartikay Exploration & Mining Services Pvt. Ltd., 199A/18, Chitnavis Marg, Crorepati Gali, Civil Lines, Nagpur, Maharashtra-440001.

36. M/s Critical Mineral Trackers, E3, 3rd Floor, Technology Research Park, Indian Institute of Technology, IITH Road, near National Highway 65, Hyderabad, Kandi, Telangana-502285.
37. M/s Mining Tech Consultancy Services Ltd., Adani Corporate House; Shantigram; Near Vaishno Devi Circle; SG Highway Khodiyar NA; Ahmedabad; Gujarat- 382421.
38. M/s Eartnenviro Lab Pvt. Ltd, Shop No. 36, Chandraloka market complex Niladri Vihar, BDA PG. II, Sailashree Vihar Khorda Orissa-751021.
39. Hindmetal Exploration Services Private Limited.
40. M/s NRD Tata, Room No. 349, 3rd Floor Commercial Centre, General Office, Bistupur, Jamshedpur, East Singbhum, Jharkhand-831001.
41. Ocean Drilling and Exploration Pvt. Ltd., 24 A, Shanti Nagar, Bani Vihar, Near Diamond Residency, Jothwara, Jaipur- 332012.

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1. PSO to Secretary, Mines/Chairman EC, NMEDT, Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. PS to Director General, Geological Survey of India, 27, J. L Nehru Road, Kolkata- 700016.
3. Consultant (PS) to Director General, National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust, Ministry of Mines, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. PPS to JS&FA, Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

**Ministry of Mines**  
**National Mineral Exploration & Development Trust**  
**Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) meeting, NMEDT**  
**held on 15.12.2025 at 11:30 AM**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) was held under Chairmanship of Shri Pankaj Garg, Director General, NMEDT on 15.12.2025 at Khanij Kaksh, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi in hybrid mode. The list of participants is given at Annexure-1.

Smt. Geetika Sharma, Director (Projects) & Member Secretary, PSC, extended a warm welcome to all members and informed that the project proposals recommended in the 83<sup>rd</sup>, 84<sup>th</sup> and 85<sup>th</sup> meetings of TCC-1, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> meetings of TCC-2 and 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of Joint TCC meeting were placed before the Committee for consideration and decision.

**Agenda 3.1: Approval of new exploration project proposals in Siwana Ring Complex recommended by Joint TCC meeting**

PSC was apprised that as per the instructions of Secretary, Mines, Geological Survey of India (GSI), had submitted 15 exploration projects of REE and associated Rare Metals in Siwana Ring Complex, Balotra District of Rajasthan for Preliminary Exploration (G3) by the NPEAs. The project proposals were discussed in the Joint TCC meeting, where AMD informed that 5 of the 15 exploration projects overlap with areas notified by the Rajasthan Government in its favour (4 projects have complete overlap and 1 has partial overlap). Accordingly, the Joint TCC at its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025 recommended 10 exploration projects to various NPEAs/NEAs with a total cost of Rs. 65.51 Cr.

Sh. N. K. Panda, Regional Director (SR), AMD apprised the committee that very good concentration of Zirconium has been reported from the work carried out by AMD in Siwana Ring Complex. Hence it would be prudent to include analysis for Zirconium, Uranium and Thorium along with REEs. TCC-I Chairman informed that the analysis of Zirconium, Uranium and Thorium is part of the analytical package for the sanctioned projects.

Sh. Hanuma Prasad, expert member suggested that preliminary beneficiation test could be done in Phase-II work. TCC-I, Chairman suggested that a few bore holes would be selected spatially and beneficiation studies would be taken up in a few blocks, as the geological conditions and terrains are similar for all blocks.

Sh. Pankaj Satija, expert member suggested that based on the technical inputs of agency during the first phase of work, the beneficiation study may be given for second phase.

Shri N. K. Panda also suggested that title of the projects of exploration for REE may be modified suitably to “..... REE and associated critical minerals....” in view of the analysis of critical minerals analytical package being part of the scope of work of the project.

**Decision of PSC:** (i) The PSC approved 10 projects of REE and associated critical minerals in Siwana Ring Complex, Balotra District of Rajasthan for Preliminary Exploration (G3) by the NPEAs/NEAs with a total cost of 65.51 Cr. The guidelines of Joint TCC must be adhered to, for execution of the projects;

(ii) It was decided that henceforth, whenever a project is approved for the exploration of REEs and associated RMs, especially in Siwana Ring Complex, the title of the project must include "associated critical minerals";

(iii) It was decided that beneficiation studies would be done after 3 months, post 1<sup>st</sup> phase of drilling work.

**The detail of approved projects are as follows:**

<i>Amount in Rs. Crore</i>								
Sl. No.	Project Name	Area (in km <sup>2</sup> )	Agency	Commodity	Stage	Duration (in months)	Cost	Decision of PSC
1	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE and associated critical minerals in the NB 1 block (2.00 sq. km.) in the northern part of the Siwana Ring Complex, Balotra district, Rajasthan	2.0	M/s Hindmetal Exploration Services Pvt. Ltd. (Accreditation valid upto 19-02-2028)	REE and associated critical minerals	G3	12	6.21	<b>Approved</b>
2	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE and associated critical minerals in the NB 2 block (2 sq. km.) in the northern part of the Siwana Ring Complex, Balotra district, Rajasthan	2.0	M/s Mining Tech Consultancy Services Limited (Accreditation valid upto 15-05-2027)	REE and associated critical minerals	G3	12	6.27	<b>Approved</b>

3	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE and associated critical minerals in the NB 3 block (2.00 sq. km.) in the northern part of the Siwana Ring Complex, Balotra district, Rajasthan	2.0	M/s United Exploration India Pvt. Ltd. (Accreditation valid upto 21-11-2027)	REE and associated critical minerals	G3	12	6.28	<b>Approved</b>
4	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE and associated critical minerals in the NB 5 block (1.98 sq. km.) in the northern part of the Siwana Ring Complex, Balotra district, Rajasthan	1.98	M/s GeoExpOre Pvt Ltd. (Accreditation valid upto 22-03-2028)	REE and associated critical minerals	G3	12	6.28	<b>Approved</b>
5	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE and associated critical minerals in the modified NB 9 and NB 10 block (2.85 sq. km.) in the northern part of the Siwana Ring Complex, Balotra district, Rajasthan	2.85	Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Ltd. (MECL)	REE and associated critical minerals	G3	12	8.25	<b>Approved</b>
6	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE and associated critical minerals in the NB 11 block (2.00 sq. km.) in the northern part of the Siwana Ring Complex, Balotra district, Rajasthan	2.0	FAGMIL	REE and associated critical minerals	G3	12	6.27	<b>Approved</b>
7	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE and	2.0	M/s NRD Tata	REE and associated	G3	12	6.21	<b>Approved</b>

	associated critical minerals in the NB 12 block (2.00 sq. km.) in the northern part of the Siwana Ring Complex, Balotra district, Rajasthan		(Accreditation valid upto 21-11-2027)	critical minerals				
8	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE and associated critical minerals in the NB 13 block (2.00 sq. km.) in the northern part of the Siwana Ring Complex, Balotra district, Rajasthan	2.0	M/s NRD Tata (Accreditation valid upto 21-11-2027)	REE and associated critical minerals	G3	12	6.22	<b>Approved</b>
9	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE and associated critical minerals in the NB 14 block (2.42 sq. km.) in the northern part of the Siwana Ring Complex, Balotra district, Rajasthan	2.42	M/s Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd. (Accreditation valid upto 06-03-2028)	REE and associated critical minerals	G3	12	7.31	<b>Approved</b>
10	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE and associated critical minerals in the NB 15 block (2.00 sq. km.) in the northern part of the Siwana Ring Complex, Balotra district, Rajasthan	2.0	M/s Ocean Drilling and Exploration Private Limited (Accreditation valid upto 22-01-2028)	REE and associated critical minerals	G3	12	6.21	<b>Approved</b>
	<b>Total</b>						<b>65.51</b>	

(Action: Concerned agencies, NMEDT)

### Agenda 3.2: Approval of Regional Mineral Targeting (RMT) Projects recommended by Joint TCC

PSC was apprised that 7 RMT blocks carved out by GSI were handed over by Hon'ble Union Minister of Mines to NPEAs on 4.03.2025. Thereafter, 5 RMT blocks were sanctioned



to NPEAs by the Executive Committee of NMEDT. The Joint TCC at its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025 has recommended sanction of 01 RMT project to M/s Mining Tech Consultancy Services. The details of the project are given below:

<b>Amount in Rs. Crore</b>							
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Project/Block Name</b>	<b>Area (in km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Duration (in months)</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Decision of PSC</b>
1	Regional Mineral Targeting (RMT) to identify prospective zones of Base-metals, REE and other associated critical minerals in Chandrapur, Wardha and Nagpur districts of Maharashtra	1973.0	M/s Mining Tech Consultancy Services Ltd. (Accreditation valid upto 15-05-2027)	REE and associated critical minerals	24	7.51	<b>Approved</b>

**Decision of PSC:** The PSC approved sanction of 01 RMT project to M/s Mining Tech Consultancy Services with a cost of Rs. 7.51 Cr. Beneficiation study to be included in the project.

**(Action: M/s Mining Tech Consultancy Services Ltd)**

### **Agenda 3.3: Approval of new exploration project proposals recommended by the Technical-cum-Cost Committees (TCCs)**

The PSC members were informed that TCC-1 at its 83<sup>rd</sup>, 84<sup>th</sup> and 85<sup>th</sup> meetings and TCC-2 at its 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> meetings have recommended the following 13 mineral exploration proposals with estimated cost of Rs. 22.77 crore for the approval of PSC:-

Amount in Rs. Crore								
Sl. No	Project/Block Name	Area (in km <sup>2</sup> )	Agency	Commodity	Stage	Duration (in months)	Cost	Decision of PSC
Projects recommended by TCC-1								
1	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Iron in Parvi Block, Kanker District, Chhattisgarh	3.20	M/s Kartikay Exploration and Mining	Iron Ore	G3	12	2.05	Approved

	[79 <sup>th</sup> TCC-1] [1 <sup>st</sup> PSC] [85 <sup>th</sup> TCC-1]		Services Pvt. Ltd.  (Accreditation valid upto 09-07-2026)					
2	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Gold and associated ore in Bhagvati block, Bagalkot District of Karnataka  [79 <sup>th</sup> TCC-1] [1 <sup>st</sup> PSC] [85 <sup>th</sup> TCC-1]	15	M/s Kartikay Exploration and Mining Services Private Limited  (Accreditation valid upto 09-07-2026)	Gold	G3	12	2.63	Approved
3	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Iron Ore in Sitapur Block, District- Uttar Bastar Kanker, Chhattisgarh  [81 <sup>st</sup> TCC-1] [2 <sup>nd</sup> PSC] [85 <sup>th</sup> TCC-1]	2.4	M/s Kartikay Exploration and Mining Services Pvt. Ltd  (Accreditation valid upto 09-07-2026)	Iron Ore	G3	12	1.58	Approved
4	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Graphite and associated minerals in Jarapa Block, District: Rayagada, Odisha  [81 <sup>st</sup> TCC-1] [2 <sup>nd</sup> PSC] [85 <sup>th</sup> TCC-1]	3.5	M/s Eartnenviro Lab Private Ltd.  (Accreditation valid upto 22-01-2028)	Graphite and associated minerals	G3	12	2.58	Approved
5	General Exploration (G2) for Glauconitic Sandstone & Shale in Kelenda Block [Block area- 3.975 sq. km], District: Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh  [85 <sup>th</sup> TCC-1]	3.97	MECL	Potash	G2	12	1.11	Approved
6	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  [85 <sup>th</sup> TCC-1]	7.22	MECL	Limestone	G3	10	2.19	Approved

7	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Graphite and Associated Minerals in and Around Ankli Block, Dahod District, Gujarat <b>[85<sup>th</sup> TCC-1]</b>	2.2	M/s GeoExpOre Pvt. Ltd. (Accreditation valid upto 22-03-2028)	Graphite	G3	12	3.10	<b>Approved</b>
<b>Total Cost (A)</b>							<b>15.24</b>	
<b>Projects recommended by TCC-2</b>								
8	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Aluminous Laterite, Titanium, Vanadium, Gallium and associated minerals in Sansarpur Block, Katni District, Madhya Pradesh. <b>[15<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b>	7.19	MECL	Aluminous Laterite, Titanium, Vanadium, Gallium and associated minerals	G3	12	1.53	<b>Approved</b>
9	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Graphite, Vanadium and Associated Minerals in Bhaluani Kalan Block, District: Palamu, Jharkhand <b>[18<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b>	32.70	MECL	Graphite, Vanadium and Associated Minerals	G4	10	1.34	<b>Approved</b>  Shri N K Panda drew the attention to AMD's inputs as the surrounding areas have evidence of uranium and thorium mineralization as communicated vide email dated 01.12.2025 and suggested that analysis of U and Th to be done.
10	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Vanadium, Titanium and Gallium in Bauxite in Risewada-Lodhiwada Area, Balaghat District, MP <b>[12<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b> <b>[1<sup>st</sup> PSC]</b> <b>[18<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b>	60	M/s Gemcokati Private Limited (Accreditation valid upto 06-03-2028)	Vanadium, Titanium	G4	8	0.49	<b>Approved</b>

11	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Bauxite, Vanadium, Titanium and Associated minerals in Rudni Pat block, Lohardaga District, Jharkhand  [12 <sup>th</sup> TCC-2] [1 <sup>st</sup> PSC] [18 <sup>th</sup> TCC-2]	1.10	MECL	Bauxite, Vanadium, Titanium and associated mineral	G3	15	1.53	Approved
12	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Limestone in Choto Lakhindong block, Dima Hasao District, Assam  [12 <sup>th</sup> TCC-2] [1 <sup>st</sup> PSC] [18 <sup>th</sup> TCC-2]	3	DGM Assam	Limestone	G3	12	0.90	Approved
13	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in North Krungming Block of Dima Hasao District, Assam  [12 <sup>th</sup> TCC-2] [1 <sup>st</sup> PSC] [18 <sup>th</sup> TCC-2]	5.80	DGM Assam	Limestone	G3	12	1.74	Approved
<b>Total Cost (B)</b>							<b>7.53</b>	
<b>Total Cost (A+B)</b>							<b>22.77</b>	

**Decision of PSC:** The PSC approved 13 mineral exploration projects amounting to Rs. 22.77 Cr., with the suggestion of Sh. N.K. Panda, Regional Director (SR), AMD.

#### **Agenda 3.4: Approval for Procurement of Sample Processing Units for Establishment of Rock Laboratory in the State Units and Regional offices of Geological Survey of India by GSI**

PSC was apprised that GSI have submitted a proposal to procure equipment to set up sample processing units at State Unit level and also at their Regional offices for expediting the processing of rock samples with an estimated cost of Rs. 14.25 crore, including GST. GSI have informed that currently field samples are processed manually using iron mortar and pestle, and core samples are split with a simple manual core splitter. With the recent increase in sample volume, especially from critical mineral projects, strengthening sample-processing units will help reduce backlog, improve turnaround time, enhance field–lab coordination, and support timely completion of exploration projects by reducing human intervention and minimizing contamination.

TCC-1 at its 83<sup>rd</sup> meeting has recommended the proposal for procurement of Sample Processing Units for Establishment of Rock Laboratory in the 27 State Units and 06 Regional offices of GSI, with an estimated cost of Rs. 14,25,43,480/- with a timeline of 18 months, for approval of PSC.

The component wise break-up of cost is given below:

S. No.	List of Items	Cost per Unit (INR)	Number of Units Required	Total Cost with 18% GST (in Rs)
1	Jaw Crusher	15,00,000.00	24	3,60,00,000
2	Disc Mill	3,78,780.00	18	68,18,040
3	Vibratory Cup Mill	9,45,180.00	14	1,32,32,520
4	Planetary Ball Mill	14,09,620.00	32	4,51,07,840
5	Sieve Shaker	2,70,220.00	29	78,36,380
6	Electric Oven	2,40,000.00	21	50,40,000
7	Polygonal Blenders	1,50,000.00	26	39,00,000
8	Riffle splitter	50,000.00	26	13,00,000
9	Rock Saw	2,67,860.00	30	80,35,800
10	Rock Cutter	1,40,420.00	15	21,06,300
11	Hydraulic Core Splitter manual	3,18,600.00	31	98,76,600
12	Hydraulic Core Splitter (Automated)	4,70,000.00	7	32,90,000
<b>Total Cost inclusive of 18% GST with standard warranty</b>				<b>Rs. 14,25,43,480/-</b>

The members enquired if the NEAs/NPEAs or other agencies can take benefit from these laboratories-. The TCC-1 Chairman informed that these facilities can be used by any agency on payment basis.

**Decision of PSC:** PSC approved the project, "Procurement of Sample Processing Units for Establishment of Rock Laboratory in the State Units and Regional offices of GSI" with a cost of Rs. 14,25,43,480/- (including GST) with a timeline of 18 months. The Chairman, PSC instructed that the procurement must be completed within the approved time period.

**(Action: GSI)**

**Agenda 3.5: Approval for Procurement of machinery/equipment aimed at enhancing exploration activities from NMEDT fund.**

**Agenda 3.5a: Procurement of machinery/equipment by DMG, Goa**

PSC was apprised that DMG, Goa had submitted a proposal to establish an advanced mineral testing (MT) laboratory with NMEDT funding at Goa College of Engineering, Panaji to facilitate mining industries and associated departments to fulfil their requirements with regard to quality checks and reliability by determining grades of the ores during and after production levels. PSC was also apprised that DMG, Goa had informed that they had consulted the Ministry of Mines and received approval for setting up the laboratory facility within the premises of the Goa College of Engineering, Panaji, as the institution is a Government entity.

TCC-I, at its 84<sup>th</sup> meeting, has recommended the sanction of procurement project entitled “Setting up of Advanced Mineral Testing Laboratory through assistance from NMEDT by DMG Goa” for procurement of following items with an estimated cost of Rs. **3,33,70,000/-** (exclusive of taxes) with a timeline of 18 months.

	Equipment	Cost in Rs./Unit	No. of Units	Total Price (in Rs.) (Exclusive of Taxes)
A. XRF Analyser and equipment				
1	WD-XRF Analyser	3,21,00,000/-	1	3,21,00,000/-
2	Press Pallet		As per requirement	
3	Vibrating Cup Mill			
4	Crucible, P10 cylinder, binder, flux. A/C, UPS Backup			
		SUBTOTAL – A		3,21,00,000/-
Sr. No.	Equipment	Cost in Rs./Unit	No. of Units	Total Price (in Rs.) (Exclusive of Taxes)
B. Equipment for analysis				
1	High Resolution Digital Balance	1,30,000	2	2,60,000
2	Coning and Quartering Instrument (Sample Divider)	10,000	2	20,000
3	Laboratory Oven	50,000	1	50,000
4	Magnetic Stirrer with Hot Plate	15,000	2	30,000

5.	Spectrophotometers	3,50,000	1	3,50,000
6.	pH Meter	60,000	2	1,20,000
7	Laboratory glass ware & chemicals	1,70,000	1	1,70,000
8	Rock Density Scale/Mineral Density Tester/Stone Density Gauge	1,30,000	1	1,30,000
9	Hot plate	30,000	1	30,000
10	Double distillation plant	90,000	1	90,000
11	Bunsen burner set	20,000	1	20,000
		<b>SUBTOTAL - B</b>		<b>12,70,000/-</b>
		<b>TOTAL (A+ B)</b>		<b>3,33,70,000/- (Exclusive of taxes)</b>

Shri N. K. Panda enquired about the number of samples being generated by DMG, Goa at present and over last two (02) years keeping in view the procurement of WD-XRF analyzer, which has the capacity to analyse a large number of samples. He drew attention of the committee to the need for ensuring availability of sufficient number of samples so that the instrument is not kept idle. The members enquired if the agency have sufficient trained manpower to handle the WD-XRF instrument. Sh. Krishnamurthy, expert member suggested to the agency to train their personnel, while the procurement is under process, so that the instrument may be utilized effectively.

**Decision of PSC:** The PSC approved the procurement project of DMG, Goa entitled "Setting up of Advanced Mineral Testing Laboratory through NMEDT funding" with a cost of Rs. 3,33,70,000/- (exclusive of taxes) within a timeline of 18 months. The approval is with the condition that DMG, Goa would make these instruments available for the use of other exploration agencies, including NEAs, NPEAs and GSI. Further DMG, Goa must train their manpower to interpret the data generated from the WD-XRF.

**(Action: DMG, Goa)**

#### **Agenda 3.5b: Procurement of machinery/equipment by DGM, Mizoram**

PSC was apprised that the EC at its 27<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 10.01.2023 had approved the procurement of following items by DGM, Mizoram, with an estimated cost of Rs. 3.09 Cr. Details of the approved items are given below:

S. No.	Items	Quantity	Estimated Cost Per unit	Total Estimated cost	Remarks
1	Digital Camera DSLR	1	1,25,000	1,25,000	
2	Brunton compass	10	10,000	1,00,000	Cost provided by GSI
3	Geologists Hammer	10	7,200	72,000	
4	Handheld GPS	10	8,000	80,000	
5	Scintilometer	1	6,00,000	6,00,000	Cost provided by GSI
6	Rock processing unit (Polishing, grinding, mounting)	1	10,00,000	10,00,000	
7	Pulverizer	1	6,00,000	6,00,000	
8	Research Polarising Microscope with software attached camera for Transmitted and Reflected light with accessories	1	12,00,000	12,00,000	
9	WD-XRF	1	40,00,000	40,00,000	
10	Fusion bead machine	1	20,00,000	20,00,000	
11	Press pellet machine	1	3,90,000	3,90,000	Cost provided by GSI
12	Hot Plates	1	10,000	10,000	Cost provided by GSI
13	Muffie furnace	1	1,00,000	1,00,000	Cost provided by GSI
14	Air Oven	1	55,000	55,000	Cost provided by GSI
15	GIS softwares	1	13,00,000	13,00,000	
16	Hydrostatic drill machine upto 600m capacity	1	80,00,000	80,00,000	Cost provided by GSI



17	Drill Accessories			80,00,000	
18	Pumps	1	15,00,000	15,00,000	Cost provided by GSI
19	Core Splitter	1	2,00,000	2,00,000	Cost provided by GSI
20	DGPS (1 set)	1	16,00,000	16,00,000	Cost provided by GSI
				<b>3,09,32,000</b>	

PSC was also apprised that EC in its 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting, held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 had approved revision in the cost of Pulverizer (Sl. No. 7) from Rs. 6 lakh to Rs. 17.11 lakh. The PSC was further apprised that DGM, Mizoram have requested to consider the procurement of Vibratory Cup Mill instead of Pulverizer (Sl. No. 7) with a cost of Rs. 17.11 lakh (same as the cost of pulveriser approved in 42<sup>nd</sup> EC meeting). Further, DGM Mizoram have requested a cost escalation of Rs. 1,92,400/- for the procurement of Research Polarising Microscope (Sl. No. 8).

TCC-2 at its 15<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 has recommended the following:

- Approval of PSC for replacement of Pulveriser with Vibratory Cup Mill to be procured at the same rate;
- Approval of PSC for additional cost of ₹1,92,400/- for procurement of Research Polarising Microscope with Vertical illuminator, LED light & fixed polariser for reflected light path.

Dr. P. Krishnamurthy suggested that DGM, Mizoram should arrange training for their personnel on the use of these instruments by leveraging the expertise available with AMD and GSI. Training may also be sought from the instrument supplier, if feasible. This will help ensure smooth installation of the instrument and facilitate the development of essential standards, which are critical for maximizing effective utilization of the instrument/equipments.

**Decision of PSC:** PSC approved the following:

- i. Procurement of Vibratory Cup Mill in place of Pulveriser at the approved revised cost of pulveriser i.e. Rs. 17.11 lakh;

- ii. Additional cost of Rs. 1,92,400/- for procurement of Research Polarising Microscope with Vertical illuminator, LED light & fixed polariser for reflected light path.

**(Action: DGM, Mizoram)**

**Agenda 3.6: Approval of additional cost/cost revision of ongoing exploration/ procurement projects with timeline extension (if any)**

TCC-1 and TCC-2 have recommended additional cost/cost revision of following 6 mineral exploration proposals for the consideration of Project Sanctioning Committee:-

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved cost (in Rs.)	Revised cost (in Rs.)	Additional Cost (in Rs.)	Time line extension	Decision of PSC
<b>A. Revised cost recommended by TCC-1</b>							
1	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Copper and Associated minerals in Govindpur Block, Chandrapur District, Maharashtra <b>[83<sup>rd</sup> TCC-1]</b>	M/s Kartikay Exploration and Mining Services Pvt. Ltd.  (Accreditation valid upto 09-07-2026)	1,43,17,270	63,61,516.88	(-)7,955,753.12	31.10.2025 to 30.11.2025	<b>Not Approved</b>  In view of revised norms for forest clearance with respect to exploration, <b>DGM Maharashtra</b> agreed to assist the agency in getting the Forest Clearance. Partial GR to be withdrawn by agency. <b>Timeline extended upto 31.03.2026</b> to complete drilling and related works and submit the GR.

2	Reconnaissance (G-4) for Manganese around Kandhal area of Rairakhol Tahasil of Sambalpur District, Odisha <b>[83<sup>rd</sup> TCC-1]</b>	DGM Odisha	73,94,657.82	30,08,700.53	(-)43,85,957.29	12.10.2025 to 15.12.2025	<b>Deferred</b> NMEDT to take up the matter of grant of FC with DGM, Odisha
3	Financial Assistance from NMET funds to procure Machinery Laboratory Equipment /instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities. <b>[85<sup>th</sup> TCC-1]</b>	IBM	29,93,00,000	29,98,00,000	5,00,000		<b>Approved</b>
4	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) For Diamond in part of a Palaeo-Channel in Krishna Basin Near Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh. <b>[79<sup>th</sup> TCC-1]</b> <b>[1<sup>st</sup> PSC]</b>	M/s Geomarine Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (Accreditation valid upto 16-08-2028)	2,06,54,529.17	2,01,83,731.54	-4,70,797.63		<b>Approved</b>
<b>B. Revised cost recommended by TCC-2</b>							
5	Preliminary Exploration (G3-Stage) for Tin in Kangra Block (6.35 sq. km. Area), District – Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand <b>[16<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b> <b>[18<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b>	MECL	6,04,67,001	3,80,28,158	-2,24,38,843		<b>Deferred</b> Reduction in drilling target from 600 m to 300 m approved. Outsourcing of drilling not approved. Cost

							revision to be done accordingly
6	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Glauconite and Associated Minerals in Pitupura Block, Karauli District, Rajasthan  [11 <sup>th</sup> TCC-2] [1 <sup>st</sup> PSC]	M/s GeoExpOre Pvt Ltd.  (Accreditation valid upto 22-03-2028)	1,95,03,150	1,94,86,452	-16,697		<b>Approved</b>

**Decision of PSC:** PSC approved cost revision along with timeline extension (wherever applicable) of 3 projects. Cost revision of project mentioned at Sl. No. 1 is not approved, as **the agency** is suggested to contact State DGM for forest clearance issue and **get the project completed as per approved quantum of work**. Cost revision of project mentioned at Sl. No. 2 is deferred as the agency has been suggested to pursue forest clearance issue again. Cost revision of project mentioned at Sl. No. 5 is deferred as the outsourcing of drilling is not approved and hence the cost to be modified accordingly.

#### **Agenda 3.7: Approval of change of title of ongoing exploration project**

PSC was apprised that 29 mineral exploration projects were approved in the 1<sup>st</sup> PSC meeting wherein, inadvertently the title of 03 projects has been wrongly written in the minutes (Agenda No. 1.2 (6) and 1.2(7)). The corrected title of 03 projects was placed before the PSC for approval. Also during 1<sup>st</sup> PSC meeting, the title of 1 ongoing project whose cost was revised was also inadvertently wrongly mentioned (Agenda No. 1.3 (6)). Accordingly, the correct title was produced before the PSC for approval. The details of four projects are as follows:

Sl. No.	Project Title	Agency	Modified Title	Remarks	PSC Remarks
1	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Vanadium, Gallium and other Strategic and Critical Minerals associated with Bauxite & Laterite in Golardih area, Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai Districts, Chhattisgarh.  <b>[80<sup>th</sup> TCC-1] [1<sup>st</sup> PSC]</b>	DGM Chhattisgarh	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Bauxite, Aluminous Laterite and associated Critical Minerals in Golardih area, Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan -Gandai districts, Chhattisgarh	Inadvertently title of the project was wrongly mentioned in the minutes of the PSC	<b>Approved</b>
2	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Vanadium, Gallium and other Strategic and Critical Minerals associated with Bauxite & Laterite in Khara East Block, Kabirdham District, Chhattisgarh.  <b>[80<sup>th</sup> TCC-1] [1<sup>st</sup> PSC]</b>	DGM Chhattisgarh	Preliminary Exploration  (G3) for Bauxite, Aluminous Laterite and associated critical minerals in Khara East Block-A & Block-B, Kabirdham District, Chhattisgarh	Inadvertently title of the project was wrongly mentioned in the minutes of the PSC	<b>Approved</b>
3	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for copper ore and associated mineralisation in Bodal area, Mohla Manpur Ambagarh Chowki District, Chhattisgarh  <b>[80<sup>th</sup> TCC-1] [1<sup>st</sup> PSC]</b>	Hindustan Copper Limited	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Copper (Cu) in Bodal area, Mohla Manpur Ambagarh Chowki District, Chhattisgarh	Inadvertently title of the project was wrongly mentioned in the minutes of the PSC	<b>Approved</b>
4	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Basemetal, Gold and associate minerals in Nagavanda area Davangere, Haveri and Shimoga District, Karnataka	KIOCL	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for polymetallic mineralization (Au,Cu,Ni,Co) in Dharwar Shimoga Schist Belt of Nagavanda area Dhavangere, Haveri	Revision of cost was approved in 1 <sup>st</sup> PSC (from Rs, 1,47,62,526/- to Rs. 85,37,622/-, with a reduction of (-) Rs. 6,224,904/- in amount. However, the	<b>Approved</b>

	<b>[80<sup>th</sup> TCC-1]</b> <b>[1<sup>st</sup> PSC]</b>		and Shimoga District, Karnataka (Block area- 63.62 sq. km)	project title was inadvertently wrongly mentioned in agenda	
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(ii) Further, TCC-2 have recommended the change of title of 01 mineral exploration project for the approval of Project Sanctioning Committee. The detail of one project is as follows:

Sl. No.	Project Title	Agency	Modified Title	Remarks	PSC Remarks
5	Reconnaissance survey for nickel-cobalt, PGE and Chromium in and around Phangrai area, Kherul District, Manipur  <b>[13<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b> <b>[2<sup>nd</sup> PSC]</b> <b>[18<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b>	M/s United Exploration India Pvt. Ltd.  (Accreditation valid upto 21-11-2027)	Reconnaissance survey for nickel- cobalt, PGE and Chromium in and around Lungher and Sihai area, Ukhrul district, Manipur	Local agitation has arisen due to the name Phangrai.	<b>Approved</b>

**Decision of PSC:** PSC approved the change of title of the 04 projects mentioned at Sl. No. 1, 2, 3 and 5. The PSC also approved recommendation of 1st PSC with originally approved title of the project mentioned at Sl. No. 4.

**Agenda 3.8: Approval of pre-closure of ongoing exploration/ procurement project alongwith cost revision (if any):**

TCC-1 have recommended the pre-closure of 03 mineral exploration proposal for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee:-

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved on	Duration (in months)	Approved cost (in Rs.)	Revised cost (in Rs.)	Cost change (in Rs.)	Remarks	PSC comments
1	Preliminary Exploration (G3, Phase-I) for Ni, Co, PGE and associated minerals in J.C. Pura Mafic-Ultramafic Schist Belt near Rampura and Gollarahatti Block, Hassan District, Karnataka <b>[84<sup>th</sup> TCC-1]</b>	M/s GeoExpOre Pvt Ltd. (Accreditation valid upto 22-03-2028)	29 <sup>th</sup> EC (SO Issued on 16.02.2024)	10	82,87,108	18,97,652	(-) 6,389,456	Local agitation	<b>Deferred</b> Agency to submit a certificate issued by State DMG that due to intense local agitation, work could not be completed.
2	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Manganese ore in Dhavalapur block (2.00 sq. km.), Nagpur District, Maharashtra <b>[79<sup>th</sup> TCC-1]</b> <b>[1<sup>st</sup> PSC]</b> <b>[83<sup>rd</sup> TCC-1]</b>	MECL	35 <sup>th</sup> EC (SO Issued on 10.06.2024)	12	2,31,59,625	9,66,303	(-) 2,21,93,322	Geological mapping completed. Drilling and trenching stopped since forest clearance not granted.	<b>Deferred</b> Agency to submit a certificate from State DGM that the area falls in Buffer Zone of Pench Tiger Reserve.
3	Preliminary exploration for Manganese in Rongha block (38.34 km <sup>2</sup> ), District Nagpur, Maharashtra <b>[79<sup>th</sup> TCC-1]</b> <b>[1<sup>st</sup> PSC]</b>	DGM Maharashtra	25 <sup>th</sup> EC (SO issued on 29.06.2022)	15	90,17,446.72	57,22,312	(-) 32,95,134.71	Drilling target reduced	<b>Approved</b>



**Decision of PSC:** PSC approved the pre-closure of 1 project. PSC deferred pre-closure of projects mentioned at Sl. No. 1 and 2.

**Agenda 3.9: Approval of timeline extension of ongoing exploration/ procurement projects**

TCC-1 and TCC-2 have recommended timeline extension of following 33 mineral exploration/procurement/baseline project proposals, for the consideration of Project Sanctioning Committee:-

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Scheduled date of completion	Required timeline (up to)	Remarks	Decision of PSC
<b>Timeline extension recommended by TCC-1</b>						
1	Heliborne Magnetic and Time-Domain Electromagnetic Aerogeophysical Surveys over different mineral potential areas by engaging consortium of M/s McPhar International Private Ltd., India with M/s Xcalibur Multiphysics Spain S.L. and Global Vectra Helicorp Ltd., India.  [83 <sup>rd</sup> TCC-1]	GSI	31.12.2025	31.03.2027	For completion of survey and GR submission.	<b>Approved</b>
2	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Akapur block, Dist-Yavatmal, Maharashtra  [83 <sup>rd</sup> TCC-1]	MECL	11.10.2025	15.11.2025	For GR submission	<b>Approved</b>
3	<del>Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Glauconite Sandstone in Jhari block (5.1 sq.km), Satna district, Madhya Pradesh</del> [83 <sup>rd</sup> TCC-1]	MECL	31.10.2025	30.11.2025	For GR submission	<b>TCC-1 at its 85<sup>th</sup> meeting has recommended further timeline extension mentioned at Sl. No. 9</b>
4	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for REE & RM (Sc, Nb) mineralization in	KIOCL	12.10.2025	31.12.2025	For completion of project	<b>Approved</b>

	Samalpatti Block, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu <b>[83<sup>rd</sup> TCC-1]</b>					
5	Reconnaissance Survey for Gold & associated minerals in Killarhatti Block, Koppal & Raichur District, Karnataka <b>[83<sup>rd</sup> TCC-1]</b>	M/s Mining Tech Consultancy Services Ltd.  (Accreditation valid upto 15- 05-2027)	5.11.2025	05.05.2026	For completion of project as the work delayed due to obtaining forest clearance and local resistance.	<b>Approved</b>
6	Geo-chemical Analysis of mine samples by IBM <b>[84<sup>th</sup> TCC-1]</b>	IBM	31.10.2025	15.12.2025	Analytical results of samples are delayed.	<b>Approved</b>
7	National Geophysical Mapping Programme (NGPM) through outsourcing mode in identified area covered under 2099 no. of toposheets <b>[84<sup>th</sup> TCC-1]</b>	GSI	07.09.2026	31.03.2027	For completion of project	<b>Approved</b>  GSI to ensure the successful completion of tender process and to conclude the work within the extended timeline
8	Procurement of Handheld XRF Analyser <b>[85<sup>th</sup> TCC-1]</b>	GSI	16.10.2025	31.12.2026	Retendering due to participation of only 01 vendor during initial tendering	<b>Approved</b>
9	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Glauconite Sandstone in Jhari block (5.1 sq.km), Satna district, Madhya Pradesh. <b>[85<sup>th</sup> TCC-1]</b>	MECL	30.09.2025	15.12.2025	For GR submission	<b>Approved</b>
10	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Gold in Bargur Block, Bargur Belt of	MECL	25.10.2025	15.12.2025	For GR submission	<b>Approved</b>

	Kolar Schist Belt, District-Krisnagiri, Tamil Nadu <b>[85<sup>th</sup> TCC-1]</b>					
11	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Tungsten, REE and associated minerals in and around Nellie area (114.96 sq. km), Morigaon and West Karbi Anglong districts, Assam <b>[85<sup>th</sup> TCC-1]</b>	MECL	21.08.2025	28.02.2026	Delay in forest clearance and excessive rainfall	<b>Approved</b>
12	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE Mineralization in Maravapaliyam Block, Tiruppur District, Tamil Nadu <b>[85<sup>th</sup> TCC-1]</b>	MECL	21.10.2025	21.04.2026	Delay due to local agitation	<b>Approved</b>
13	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Bauxite, Ga, V, Ti & REE in Lakhond area, Kachchh District, Gujarat <b>[85<sup>th</sup> TCC-1]</b>	M/s Critical Mineral Tracker (Accreditation valid upto 15-05-2027)	09.12.2025	9.02.2026	For completion of project	<b>Approved</b>
14	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Bauxite, Ga, V, Ti, & REE in Reldi Moti area, Kachchh District, Gujarat <b>[85<sup>th</sup> TCC-1]</b>	M/s Critical Mineral Tracker (Accreditation valid upto 15-05-2027)	09.12.2025	9.02.2026	For completion of project	<b>Approved</b>
15	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) For Diamond in part of a Palaeo-Channel in Krishna Basin Near Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh. <b>[85<sup>th</sup> TCC-1]</b>	M/s Geomarine Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (Accreditation valid upto 16-08-2028)	29.12.2025	30.6.2026	Water logged due to earlier cyclone. Work also hindered due to expiry of notification	<b>Approved</b>
16	Engaging a Technical Supervision and Quality Control (TS-QC) consultant for Monitoring	GSI	31.01.2026	31.08.2026	Delay in execution	<b>Approved</b>

	of Quality Assurance/Quality control (QA/QC) of the Multi-sensor Aerogeophysical Surveys over Blocks- 14 under Phase-II of National Airborne Geophysical Mapping Programme (NAGMP) <b>[85<sup>th</sup> TCC-1]</b>					
17	Multi-sensor aero-geophysical surveys over block 5 in adjoining Obvious Geological Potential (OGP) areas under National Airborne Geophysical Mapping Programme (NAGMP) <b>[85<sup>th</sup> TCC-1]</b>	GSI	31.01.2026	31.12.2027	Delay due in getting flying permit, monsoon and availability of single flight	<b>Approved</b>
18	Multi-sensor aero-geophysical surveys over block 14 in adjoining Obvious Geological Potential (OGP) areas under National Airborne Geophysical Mapping Programme (NAGMP) <b>[85<sup>th</sup> TCC-1]</b>	GSI	31.03.2026	30.06.2026	Data acquisition delayed due to operational restrictions	<b>Approved</b>
<b>Timeline extension recommended by TCC-2</b>						
19	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for aluminous laterite and associated critical minerals in Govindagude & Sudigudde Block, Udupi District, Karnataka <b>[15<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b>	M/s Critical Mineral Tracker (Accreditation valid upto 15-05-2027)	31.10.2025	31.01.2026	Forest Clearance issue	<b>Approved</b>
20	Financial assistance from NMET funds to procure machinery/ laboratory equipment/ instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities	CMPDI	16.10.2025	15.04.2026	For completion of project	<b>Approved</b>

	<b>[16<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b>					
21	Financial assistance from NMET funds to procure machinery/ laboratory equipment/ instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities <b>[16<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b>	DMG Telangana	21.10.2025	31.04.2026	For completion of project	<b>Approved</b>
22	Procurement of machinery/ laboratory equipment/instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities. <b>[16<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b>	DMG Karnataka	31.10.2025	31.04.2026	For completion of project	<b>Approved</b>
23	Financial assistance from NMET funds to procure machinery/ laboratory equipment/ instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities <b>[16<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b>	DMG Bihar	31.08.2025	31.12.2025 31.01.2026	For completion of project	<b>Approved upto 31.01.2026</b>
24	Financial assistance from NMET funds to procure machinery/ laboratory equipment/ instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities <b>[16<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b>	DMG Jharkhand	31.05.2025 31.08.2025 (only ICP-MS and XRF)	28.02.2026	For completion of project	<b>Deferred</b>  The agency was not present at the meeting to answer the queries of members.  <b>DMG Jharkhand to submit the status of procurement and action plan for completion of the work.</b>
25	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for REE and associated minerals in Borana Block, Rajsamand District, Rajasthan <b>[16<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b>	M/s GeoExpOre Pvt Ltd.  (Accreditation valid upto 22-03-2028)	9.11.2025	08.02.2026	Work delayed since agency's notification was not valid	<b>Approved</b>

26	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Iron Ore in Mahakoshal Group around Chakdiya, Kushaniya, Jobra, and Tusgaon Area, Sonbhadra District, Uttar Pradesh <b>[16<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b>	M/s GeoExpOre Pvt Ltd. (Accreditation valid upto 22-03-2028)	25.11.2025	<del>24.02.2026</del> 31.05.2026	Delayed due to drilling activities	<b>Approved (Timeline extension approved upto 31.05.2026)</b>
27	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Glauconitic Sandstone in Deulha Block, Satna District, Madhya Pradesh <b>[16<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b>	MECL	30.09.2025	15.11.2025	For GR submission	<b>Approved</b>
28	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Rare Earth Elements (REE) & Rare Metals (RM) near Meghawas-Nagana area, Barmer District, Rajasthan <b>[16<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b>	M/s Mining Tech Consultancy Services Ltd (Accreditation valid upto 15-05-2027)	30.11.2025	28.02.2026	For completion of project	<b>Approved</b>
29	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 stage) for Iron, Manganese and Associated Minerals in Jauli-Sailwara Block (33.8 Sq.km), District Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh <b>[17<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b>	MECL	13.10.2025	15.01.2026	For submission of GR	<b>Approved</b>
30	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 stage) for Bauxite, Titanium and associated minerals in Anvrapat Block (1.00 sq. km), Lohardaga District, Jharkhand <b>[17<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b>	MECL	22.06.2025	30.11.2025	For completion of work and submission of GR	<b>Approved</b>
31	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) for Graphite and associated Minerals around Sonaghati, Amdol, Jharegaon and Bhayawari, District Betul, Madhya Pradesh.	M/s GeoExpOre Pvt Ltd. (Accreditation valid upto 22-03-2028)	10.6.2025	10.10.2025	For GR submission	<b>Approved</b>

	<b>[11<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b> <b>[1<sup>st</sup> PSC]</b>					
32	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Vanadium and Titanium in Dandi-Onjal-Surwada Block in Navsari and Valsad District, Gujarat  <b>[12<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b> <b>[1<sup>st</sup> PSC]</b>	M/s Geomarine Solutions Pvt. Ltd.  (Accreditation valid upto 16-08-2028)	11.7.2025	31.8.2025	For GR submission	<b>Approved</b>
33	Reconnaissance survey for nickel- cobalt, PGE and Chromium in and around Lungher and Sihai area, Ukhrul district, Manipur  <b>[13<sup>th</sup> TCC-2]</b> <b>[2<sup>nd</sup> PSC]</b>	M/s United Exploration India Pvt. Ltd.  (Accreditation valid upto 21-11-2027)	5.6.2025	5.6.2026	Project execution delayed due to local agitation and submission of GR	<b>Approved</b>

**Decision of PSC:** PSC approved the timeline extension of 32 projects subject to submission of action plan by respective agencies for obtaining Forest Clearance/ completing the remaining work. Timeline extension of project mentioned at Sl. No. 24 was deferred since the agency was not present at the meeting to answer the queries of members.

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**Annexure-1**

**List of Participants**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Mode</b>
1	Shri Pankaj Garg	DG, NMEDT and Chairman	Physical
2	Shri N. K. Panda	Regional Director (SR), AMD	Online
3	Shri Anshoo Pandey	Director, NCMM	Physical
4	Smt. Geetika Sharma	Director – Projects, NMEDT & Member Secretary	Physical
5	Shri Alok Kumar	Dy. Secretary, IFD, Mines	Physical
6	Shri Abhay Agrawal	Controller of Mines, IBM	Online
7	Shri Jayanta Kumar Naik	Director, NM-II, GSI, Nagpur	Online
8	Shri Ravi Dutt	Cost Accounts Officer	Physical
9	Shri Gopal Ram	Additional Director Geology (HQ), DMG, Rajasthan	Online
10	Shri Vinod Bagdey	Addl. Director, MRD, M.P., Govt. of Madhya Pradesh	Online
11	Shri S. P. Kadoo	Deputy Director, DGM Maharashtra Govt. of Maharashtra	Online
12	Smt. Deepa	Dy. Director, (Geology and Mining) Govt. of Tamil Nadu	Online
13	Prof. T K Biswal	Technical Expert	Online
14	Dr. P Krishnamurthy	Technical Expert	Online
15	Shri Pankaj Satija	Technical Expert	Online
16	Shri Hanuma Prasad	Technical Expert	Online
17	Shri B P Raturi	Technical Expert	Online
<b>Invitee</b>			
18	Dr. S Ravi	Dy. DG and Chairman, TCC-1	Online
19	Shri Pradeep Singh	Dy. DG and Chairman, TCC-2	Online
20	Shri S Dhanendran	Director and Member Secretary, TCC-1	Online
21	Shri Sanjay Singh	Director and Member Secretary, TCC-2	Online



