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Please find enclosed herewith the minutes of 7th meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee of NMEDT held on 27th March, 2026 for your kind perusal.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above

[Geetika Sharma]
Director (Projects) & HoD, NMEDT

To all attendees of PSC Meeting

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4. Shri Jayanta Kumar Naik, Director, NM-II, Geological Survey of India, Nagpur
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6. Shri Alok Kumar, Dy. Secretary, IFD, Ministry of Mines, GPOA3, Zone-5, 4th Floor, Netaji Nagar, New Delhi
7. Shri Ravi Dutt, Cost Accounts Officer, NMEDT, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi
8. Shri Gopal Ram, Additional Director Geology (HQ), DMG, Rajasthan
9. Shri Vinod Bagdey, Additional Director, Mineral Resource Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh
10. Shri S. P. Kadoo, Dy. Director, DGM Maharashtra, Govt. of Maharashtra
11. Shri. Ponnumani, Addl. Director, (Geology and Mining), Govt. of Tamil Nadu.
12. Shri Bhagwati Prasad Raturi, Ex -GM (Exploration), MECL, Lane N0-7, New Garhwal Colony Near Malsi Puliya, Balawala, Dehradun-248019, Uttarakhand

13. Shri Pankaj Satija, NTH Complex, 4th Floor, A-2 Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi.
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4. The Secretary, Mineral Resource Department, Government of Chhattisgarh.
5. The Principal Secretary (Industry and Mines), Government of Gujarat.
6. The Secretary (Industries, Mines and Geology), Government of Jharkhand.
7. The Secretary, (Industries and Commerce), Government of Karnataka.
8. The Secretary, Mineral Resource Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh
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10. The Principal Secretary (Steel and Mines), Government of Odisha.
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16. Shri Pradeep Singh, Dy. Director General and Chairman, TCC-2, CHQ, GSI, 27, JLN Road, Kolkata
17. Shri S Dhanendran, Director/Member Secretary, TCC-1, GSI Training Institute, Hyderabad.
18. Shri Sanjay Singh, Director/Member Secretary, TCC-2, GSI, Western Region, Jaipur
19. The General Manager (Exploration), Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL), Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Bhawan, Seminary Hills, Nagpur - 440006.
20. 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
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Ministry of Mines
National Mineral Exploration & Development Trust
Minutes for 7th Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) meeting, NMEDT
held on 27.03.2026

The 7th meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) was held under Chairmanship of Shri Pankaj Garg, Director General, NMEDT on 27.03.2026 at Aluminum Hall, 4th Floor, GPOA 3.0, 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 91st and 92nd meetings of TCC-1 and 24th and 25th meeting of TCC-2 were placed before the Committee for consideration and decision.

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

Agenda 7.1: Approval of new exploration project proposals recommended by the Technical-cum-Cost Committee-1 (TCC-1)

The PSC members were informed that TCC-1 at its 91st and 92nd meetings have recommended the following 07 mineral exploration project proposals with estimated cost of Rs. 16.66 crore for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee:

								<i>Amount in Rs. Crore</i>	
Sl. No.	Project/Block Name	Area (in km ²)	Agency	Commodity	Stage	Duration (months)	Cost	Decision of PSC	
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE & RM in Chatrai-Narasapuram area, Districts- NTR & Eluru, Andhra Pradesh [91st TCC-1]	157.50	MECL	REE and RM	G4	10	1.02	Approved	
2	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Rare Metals in and around Mundwal-Puspal-Marjum areas, Sukhma, Baster and Dakshin Baster Dantewada Districts, Chhattisgarh [91st TCC-1]	125	Siddharth Geo Consultant	RM	G4	12	2.85	Approved	
3	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Graphite in Anchalbadi- Tandipur Block, District: Raygada, Odisha [91st TCC-1]	4.3	Eartnenviro Lab Pvt. Ltd	Graphite	G3	12	3.25	Approved	
4	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Prashnawada, Block-A & Kadwasan, Block-B, District: Gir Somnath, State: Gujarat [92nd TCC-1]	16.70	APC Drilling	Limestone	G3	8	2.12	Deferred	
5	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) of VTM and PGE in Koilamati, Karbi Anglong District, Assam [92nd TCC-1]	76.32	MMPL Pvt. Ltd.	VTM & PGE	G4	12	3.58	Approved	
6	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Tungsten & Associated Minerals in Chikara Area, District - Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh [92nd TCC-1]	90	MECL	Tungsten & associated minerals	G4	12	3.08	Approved	

7	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) For Limestone in Putnoor Block, Putnoor village Palakurthy Mandal Peddapalli District, Telangana [92nd TCC-1]	0.78	TGMDC	Limestone	G3	8	0.76	Deferred
Total Approved Cost (A)							13.78	

Decision of PSC: The PSC approved 5 mineral exploration projects amounting to Rs. 13.78 Cr., recommended by TCC-1. The project mentioned at Sl. No. 4 and 7 is deferred as the proposal for bulk minerals are kept in abeyance.

Agenda 7.2: Approval of early initiation of Reconnaissance Survey (G4 stage) for Iron Ore in Arewada – Hitapadi Block (27 sq km), District: Gadchiroli, Maharashtra by Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd.

The project was approved by the 37th Executive Committee (EC) subject to obtaining clarification from DG, DGM, Maharashtra regarding the undisputed area, as well as examination of the cost for the reduced area by TCC-1. Thereafter TCC-1 at its 70th meeting revised the project area and cost and recommended the same for approval of the EC. Accordingly, the EC, at its 38th meeting held on 29th November 2024, approved the project at a cost of 16,57,688/- for a duration of 6 months.

After approval of the project, the agency initiated the work in the month of December 2024, prior to the issuance of the formal sanction order (issued on 06.01.2025), with the intent of completing the project within the stipulated timeframe.

Upon completion of the project, the bills were submitted to GSI, SU: Pune, Maharashtra for verification. The Office of the Dy. Director General, GSI, SU: Pune, Maharashtra observed that the agency had initiated the work prior to the issuance of the Sanction Order (F. No. 23/529/2024-NMET/757 dated 06th January 2025). Further, the said office informed that approval of NMEDT for initiation of the work prior to issue of sanction order may be provided to enable verification of the bills.

Accordingly, TCC-1 at its 92nd meeting recommended the early initiation of the project, from the date of approval of the minutes (i.e., 04.12.2024) may for consideration of Project Sanctioning Committee as a one-time relaxation, so that the bills/invoices generated during period 4th December, 2024 to 5th January, 2025 may be verified by GSI, SU: Pune.

Decision of PSC:

The PSC approved the early initiation of the project from the date of approval of the minutes, i.e., 04.12.2024. However, the approval is accorded as a one-time relaxation, and all the agencies are to be instructed to initiate the work only after receipt of the sanction order.

Agenda 7.3: Approval of cost revision of ongoing exploration projects with timeline extension (if any), recommended by TCC-1

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved cost (Rs.) (in lakh)	Revised cost (Rs.) (in lakh)	Change in Cost (Rs.) (in lakh)	Time line extension	Remarks	Decision of PSC
1	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Limestone in Dhunki-Chilai Block District: Yavatmal, Maharashtra [91 st TCC-1]	MECL	97.95	89.36	(-) 8.59	15.03.2026	Cost revision required due to reduction of 40m drilling target due to intersection of Shale intercalation. Timeline extension required to submit the GR.	Approved

							Approval for the fixation of additional four cardinal points is required as per the suggestion of peer reviewer.	
2	Reconnaissance (G-4) for Manganese around Kandhal area of Rairakhol Tahasil of Sambalpur District, Odisha [91st TCC-1]	DGM Odisha	73.94	30.08	(-) 43.86	-	Drilling Target dropped. Forest Clearance issue.	Deferred PSC instructed the agency to submit copy of all the correspondences made by agency to competent authority for forest clearance. Till the correspondences are provided to NMEDT, the proposal is deferred.
3	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Graphite in Arasanur East block, Sivaganga district, Tamil Nadu [91st TCC-1]	KIOCL	346.20	232.99	(-) 113.21	7.03.2026	Due to reduction of drilling target. No mineralization intersected in 2 nd level of BH.	Approved
4	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 [92nd TCC-1]	MTCS	627.34	627.50	(0.16)	-	Cost enhanced due to inclusion of drone survey in place of DGPS survey	Approved

Decision of PSC: The PSC approved cost revision along with timeline extension, if any, of four projects recommended by TCC-1. The project mentioned at Sl. No. 2 is deferred till the agency submit copy of all the correspondences made by agency to competent authorities for forest clearance to NMEDT.

Agenda 7.4: Approval of timeline extension of ongoing exploration projects, recommended by TCC-1:

TCC-1 has recommended timeline extension of following 13 mineral exploration project, for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee.

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Scheduled date of completion	Required timeline (up to)	Sanction Order and originally approved timeline details	Remarks	Decision of PSC
1	Extension of the TS-QC Contract of Heliborne Surveys [91 st TCC-1]	GSI	28.02.26	31.3.27 31.12.26	O.M issued on 20.08.18 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 19.08.19	For completion of work	Approved till 31.12.26
2	Preliminary exploration (G-3 stage) for limestone in Pedaveedu East Block, Suryapet District, Telangana [91 st TCC-1]	MECL	28.02.26	31.3.26	S.O issued on 02.07.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 01.2.2026	For submission of GR	Approved
3	Preliminary exploration (G-3 stage) for limestone in Mukteswarapuram Block, Suryapet District, Telangana [91 st TCC-1]	MECL	28.02.26	15.3.26 31.3.26	S.O issued on 02.07.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 01.2.2026	For submission of GR	Approved till 31.03.26
4	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 [91 st TCC-1]	MECL	28.02.26	30.6.26	S.O issued on 22.10.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 21.8.2025	To carry out auger drilling of 200m in the area, forest permission and submission of GR	Approved
5	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Tungsten & Associated Minerals in Bodkipet block (intervening area between Kuhu and Khobna blocks),	MECL	23.02.26	31.08.26	S.O issued on 24.02.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 23.2.2026	To complete the drilling and trenching in the identified potential zone and	Approved

	District: Nagpur, Maharashtra [91st TCC-1]					submission of GR.	
6	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Bauxite in Kalychochra block, Rayagada district, Odisha [91st TCC-1]	DGM Odisha	23.02.26	30.06.26	S.O issued on 24.02.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 23.2.2026	Submission of GR	Approved
7	Preliminary Exploration (G3 Stage) of Limestone, Gadeghat - Khatera block, Yavatmal District, Maharashtra [91st TCC-1]	MMPL	28.02.26	15.03.26 31.03.26	S.O issued on 10.02.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 9.12.2025	Submission of GR	Approved till 31.03.26
8	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) for Gold in Chinnikatti Block, Haveri District, Karnataka [91st TCC-1]	MTCS	9.05.26	9.08.26	S.O issued on 10.02.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 9.2.2026	For obtaining forest clearance and completion of work.	Approved
9	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Glauconite and associated mineralization in Dhamni-Piparwasi Simliya area, Sheopur district, Madhya Pradesh. [92nd TCC-1]	MMPL Pvt. Ltd.	28.02.26	15.03.26 31.03.26	S.O issued on 21.08.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 20.8.2025	Submission of GR	Approved till 31.03.26
10	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Graphite in and around Dumburuneli area, Rayagada District, Odisha [92nd TCC-1]	MMPL Pvt. Ltd	31.3.26	31.05.26	S.O issued on 10.2.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 9.12.25	Drilling delayed due to active crop season and submission of GR	Approved
11	General Exploration (G2) for Molybdenum in Vellakkal Central Block, Uttangarai Sector, Harur- Uttangarai Belt, District- Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu [92nd TCC-1]	MECL	11.03.26	30.09.26	S.O issued on 12.12.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 11.03.2026	Forest permission for 3 nos. borehole is awaited and Analytical results of completed BH awaited	Approved
12	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Molybdenum in	MECL	11.03.26	31.12.26 30.09.26	S.O issued on 21.08.24	Forest permission for 13 nos.	Approved till 30.09.2026

	Vellakkal North Block (2.90 sq.km) & Vellakkal South Block (1.55 Sq.km), Uttangarai Sector, Harur- Uttangarai Belt, Dist- Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu [92nd TCC-1]				Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 20.8.2025	borehole is awaited. For completion of work and submission of GR	
13	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Gold and Associated Minerals in Sirigeri Block, Ballari District, Karnataka [92nd TCC-1]	DGM Karnat aka	28.02.26	31.03.26	S.O issued on 15.12.23 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 14.12.2024	Submission of GR	Approved

Decision of PSC: The PSC approved timeline extension of thirteen projects recommended by TCC-1.

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

Agenda 7.5: Approval of new exploration project proposals recommended by the Technical-cum-Cost Committee-2 (TCC-2)

TCC-2 has recommended following 03 mineral exploration project proposals with estimated cost of Rs. 9.0 crore for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee.

<i>Amount in Rs. Crore</i>								Decision of PSC
Sl. No.	Project/Block Name	Area (in km ²)	Agency	Commodity	Stage	Duration (months)	Cost	
1	Reconnaissance survey (G4) of Vanadium, Scandium and associated minerals hosted in aluminous laterite in Nivali area Ratnagiri district, Maharashtra [24th TCC-II]	118	MMPL Pvt. Ltd.	Vanadium, Scandium and associated minerals	G4	10	1.18	Approved
2	Preliminary exploration for Ni-Co-Cr-Magnetite and PGE in Thewati block, Meluri district, Nagaland [25th TCC-II]	4.72	DGM Nagaland	Ni-Co-Cr-Magnetite & PGE	G3	14	6.43	Approved
3	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) For Ni, Cr, Au, PGE and Ti in Pasubera West, West Singhbhum District, Jharkhand [25th TCC-II]	53	MMPL Pvt. Ltd.	Ni, Cr, Gold PGE & Ti	G4	12	1.39	Approved
Total Cost (A)							9.0	

Decision of PSC: The PSC approved 3 mineral exploration projects amounting to Rs. 9.0 Cr., as recommended by TCC-2.

Agenda 7.6: Approval for Financial Assistance from NMEDT funds to procure Machinery, Laboratory Equipment/instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities in the State of Rajasthan

DMG Rajasthan informed that the project was approved during the 35th EC meeting held on 29th May 2024 for a project timeline of 12 months with an approved cost of ₹13.85/- Cr, for 25 items as tabulated below (Table 1).

Table 1: List of approved items for procurement

Sl. No.	Name of Item	Qty.	Estimated Cost per unit (₹ in Lakh)	Total Estimated cost (₹ in Lakh)	Procurement Status
1	Brunton Compass	20	0.10	2.00	
2	Geologist hammer	20	0.10	2.00	
3	Handheld GPS	20	0.95	19.00	
4	Handheld XRF	1	30	30.00	
5	DGPS	1	16	16.00	
6	Total Station	2	6.96	13.92	Proposed to be dropped.
7	Rock cutting, polishing and mounting unit	1	70.00	70.00	
8	Pulverizer	1	40.00	40.00	
9	Stereo Zoom microscope	1	30.00	30.00	
10	Polarizing microscope	1	25.00	25.00	
11	AAS	1	80.00	80.00	
12	Fire Assay	1	13.76	13.76	
13	ICP-MS	1	250.00	250.00	
14	Hot Plates	4	0.15	0.60	
15	Fume Hood	2	0.20	0.40	
16	Air Oven	2	0.55	1.10	
17	Muffle Furnace/ Proximate /Analyzer	2	1.00	2.00	
18	Surfer	2	2.30	4.60	Department does not have specialized technical manpower for effective utilization of these software tools. So proposed to be dropped.
19	Corel Draw	2	0.75	1.50	
20	Drilling Machine up to 1000m Capacity	2	25.00	50.00	Items are proposed to be dropped due to lack of adequate manpower and supporting infrastructure.
21	Hydrostaic truck mounted drill machine with 1000m capacity	2	120.00	240.00	
22	Bits, drill rods, casing core barrel (for one year requirement for one time)	3	80.00	240.00	

23	Pumps (pressure /mud)	6	15.00	90.00	
24	Core splitter /core splitter hydrostatic	2	2.00	4.00	
25	Truck Mounted Hydrostatic Rig 600m	2	80.00	160.00	Proposed to be dropped.
Total				1,385.88	

Financial approval was given with a clause that the fund will be released once DMG, Rajasthan provides utilization certificate of 80% of the fund issued earlier for procurement of instruments under previous project.

DMG Rajasthan further informed that the list of items has been revised after detailed departmental review, retaining only essential field and laboratory equipment required for ongoing exploration work and strengthening in-house analytical facilities.

DMG Rajasthan presented the revised list of items to be procured as tabulated below:

Table 2: List of revised items for procurement

Sl. No.	Name of Item	Qty.	Estimated	Total Estimated cost
			Cost per unit (₹ in Lakh)	(₹ in Lakh)
1	Brunton Compass	20	0.1	2
2	Geologist hammer	20	0.1	2
3	Handheld XRF	1	30	30
4	DGPS	1	16	16
5	Rock cutting, polishing and mounting unit	1	70	70
6	Pulveriser	1	20	20
7	Stereo Zoom microscope	1	30	30
8	Polarizing microscope	1	25	25
9	AAS	1	80	80
10	Fire Assay	1	13.76	13.76
11	ICP-MS	1	250	250
12	Hot Plates	4	0.15	0.6
13	Fume Hood	2	0.2	0.4
14	Air Oven	2	0.55	1.1
15	Muffle Furnace/ Proximate /Analyzer	2	1	2
16	Core splitter /core splitter hydrostatic	2	2	4
Total				546.86

The TCC-II has recommended the proposal to the PSC for approval for procurement of a revised list of sixteen (16) items, with a total estimated cost of ₹546.86 lakhs. Revision of cost of procurement project from 1385.88 Lakh to 546.86 lakh was recommended for approval of PSC.

Further, the Committee has also recommended timeline extension of six (06) months up to 30th September 2026 for the completion of the procurement project.

Decision of PSC: PSC approved revision of cost from Rs. 1385.88 lakh to Rs. 546.86 lakh for procurement of sixteen (16) items (revised) as mentioned in Table 2. The committee instructed DGM, Rajasthan to expedite the procurement process. PSC also approved timeline extension of project upto 30.09.2026.

Agenda 7.7: Approval of cost revision of ongoing exploration projects with timeline extension (if any), recommended by TCC-2

TCC-2 has recommended cost revision along with timeline extension (if any) of following 08 mineral exploration projects along with timeline extension (if any), for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee.

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved cost (Rs.) (in lakh)	Revised cost (Rs.) (in lakh)	Change in Cost (Rs.) (in lakh)	Time line extension	Remarks	Decision of PSC
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Glauconite in Ambara West Block (143.15 sq. km), Kachchh District, Gujarat. [24 th TCC-2]	MECL	107.78	117.69	9.91	-	Additional analysis of 114 nos. of BH samples & inclusion of modal analysis for 10 samples	Approved
2	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 stage) for Base metals in Burogaon-Biltala Mogan area, Lalitpur district, Uttar Pradesh [24 th TCC-2]	Geovale Services Private Limited	317.51	325.19	7.68	31.10.26	Higher values of Cu, Mo, Sn were observed in grab samples. TCC suggested to carry out trenching in the potential zone. Accordingly, trenching and associated sample analysis are increased.	Approved

3	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for REE in the Goma River Basin, Dahod, Chhota Udaipur and Panchmahal Districts, Gujarat [24 th TCC-2]	Geovale Services Private Limited	256.49	278.29	21.8	31.08.26	Cost revised due to replacement of Auger drill by Diamond Core Drill, additional samples for Heavy Liquid Separation and mineralogical estimation of heavies through modal analysis, and enhancement of geophysical components	Not Approved * Details in footnote of the table
4	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Bauxite, Gallium, Vanadium & REE minerals in Naredi Bauxite block, Kachchh District, Gujarat. [25 th TCC-2]	M/s Geo Marine Solutions Private Limited	233.33	189.03	(-) 44.3	---	Ex post facto approval of PSC for additional 42 samples for ICP-MS analysis due to re-orientation of the project towards Sc and Ga as per the advice of TCC-II in its 11th TCC-II meeting. Reduced drilling quantum	Approved
5	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Bauxite, Ga, V, Ti & REE in Reldi Moti area Kachchh District, Gujarat. [25 th TCC-2]	M/s Critical Mineral Trackers	71.54	68.82	(-) 2.72	31.03.26	Reduction in quantum of approved work viz. approach road making, drill core preservation,	Approved

							sample analysis etc.	
6	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Bauxite, Ga, V, Ti & REE in Lakhond area, Kachchh District, Gujarat [25th TCC-2]	M/s Critical Mineral Trackers	68.76	62.55	(-) 6.21	31.03.26	Reduced drilling quantum. TLE for GR submission.	Approved
7	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Graphite in Nawadih area District, Balrampur, Chhattisgarh. [25th TCC-2]	UEIPL	27.72	28.82	1.10	31.03.26	Additional work including four (04) trace element analyses for vanadium, five (05) additional samples for specific gravity, and one (01) line km of Self-Potential survey. TLE for GR submission	Approved
8	Preliminary exploration (G3 stage) for limestone in Pedaveedu East block, District, Suryapet Telangana. [25th TCC-2]	MECL	86.46	87.74	1.28	---	Analysis of additional 24 samples	Approved

Decision of PSC: The PSC approved cost revision along with timeline extension, if any, of seven projects recommended by TCC-2. The project mentioned at Sl. No. 3 is not approved.

* The proposal regarding replacement of Auger Drill by Diamond Core Drill was not approved as:

i) The Technical Experts of the Committee objected to the proposal, observing that the proposed drilling in placer deposits is very shallow (up to 10 m depth) and can be more suitably carried out through auger drilling.

ii) The committee opined that before initiation of drilling, presumption of contamination cannot be made.

iii) The Chairman, TCC-II also agreed upon revisiting the recommendation made during 24th meeting of TCC-2.

Agenda 7.8: Approval of pre-closure of ongoing exploration projects along with cost revision (if any) and timeline extension (if any), recommended by TCC-2:

TCC-2 has recommended the pre-closure of 05 ongoing mineral exploration project with cost revision (if any) and timeline extension (if any), for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee.

Sl. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved on	Duration (in months)	Approved cost (Rs. in lakh)	Revised cost (Rs. in lakh)	Cost change (Rs. in lakh)	Timeline extension	Remarks	Decision of PSC
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Limestone in and around Amanganj Gunnor Pawai area, Panna District, Madhya Pradesh [24 th TCC-2]	Engeotech Consultant	42 nd EC (SO Issued on 1.7.2025)	10	86.22	44.96	(-) 41.26	-	Pre-closure recommended as limestone band did not intersect in two bore holes.	Approved
2	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Glauconite, Phosphorite & REE in Amabara- Maru Block, District-Kachchh, Gujarat [24 th TCC-2]	MECL	39 th EC (SO issued on 24.2.2025)	10	229.81	83.43	(-) 146.38	-	Pre-closure recommended due to insignificant value of K ₂ O and REE	Approved
3	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Bauxite and Associated Minerals in Dhrang Block (4.86 sq. km) Kutch District, Gujarat. [24 th TCC-2]	MECL	40 th EC (SO issued on 5.3.2025)	14	150.99	57.96	(-) 93.03	-	In 5 bore holes development of localized residual bauxite is observed. Accordingly, drilling target is reduced.	Approved
4	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE and Associated Minerals in Umprikhola block, District, Kamrup, Assam. [25 th TCC-2]	MECL	39 th EC (SO issued on 24.02.2025)	15	882.01	89.15	(-) 792.86	23.07.26	Values of REE not significant and the TCC-II advised not to take up further	Approved

									exploration including drilling activities in this block.	
5	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Bauxite and Associated Minerals in Julrai block, District-Kachchh, Gujarat. [25th TCC-2]	MECL	40 th EC (SO issued on 5.3.2025)	14	249.49	77.23	(-) 169.26	-	Limited Bauxite occurrence and prevailing field constraints	Approved

Decision of PSC: The PSC approved pre-closure of five ongoing exploration projects along with cost revision and timeline extension, if any, as recommended by TCC-2.

Agenda 7.9: Approval of timeline extension of ongoing exploration/ procurement projects, recommended by TCC-2:

TCC-2 has recommended timeline extension of following 10 mineral exploration/procurement projects, for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee.

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Scheduled date of completion	Required timeline (up to)	Sanction Order and originally approved timeline details	Remarks	Decision of PSC
1	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE and Associated Minerals in Borana Block, Bhilwara District, Rajasthan [24 th TCC-2]	GeoExpOre Private Limited	8.2.26	7.5.26	S.O issued on 10.6.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 9.6.2025	For peer review and submission of GR	Approved
2	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Basemetal in Chupra-Khet, Kuta area, Pithoragarh District, Uttarakhand [24 th TCC-2]	Geovale Services Private Limited	25.7.26	30.11.26	S.O issued on 26.5.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 25.7.26	Four potential zones have been identified and accordingly 4 boreholes of 150m depth for each have been recommended	Approved
3	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Bauxite, Ga, V, Ti & REE in Nadapa Area, Kachchh District, Gujarat [23 rd TCC-2]	Critical Mineral Trackers	9.12.25	31.3.26	S.O issued on 10.2.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 9.12.25	Submission of GR	Approved
4	Financial assistance from NMEDT funds to procure machinery/ laboratory equipment/instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities. [25 th TCC-2]	DMG Rajasthan	31.3.26	30.09.26	S.O issued on 24.03.23 Original approved Scheduled Date of	For completion of the procurement	Approved

					Completion was 22.03.24		
5	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Nickel, Cobalt and PGE in Botad area, Botad District, Gujarat. [25th TCC-2]	Critical Mineral Trackers	31.03.26	30.04.26	S.O issued on 23.3.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 22.1.26	Submission of GR	Approved
6	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Magnetite and associated minerals in Pipradih area, District, Giridih, Jharkhand. [25th TCC-2]	CMPDIL	31.03.26	31.07.26	S.O issued on 13.12.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 12.08.25	Submission of GR	Approved
7	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE, RM, Glauconite and Phosphorite in Devisar area, Kachchh District, Gujarat. [25th TCC-2]	MECL	17.04.26	31.08.26	S.O issued on 19.03.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 22.1.26	For completion of work and submission of GR	Approved
8	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Copper and Associated Minerals in Jaridih Pipradih block, District- Giridih, Jharkhand [25th TCC-2]	MECL	12.03.26	11.09.26	S.O issued on 13.12.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 12.03.26	For completion of work and submission of GR	Approved
9	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE and Copper in Hirnoda block, Jaipur District, Rajasthan. [25th TCC-2]	MECL	18.02.26	04.09.26	S.O issued on 19.03.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 18.02.26	For completion of work and submission of GR	Approved
10	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Polymetals (Cu-Pb-Zn & Au-Ag) in Amritpur	MECL	17.04.26	17.06.26	S.O issued on 19.03.25	For completion of work and submission of GR	Approved

	area, Nainital District, Uttarakhand [25th TCC-2]				Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 18.02.26		
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Decision of PSC: The PSC approved timeline extension of ten projects, recommended by TCC-2.

Agenda 7.10: Ratification of Timeline extension approved for project titled “Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Potash in Lakhasar East Extension block, Lakhasar Sub Basin, north western part of Rajasthan, District- Bikaner, Rajasthan”.
[Agency: MECL]

The project was approved in the 38th EC Meeting held on 29th November, 2024. The Sanction Order was issued on 13th December, 2024 with timeline of 15 months (up to 12.03.2026) and approved cost was Rs. 16,16,51,105/-. Timeline extension of 6 months (upto 12.9.2026) was recommended by TCC-II in its 24th meeting.

As the ongoing Financial Year (FY 2025–26) is nearing closure and the available time for processing and clearance of bills was limited, the timeline extension of the project, as recommended by TCC-II (upto 12.09.2026) was approved by Chairman, PSC, NMEDT.

Decision of PSC: The PSC ratified the timeline extension upto 12.09.26 of project titled “Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Potash in Lakhasar East Extension block, Lakhasar Sub Basin, north western part of Rajasthan, District- Bikaner, Rajasthan”.

Agenda 7.11: Withdrawal of project titled “Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for chromite and associated minerals around Patna-Chinguripal Chromite Block, Jajpur District, Odisha” allotted to M/s NRD Tata to carry out exploration from NMEDT fund.

Project Sanctioning Committee at its 6th meeting held on 2.03.2026 had approved the project titled “Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for chromite and associated minerals around Patna-Chinguripal Chromite Block, Jajpur District, Odisha” of M/s NRD Tata with an approved cost of Rs. 4.18 crore having an area of 3.90 km².

DMG, Odisha vide letter dated DOMG-INVI-INVG-0020-2026-3780/DOMG dated 24.03.2025 informed NMEDT Secretariat that Govt. of Odisha has decided to auction the Chingudipal Chromite Block under Composite Licence by amalgamating G4 level explored block. The amalgamated block includes 3.90 km² area of the above project allocated to M/s

NRD Tata. Considering the above facts, DMG Odisha requested to withdraw the block to enable the State Govt. to auction the block.

Decision of PSC: The PSC approved the withdrawal of project titled "Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for chromite and associated minerals around Patna-Chinguripal Chromite Block, Jajpur District, Odisha", as requested by DMG, Odisha

Annexure-I

Sl. No	Name of the person	Position	Mode
1	Shri Pankaj Garg	DG, NMEDT and Chairman	Physical
2	Shri N K Panda	Head Drilling, AMD	Online
3	Shri Birendra Thakur	Sr. Manager Director (Tech.), MoC	Online
4	Shri Anshoo Pandey	Director, NCMM	Physical
5	Smt Geetika Sharma	Director – Projects, NMEDT & Member Secretary	Physical
6	Shri Alok Kumar	Dy. Secretary, IFD, Mines	Physical
7	Shri Abhay Agrawal	Controller of Mines, IBM	Online
8	Shri Jayanta Kumar Naik	Director, NM-II, GSI, Nagpur	Online
9	Shri Ravi Dutt	Cost Accounts Officer	Physical
10	Shri Gopal Ram	Additional Director Geology (HQ), DMG, Rajasthan	Online
11	Shri Vivek Nema Shri Vinod Bagde	Addl. Director, MRD, M.P., Govt. of Madhya Pradesh	Online
12	Shri S. P. Kadoo	Deputy Director, DGM Maharashtra Govt. of Maharashtra	Online
13	Ms. Deepa (Representative Shri Thiru D Mohan, IAS)	Dy. Director Director, (Geology and Mining) Govt. of Tamil Nadu	Online
14	Dr. P Krishnamurthy	Technical Expert	Online
15	Shri Pankaj Satija	Technical Expert	Online
16	Shri B P Raturi	Technical Expert	Online
17	Dr. S Ravi	Dy. DG and Chairman, TCC-1	Online
18	Shri Pradeep Singh	Dy. DG and Chairman, TCC-2	Online
19	Shri S Dhanendran	Director and Member Secretary, TCC-1	Online
20	Shri Sanjay Singh	Director and Member Secretary, TCC-2	Online