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Please find enclosed herewith the minutes of the 8th meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee of NMEDT held on 30th April 2026 for your kind perusal.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

(Geetika Sharma)
Director (Projects & HoD)

To all attendees of PSC Meeting,

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2. Shri. B. K. Thakur, Director (Tech.), Ministry of Coal, GPOA3, Zone-5, 4 th Floor, Netaji Nagar, New Delhi
3. Shri N K Panda, Regional Director, Southern Region, Atomic Mineral Exploration and Research Directorate, Nagarbhavi, Bangaluru
4. Shri Jayanta Kumar Naik, Director, NM-II, Geological Survey of India, Nagpur
5. Shri Abhay Agrawal, Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur
6. Shri Alok Kumar, Dy. Secretary, IFD, Ministry of Mines, GPOA3, Zone-5, 4 th 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 Vivek Nema, Dy. Director, Mineral Resource Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh
10. Shri Suresh Naitham, Dy. Director, DGM Maharashtra, Govt. of Maharashtra
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Minutes of 8th Project Sanctioning Committee meeting
held on 30.04.2026 at 11.00 AM at Conference Hall, NMEDT

The 8th meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) was held under Chairmanship of Shri Pankaj Garg, Director General, NMEDT on 30.04.2026 at Conference Hall, 9th Floor, Jeevan Prakash Building, New Delhi in hybrid mode. The list of participants is given at Annexure-1.

Director (Projects) & Member Secretary, PSC extended a warm welcome to all members and informed that the project proposals recommended in the 8th Joint TCC meeting, 93rd and 94th meetings of TCC-1 and 26th and 27th meetings of TCC-2 were placed before the Committee for consideration and decision.

Joint TCC

Agenda 8.1: Approval of Regional Mineral Targeting (RMT) Projects recommended by Joint TCC

PSC was informed that the Joint TCC at its 8th meeting has recommended 01 RMT project with a cost of Rs. 0.20 crore for approval of PSC. PSC was also informed that only 1st phase of the work has been recommended, and further work components will be recommended after 1st review of the work.

The detail of the project (Phase 1) is as under:

Table-1: Details of RMT project recommended for approval							
<i>Amount in Rs. Crore</i>							
Sl. No.	Project/Block Name	Area (in km²)	Agency	Commodity	Duration (months)	Cost	Decision of PSC
1	Regional Mineral Targeting in Parts of Lalitpur and Jhansi Districts of Uttar Pradesh and Shivpuri and Tikamgarh Districts of Madhya Pradesh [8 th Joint TCC]	1000	M/s Geovale Services Pvt. Ltd.	REE and associated minerals	04	0.20	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the project, as mentioned against the NPEA in Table-1, with a total cost of Rs. 0.20 crore with a timeline of 04 months for the 1st phase of the work.

Agenda 8.2: Approval of new exploration project proposals in Siwana Ring Complex recommended by Joint TCC

PSC was apprised that GSI has identified an area of 330 sq. km. having soil cover thickness more than 10m, limiting direct surface geological observations. To address this challenge, a focused sub-surface screening programme combining shallow drilling and ground/airborne geophysical surveys has been proposed for rapid assessment of covered terrains and identification of high-potential zones for REE and RM mineralisation in soil-covered areas. PSC was further informed that the work will be carried out in three phases. In first phase, analysis of existing aero-geophysical data, legacy data, NGPM data will be carried out to delineate the potential zone as well as decipher the soil cover thickness. In second phase, detailed geophysical survey will be carried out while in third phase, drilling will be carried out in targeted areas. Accordingly, three projects were allotted to the following agencies with an estimated cost of Rs. 36.47 crore:

Table-2: Details of projects of Siwana Ring Complex, Balotra district, Rajasthan							
<i>Amount in Rs. Crore</i>							
Sl. No.	Project/Block Name	Area (in km²)	Agency	Commodity	Duration (months)	Cost	Decision of PSC
1	Geological and Geophysical Investigation in part of Siwana Ring Complex, Balotra district, Rajasthan (Block A)	86	Shijay Projects India Pvt. Ltd.	REE and associated critical minerals	10	9.73	Approved
2	Geological and Geophysical Investigation in part of Siwana Ring Complex, Balotra district, Rajasthan (Block B)	130	MMPL Pvt. Ltd.	REE and associated critical minerals	10	14.21	Approved
3	Geological and Geophysical Investigation in part of Siwana Ring Complex, Balotra district, Rajasthan (Block C)	114	Critical Mineral Trackers	REE and associated critical minerals	10	12.53	Approved
Total						36.47	

Dr. Pankaj Satija, Technical Expert sought clarification on the rationale for allocating the area to three agencies instead of assigning the blocks to a single agency. It was explained that out of the total 700 sq. km area, approximately 330 sq. km is sediment-covered and suitable for exploration, while the remaining area is either under forest cover or currently being explored by Geological Survey of India, Atomic Minerals

Directorate for Exploration and Research, Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited, and NPEAs. It was further informed that the 330 sq. km area was divided into 2 km × 1 km grids and subsequently sub-divided into three blocks. Initial scrutiny was conducted based on the willingness of agencies and the exclusion of agencies already allotted blocks in the area. The remaining agencies were shortlisted based on their in-house drilling and geophysical capabilities. Final selection was made considering the past performance of agencies, including quality of work and adherence to timelines. Additionally, to promote new entrants, one block was allocated to an agency notified in the previous year. The allocation of three blocks to three agencies was undertaken to ensure completion of the work within a timeframe of eight months.

Director (Tech.), Ministry of Coal enquired about the irregular shape of the blocks. In response, Shri. Sanjay Singh, Director and Member Secretary, TCC-2 clarified that these blocks have been initially identified for geological and geophysical investigations, and upon completion of the work, multiple G3 blocks will be carved out from these project areas.

Shri. N. K. Panda, Regional Director, Southern Region, AMD pointed out that 200m station interval with 400m line spacing for gravity survey is a very coarse resolution and may not represent a proper subsurface information. Shri Pradeep Singh, Dy. Director General and Chairman, TCC-2 informed that after identifying potential zones the station interval for gravity survey will be reduced to 50m or 100m to delineate the target zone.

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the 03 projects, as mentioned against the respective NPEAs in Table-2, with a total cost of Rs. 36.47 crore.

Agenda 8.3: Approval of cost revision of ongoing exploration projects with timeline extension (if any), recommended by Joint TCC

PSC was apprised that joint TCC at its 8th meeting has recommended cost revision of 02 exploration projects with timeline extension (if any) for approval of PSC.

Table-3: Details of the projects recommended for cost revision							
S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved cost (Rs.) (in lakh)	Revised cost (Rs.) (in lakh)	Change in Cost (Rs.) (in lakh)	Remarks	Decision of PSC
1	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) of Limestone in Bandha Block	MECL	219.44	219.09	(-) 0.35	Cost modified due to reduction in number of peer reviewers for different blocks	Approved

	(3.54 sq. km) and Jamuniya Block (3.68 sq. km) in District Satna, Madhya Pradesh					(2 peer reviewers reduced to 1)	
2	Preliminary Exploration for Limestone in Paradva - Amrapar Blocks A-B-C-D, Jamnagar District, Gujarat	CGM Gujarat	131.86	130.79	(-) 1.07	Cost modified due to reduction in number of peer reviewers for different blocks (4 peer reviewers reduced to 1)	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the revised cost of 02 projects, as mentioned in Table-3.

Agenda 8.4: Approval of timeline extension of ongoing exploration projects, recommended by Joint TCC:

PSC was informed that the Joint TCC at its 8th meeting has recommended timeline extension of 01 mineral exploration project, for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee.

Table-4: Details of the projects recommended for timeline extension							
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	Deep-seated mineral prognosis by geophysical techniques: Lithospheric structure and relationship with kimberlite clusters of Kalyandurg-Timmasamudram-Chigicheria, District: Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh.	GSI-CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute	30.11.25	31.12.25	SO issued on 17.02.2023 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 16.02.2025	GR was submitted on 23.12.25, however, the timeline extension was accorded till 30.11.25. Timeline extension was required till 31.12.2025	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the timeline extension of the project till 31.12.2025, as mentioned in table-4.

**Project Proposals Recommended by Technical-cum-Cost Committee-1
(TCC-1)**

Agenda 8.5: Approval of new exploration project proposals

TCC-1 at its 93rd and 94th meetings have recommended following 20 mineral exploration projects proposal with an estimated cost of Rs. 31.76 crore for approval of PSC.

Table-5: Details of the exploration projects recommended by TCC-1

<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	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Prashnawada, Block-A & Kadwasan, Block-B, District: Gir Somnath, State: Gujarat [92nd TCC-1 & 8th Joint TCC]	16.70	APC Drilling	Limestone	G3	08	2.12	Approved
2	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) For Limestone in Putnoor Block, Putnoor village Palakurthy Mandal Peddapalli District, Telangana [92nd TCC-1]	0.78	TGMDC	Limestone	G3	08	0.76	Approved
3	Preliminary Exploration Work (G-3) for Bauxite and Associated Critical Minerals, Jharkarwadi Block, District: Sindhudurg, Maharashtra [93rd TCC-1]	8.0	Bhushilp Mines and Minerals Pvt. Ltd.	Bauxite and associated critical minerals	G3	10	2.39	Approved
4	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Graphite, Vanadium and associated critical minerals in Sundungra Block, District: Champawat, Uttarakhand [93rd TCC-1]	2.4	Ocean Drilling and Exploration Pvt. Ltd.	Graphite, Vanadium and associated critical minerals	G3	12	7.44	Deferred. The project will be considered later depending on the outcome of analytical results of the samples from the adjacent block, being explored by the agency
5	Preliminary Exploration (G3) For Glauconitic Sandstone in Banhari Block, District: Satna, Madhya Pradesh [94th TCC-1]	11.26	MECL	Glauconitic Sandstone	G3	9	1.19	Approved

6	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone in Shantipara A Block, Junagadh District, Gujarat [94th TCC-1]	1.49	Mining Associates Pvt. Ltd.	Limestone	G3	6	0.66	Approved
7	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone in Shantipara B Block, Junagadh District, Gujarat [94th TCC-1]	1.76	Mining Associates Pvt. Ltd.	Limestone	G3	6	0.64	Approved
8	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone in Lambora Block, Junagadh District, Gujarat	9.97	Mining Associates Pvt. Ltd.	Limestone	G3	10	1.06	Approved
9	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone in Mankhetra Block, Junagadh District, Gujarat [94th TCC-1]	8.9	Mining Associates Pvt. Ltd.	Limestone	G3	10	1.06	Approved
10	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone in Andhariyanes Block (3.27 Sq. km.) Upleta Taluka, Rajkot District, Gujarat [94th TCC-1]	3.27	PRB Infra Pvt. Ltd.	Limestone	G3	8	0.60	Approved
11	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone in Pransla Block (6.52 Sq. km.) Upleta Taluka, Rajkot District, Gujarat [94th TCC-1]	6.52	PRB Infra Pvt. Ltd.	Limestone	G3	10	0.89	Approved
12	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone in Bara Khurd Block, District: Maihar, Madhya Pradesh [94th TCC-1]	2.07	M/s MMPL Private Limited	Limestone	G3	10	0.78	Approved
13	Preliminary Exploration (G3) of Limestone in Tonga Block, District: Morena, Madhya Pradesh [94th TCC-1]	6.49	M/s MMPL Private Limited	Limestone	G3	10	1.13	Approved
14	Preliminary Exploration (G3 Stage) of Limestone in Sabalgarh Block, District: Morena, Madhya Pradesh [94th TCC-1]	4.5	M/s MMPL Private Limited	Limestone	G3	10	0.85	Approved
15	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Aluminous Laterites with associated Critical Minerals, Malik Mirzapur	100	GMMCO	Aluminous laterites and	G4	8	1.05	Approved

	Area, Bidar District, Karnataka [94th TCC-1]			associated critical minerals					
16	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Aluminous Laterite, Bauxite and associated critical minerals in Hemal-Barpatoli Area, Amreli District, Gujarat [94th TCC-1]	54.7	APC Drilling Construction & Pvt. Ltd.	Aluminous Laterite, Bauxite and associated critical minerals	G4	10	0.99	Approved	
17	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Aluminous Laterite, Bauxite- and associated critical minerals in Talgajarda-Longadi area, Districts: Bhavnagar, State: Gujarat [94th TCC-1]	87.30	APC Drilling Construction & Pvt. Ltd.	Aluminous Laterite, Bauxite- and associated critical minerals	G4	10	1.35	Approved	
18	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Aluminous laterite and associated critical minerals in Umroli Block, District: Ratnagiri, State: Maharashtra [94th TCC-1]	100.63	Kartikay Exploration and Mining Services Pvt. Ltd.	Aluminous laterite and associated critical minerals	G4	10	1.43	Approved	
19	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Iron and Manganese Ore in Betajhar Block, District: Sundargarh, Odisha [94th TCC-1]	1.36	OMC	Iron and Manganese	G3	12	3.59	Approved	
20	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 stage) for Iron & Manganese Ore in Kenamenta Block, Sundargarh District, Odisha [94th TCC-1]	0.70	OMC	Iron and Manganese	G3	12	2.08	Approved	
							Total	24.62	

Dr. Pankaj Satija, Technical Expert enquired whether the labour rates proposed in the projects comply with the applicable labour regulations and if any provision exists for escalation of labour rates. In response, Shri Pradeep Singh, Chairman, TCC-2, informed that semi-skilled labour has been recommended and payments are made in

accordance with the rates prescribed by the Central Labour Commissioner from time to time. He further clarified that any revision in these rates by the authority will be duly applicable. Additionally, he stated that as per the revised Schedule of Charges, statutory payments such as EPF, etc., if borne by the agency, will be reimbursed upon submission of valid supporting documents.

The PSC observed that two projects have been sanctioned to OMC and, in view of previous delays in execution of its exploration projects, expressed concern regarding timely completion of the newly sanctioned projects. In response, OMC stated that the earlier delays were primarily due to pending forest clearances; however, for the Betajhar and Kenamenta blocks, the required forest permissions have already been obtained from the Forest Department, and the agency will strictly adhere to the stipulated timelines.

Decision of PSC: PSC approved 19 exploration projects, as mentioned against the respective NPEAs in Table-5, with a total cost of Rs. 24.62 crore and deferred 01 project at Sl. No. 4.

Agenda 8.6: Approval for procurement of Time Domain Electromagnetic Survey Data Processing and Inversion Software

PSC was apprised that the Geological Survey of India is carrying out heliborne TDEM and magnetic surveys over selected blocks identified from NAGMP survey and legacy datasets over ~3,354 sq. km with 24,595 line km through an outsourced agency. Apart from that, Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research and Central Ground Water Board have also shared TDEM data covering various parts of the country including Rajasthan, Gujarat, Haryana etc. with GSI.

Accordingly, GSI has submitted a proposal for procurement of a dedicated software to process and interpret the Heliborne TDEM data so that sub-surface conductivity models for improved geological interpretation, mineral targeting and resource evaluation can be carried out, with a timeline of one year.

The details of the software are given below:

Sl. No.	Description	Cost in Rs.
1	Basic software with one-year mandatory warranty (excluding tax)	1,00,98,200/-
2	3 years additional extended warranty (excluding tax)	66,85,400/-
3	Statutory tax (18% GST)	30,21,084/-
	Total cost	1,98,04,684/- (Rs. 1.98 Cr.)

Shri N. K. Panda, Regional Director, Southern Region, AMD enquired about the name of the software for carrying out inversion of TDEM data. In response, Shri Anindya Bhattacharya, DDG, RSAS Bengaluru replied that Workbench software will be procured for carrying out inversion of TDEM data.

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the procurement of time domain electromagnetic survey data processing and inversion software with a total cost of Rs. 1.98 crore, as mentioned in table-6, with a timeline of 6 months. PSC further directed GSI to include the name of the software in all future references.

Agenda 8.7: Approval of cost revision of ongoing exploration projects

PSC was apprised that TCC-1 has recommended cost revision in respect of 02 projects for approval of PSC.

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved cost (Rs.) (in lakh)	Revised cost (Rs.) (in lakh)	Change in Cost (Rs.) (in lakh)	Remarks	Decision of PSC
1	Undertaking of Geo-chemical Analysis of mine samples by IBM through NMEDT fund [93 rd TCC-1]	IBM	1280.49	818.57	(-) 461.92	Cost revised as the number of samples for chemical analyses were reduced and accordingly sampler man days and labor days were also reduced. Approval also sought for analysis of 213 samples for analysis of silver as an additional	Approved

						element which amounts to Rs. 105814/-	
2	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Gold & assoc. minerals in Sirigeri Block (2 sq.km.), Ballari district, Karnataka [93 rd TCC-1]	DGM Karnataka	345.19	299.84	(-) 45.35	Due to paucity of data, drilling and related activities have been reduced.	Approved

Discussion: PSC enquired from IBM the reasons for reduced number of samples collected. Shri. S. K. Adhikari, Chief Mining Geologist, IBM informed the house that while formulating the proposal the number of samples were estimated based on the number of mine faces, mine dumps, tailing dams located within the lease area and even from the processing / smelting plants located outside the lease area. No first hand information was available about the plants, which were located outside the lease area. However, during the field work, depending on the site conditions, collection of samples were optimized. Hence, the number of samples was reduced from the projected number of samples.

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the revised cost of 2 projects, as mentioned in Table-7.

Agenda 8.8: Approval of pre-closure of ongoing exploration projects with cost revision (if any)

PSC was apprised that TCC-1 has recommended the pre-closure of 01 mineral exploration project with cost revision, for approval of PSC.

Table-8: Detail of the project recommended for pre-closure

Sl. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved on	Duration (in months)	Approved cost (Rs. in lakh)	Revised cost (Rs. in lakh)	Revised cost (Rs. in lakh)	Remarks	Decision of PSC
1	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Copper and associated Mineralization in Govindpur Block (0.83 sq.km.),	Kartikay Exploration and Mining Services Pvt. Ltd.	36 th EC (SO issued on 21.08.2024)	08	126.08	51.42	(-) 74.66	PSC at its 3 rd meeting had deferred the pre-closure and suggested to pursue the FC with State DGM. It was informed	Approved

Chandrapur District, Maharashtra [93rd TCC-1]							that the area falls in ESZ and lies within 1km buffer zone of Tiger Reserve.
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Decision of PSC: PSC approved the pre-closure of 01 project, as mentioned in Table-8.

Agenda 8.9: Approval of timeline extension of ongoing exploration projects:

PSC was apprised that TCC-1 has recommended timeline extension of 09 mineral exploration projects for approval of PSC. The details of the projects are as under:

Table-9: Details of the projects recommended for timeline extension							
S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Schedule d date of completion	Required timeline (up to)	Sanction Order and originally approved timeline details	Remarks	Decision of PSC
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 Stage) for Glauconite, Phosphorite & REE in Ambara-Marublock, District Kachchh, Gujarat [93rd TCC-1]	MECL	31.03.2026	30.4.2026	S.O issued on 24.02.2025 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 23.12.2025	For submission of GR	Approved
2	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Glauconite in Ambara West Block Kachchh District, Gujarat [93rd TCC-1]	MECL	31.03.2026	30.4.2026	S.O issued on 13.12.2024 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 12.12.2025	For submission of GR	Approved
3	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone in Dongargaon Kasara Block (5.59 km ²), District-Yavatmal, Maharashtra [93rd TCC-1]	MECL	22.04.2026	31.07.2026	S.O issued on 23.6.2025 Original approved Scheduled Date of	For completion of drilling and submission of GR	Approved

					Completion was 22.04.2026		
4	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) for aluminous laterite and associated critical minerals in Govindagude & Sudigudde block, Udipi District, Karnataka [93 rd TCC-1]	Critical Mineral Trackers	31.03.2026	31.07.2026	S.O issued on 10.2.2025 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 09.08.2025	For obtaining forest clearance to carry out pitting and trenching, completion of work and submission of GR	Approved
5	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Vanadium and Titanium in Magnetite bearing sand in the beach/dune sands along the Saurashtra coast, Gujarat [93 rd TCC-1]	Geo Marine Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	29.03.2026	30.4.2026	S.O issued on 30.12.2024 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 29.03.2026	For submission of GR	Approved
6	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 [93 rd TCC-1]	GeoExp Ore Pvt. Ltd.	16.02.024	30.04.2026	S.O issued on 17.04.2023 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 16.02.2024	For regularization of the project	Approved
7	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) for limestone in Chokkanathapuram Block, Ariyalur and Perambalur Districts, Tamil Nadu [93 rd TCC-1]	Geo Exploration and Mining Solutions	31.03.2026	30.04.2026	S.O issued on 10.02.2025 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 09.10.2025	For submission of GR	Approved
8	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) for limestone in Kulumur Block, Ariyalur and	Geo Exploration and Mining	31.03.2026	30.04.2026	S.O issued on 10.02.2025	For submission of GR	Approved

	Perambalur Districts, Tamil Nadu [93rd TCC-1]	Solutions			Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 09.10.2025		
9	Reconnaissance Survey for gold and associated minerals in Killarhatti area, Koppal & Raichur, Karnataka [94th TCC-1]	MTCS	05.05.26	31.8.26	S.O issued on 06.01.2025 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 05.12.2025	Completion of work and submission of GR	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the timeline extension of 09 projects, as mentioned in Table-9.

**Project Proposals Recommended By Technical-cum-Cost Committee-2
(TCC-2)**

Agenda 8.10: Approval of new exploration project proposals

PSC was apprised that TCC-2 has recommended 01 mineral exploration project proposal with estimated cost of Rs. 0.65 crore for approval of PSC. The detail of the project is as under:

Table-10: Detail of the project recommended for approval								
<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 Vanadium bearing Titaniferous Aluminous Laterite in Bilalpur Block, Sangareddy District, Telangana [27th TCC-2]	46.33	GMMCO Technology Services Ltd.	Vanadium bearing Titaniferous Aluminous Laterite	G4	10	0.65	Approved
Total Cost (A)							0.65	

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the above exploration project with a total cost of Rs. 0.65 crore, as mentioned against the NPEA in Table-10.

Agenda 8.11: Approval of cost revision of ongoing exploration projects with timeline extension

PSC was apprised that TCC-2 has recommended cost revision along with timeline extension (if any) of 05 mineral exploration projects, for approval of PSC. The details of the projects are as under:

Table-11: Details of the projects recommended for cost revision								
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 copper and associated minerals in Kochipur District-	CMPDIL	125.78	45.36	(-) 81.48	30.04.26	Drilling was not undertaken due to low Cu and FC values Timeline extension required for	Approved

	Sidhi, Madhya Pradesh [26th TCC-2]						submission of GR	
2	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Bauxite, Ga, V, Ti & REE in Nadapa area Kachchh District, Gujarat [26th TCC-2]	Critical Mineral Tracker	53.73	35.41	(-) 18.32	30.04.26	Drilling was not undertaken in the project due to low REE values. Timeline extension required for submission of GR	Approved
3	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Gold and Associated Minerals in Parma area (133.00 Sq.km) Singrauli District, Madhya Pradesh [26th TCC-2]	MECL	187.29	186.58	(-) 0.71	30.09.26	Cost reduced due to removal of gold analysis and additional ICPMS analysis for PGE from 40 channel samples On the basis of encouraging values of Ni, Co, Cr, two promising zones have been identified. To complete geophysical survey in the area, timeline extension is required	Approved
4	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Iron and Bauxite Ore in Amoch Chhapra Block (4.86 sq.km), District- Jabalpur & Katni, Madhya Pradesh [26th TCC-2]	MECL	106.84	97.44	(-) 9.4	30.04.26	Cost reduced due to drilling of 334m against the target of 380m. Further, analysis of 5 additional samples is also recommended.	Approved

5	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE and Associated Minerals in Ektala-Rajanpali and Jogiapali-Govindpur Area, Nayagarh District, Odisha [27 th TCC-2]	MECL	116.17	90.46	(-) 25.71	19.10.26	Removal of drilling in hard rock and addition of auger drilling and sample analyses for ICPMS and thin section preparation. Timeline extension required to complete the project	Approved
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Decision of PSC: PSC approved the revised cost of 05 projects along with timeline extension, as mentioned in Table-11.

Agenda 8.12: Approval of pre-closure of ongoing exploration projects along with cost revision (if any) and timeline extension (if any):

PSC was apprised that TCC-2 has recommended the pre-closure of 01 mineral exploration project with cost revision (if any) and timeline extension (if any), for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee. The details are as under:

Table-12: Detail of the project recommended for cost revision

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)	Remarks	Decision of PSC
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Polymetals (Cu-Pb-Zn & Au-Ag) in Amritpur area, Nainital District, Uttarakhand. [26 th TCC-2]	MECL	41 st EC (Sanction order issued on 19.03.25)	10	107.98	76.95	(-) 31.03	Pre-closure recommended due to non-encouraging values from BRS samples	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the pre-closure along with cost revision of 01 mineral exploration project, as mentioned in Table-12.

Agenda 8.13: Approval of timeline extension of ongoing exploration projects:

PSC was apprised that TCC-2 has recommended timeline extension of 09 mineral exploration projects, for approval of PSC. The details of the projects are as under:

Table-13: Details of the projects recommended for timeline extension

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	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Bauxite, Ga, V, Ti & REE in Reldi Moti area Kachchh District, Gujarat [26 th TCC-2]	Critical Mineral Tracker	31.03.26	31.05.26	S.O issued on 10.02.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 09.12.2025	For peer review and submission of report	Approved
2	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Bauxite, Ga, V, Ti & REE in Lakhond area, Kachchh District, Gujarat [26 th TCC-2]	Critical Mineral Tracker	31.03.26	31.05.26	S.O issued on 10.02.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 09.12.2025	For peer review and submission of report	Approved
3	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for mineral-Rock Phosphate in Randha, Jaisalmer district, Rajasthan [26 th TCC-2]	FAGMIL	4.11.25	15.05.26	S.O issued on 13.09.2024 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 12.09.2025	For submission of GR	Approved
4	Reconnaissance survey (G-4) for REE in Jasai-Para area, District: Barmer, Rajasthan [26 th TCC-2]	FAGMIL	22.04.26	31.05.26	S.O issued on 23.6.2025 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 22.04.2026	For submission of GR	Approved
5	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Glauconite, Phosphorite & REE in Ambara-Maru Block,	MECL	31.03.26	30.04.26	S.O issued on 24.02.2025 Original approved Scheduled Date	For submission of GR	Approved

	District- Kachchh, Gujarat. [26th TCC-2]				of Completion was 23.12.2025		
6	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Gold, Base metals and associated minerals in Pidariya - Nawanagar areas (37 sq. km.), Singrauli District, Madhya Pradesh [26th TCC-2]	MTC S	30.04.26	31.12.26	S.O issued on 01.07.2025 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 30.04.2026	Local agitation hinders the work. Time required for geophysical survey, obtaining forest permission and report submission	Approved
7	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Glauconite in Ambara West Area, Kachchh District, Gujarat [27th TCC-2]	MECL	31.03.26	30.4.26	S.O issued on 13.12.2024 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 12.12.2025	For Submission of GR	Approved
8	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone in Ishwariya Block, Gir Somnath District, Gujarat [27th TCC-2]	PRB Infra projects Pvt. Ltd.	30.05.26	30.08.26	S.O issued on 01.07.2025 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 30.05.2026	Completion of drilling	Approved
9	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 Stage) for Limestone in and around Amanganj Gunnor-Pawai Area, Panna District, Madhya Pradesh [27th TCC-2]	Eng eotech Consultant	30.04.26	30.06.26	S.O issued on 01.07.2025 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 30.04.2026	For Submission of GR	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the timeline extension of 09 projects, as mentioned in Table-13.
