

Ministry of Mines
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Minutes of the 3rd Joint Meeting of TCC-I & TCC-II of NMEDT
for allocating 51 Nos. of Blocks to NPEAs and NEAs for upgradation under NMEDT Fund
held on 4th September, 2025

The 3rd Joint meeting of Technical Cum-Cost Committees (both TCC-I & TCC-II) of National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust (NMEDT) was held on 4th September, 2025 through video conferencing to allocate 51 nos. of blocks identified from the legacy reports of state DGMs/DMGs among various exploration agencies for upgradation through NMEDT Fund. The meeting was combinedly chaired by Dr. S. Ravi, Dy. Director General (Dy.DG), Geological Survey of India (GSI) and Chairman, TCC-I and Shri Pradeep Singh, Dy. Director General (Dy.DG), Geological Survey of India (GSI) and Chairman, TCC-II.

The list of participants attended the meeting is given in **Annexure-I**.

Dr. S. Ravi, Chairman, TCC-I extended his warm welcome to all members and appraised them the purpose of the meeting being convened. In his opening remarks, Dr. S. Ravi informed the committee that as many as 51 reports were shortlisted from the legacy reports of various state DGMs/DMGs for upgradation through NMEDT funds. The reports contain only preliminary incidences of mineralization and demands systematic exploration to ascertain their potentiality. He further informed the committee that out of 51 reports (blocks) shortlisted, three blocks are already under exploration by GSI in the ongoing field season and hence need not be allocated to any agency. Also, DGM Nagaland have informed that one shortlisted block will be taken up by them for exploration.

Shri Pradeep Singh, Chairman, TCC-II in his opening remarks recalled the process involved in shortlisting the blocks for upgradation through joint TCC meetings held earlier and requested all the members to freely express their views and observations while deciding the agencies for the upgradation of shortlisted blocks. He further emphasized that the assessment report submitted by the Committee for assessing the capabilities of NPEAs may be considered while choosing the agency. He also stated that consideration may be given to agency/agencies which have not submitted any proposal so far under NMEDT to promote their participation and boost their confidence at the same time with due diligence on their core competency and domain expertise.

Members from both the committees carefully perused the list of the blocks and list of the agencies who had shown interest to carry out exploration. As many as 20 agencies, including GSI and MECL, showed interest in taking up the exploration of the blocks. Some agencies have shown interest in few, and some expressed for multiple numbers

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of blocks. The three blocks which are already under execution by GSI during the current field season and one block marked by DGM, Nagaland for exploration, have been excluded from the list for allocation for upgradation. Thus, only 47 blocks have been considered for allocation among various agencies.

After thorough and extended deliberations on various aspects, members of both the committees unanimously decided to first classify the participating agencies into the basis of following parameters.

- i. Core competency
- ii. Domain expertise
- iii. Past history in carrying out exploration under NMEDT Fund.
- iv. Human resources
- v. Number of projects executed under NMEDT, time adherence and quality of execution
- vi. Skill sets to negotiate with different agencies and knack to negotiate with terrains
- vii. Local ground control and ability to handle socio-economic situation, and
- viii. Number of projects handled in backward and tough areas.

Accordingly, all the 20 agencies which have shown interest on the blocks for upgradation through exploration were categorized under **Category-1**, **Category-2** and **Category-3** and are shown below.

S.No	Category-1	Category-2	Category-3
1	Geological Survey of India	Gemcokati Exploration Private Limited.	APC Drilling & Construction Private Limited.
2	Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL)	Kartikay Exploration & Mining Services Pvt. Ltd.	Eartnenviro Lab Private Limited.
3	Maheshwari Mining Pvt.Ltd.	PRB Infraprojects Pvt.Ltd.	Envirogreen Consultants (India) Private Limited.
4	Geovale Services Pvt Ltd.	Bhushilp Mines and Minerals Pvt Ltd.	Hind Metal India Pvt. Ltd.
5	Geo Marine Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	FCI Aravali Gypsum and Minerals India Ltd.	Novomine India Pvt. Ltd.
6	Critical Mineral Trackers.	---	---
7	NRD-Tata Steel Limited.	---	---
8	Mining Tech Consultancy Services Limited.	---	---
9	United Exploration India Pvt. Ltd.	---	---

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Method of allocation:

- a) Agencies falling under Category-1 are allotted a comparatively higher number of blocks, followed by those in Category-2 and then Category-3
- b) Maximum weightage is considered for the order preference shown by the agency against the block.
- c) When a particular block is shown same order of preference by more than one agencies, the agency with better success rate in the past has been prioritized.
- d) Blocks which are known for complex type of mineralization has been allocated to MECL as it has proved its capacity to handle them.
- e) Blocks which have not been opted by any agency are allocated to GSI for further upgradation.

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The List of blocks allocated to various agencies are given below.

Sl. No	Report No.	Title of the Report	Name of the agency allocated for upgradation
1	RN-23	Report on preliminary investigation for gold in Sonrekh river, Junagadh district, Gujarat.	Geovale Services Pvt Ltd.
2	RN-29	Report on the bauxite deposits in some of the villages of Ahavnagar, Amreli and Junagadh districts, Gujarat.	APC Drilling & Construction Private Limited.
3	RN-50	Report on the Preliminary Mineral Survey of Chhotaudepur and Jabugam Talukas of Baroda District, Gujarat.	FCI Aravali Gypsum And Minerals India Ltd.
4	RN-53	Geological report of preliminary mineral survey of Sabarkantha Kaira forest survey scheme, Gujarat.	Kartikay Exploration & Mining Services Pvt. Ltd.
5	RN-62	A note on the reconnaissance survey carried out in parts of Panchmahals district of Lunawada Taluka, Gujarat.	Geo Marine Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
6	RN-65	Report on the preliminary mineral survey to the North of Palla area, Panchmahals District, Gujarat.	Geo Marine Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
7	RN-70	Report on Bulsar bauxite investigation, Gujarat.	Kartikay Exploration & Mining Services Pvt. Ltd.
8	RN-540	Report on the detailed geological survey for bauxite around Ladvel, Dujever etc. Villages of Kapadwanj Taluka of Kheda district, Gujarat	Geo Marine Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
9	RN-97	Report on detailed investigation of copper mineralisation near Palla village of Devgadh Baria taluka, Panchmahals district, Gujarat.	Critical Mineral Trackers.
10	RN-101	Report on the preliminary mineral survey of the area around Sagtala of Devgadh Baria Taluka, Panchmalals, Gujarat.	Maheshwari Mining Private Limited.
11	RN-112	Report Of Detailed Investigation Of Basemetals around Palia Village, Devgadh Baria, Taluka District –Panchmahals, Gujarat.	Mining Tech Consultancy Services Limited.

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12	RN-272	A Report on the Pre-Detailed Survey for concealed Bauxite and Bentonite in parts Of Prantij and Himatnagar Taluks of Sabarkantha District, Gujarat.	Gemcokati Exploration Private Limited.
13	RN-395	A report on the Preliminary mineral survey around Dev, Jetholi, Pandwa, Jalampura, Ranodra of Kaira and Sabarkantha District.	Mining Tech Consultancy Services Limited.
14	RN-26	Preliminary report on the coal deposits near Thangadh of Chotila taluka Surendranagar, Gujarat.	Geological Survey of India
15	SFA 858	Reconnaissance for economic minerals around villages Pisangan and Govindgarh, Ajmer District, Rajasthan.	Mining Tech Consultancy Services Limited.
16	SFA 977	A preliminary report on occurrences of wolframite in Kun-lasaria area, Tehsil: Dhariawad, District: Udaipur.	Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL)
17	SFA 988	Reconnaissance for Phosphatic nodules and SMS grade limestone near Kanoi and Kesua villages, Jaisalmer District, Rajasthan.	FCI Aravali Gypsum And Minerals India Ltd.
18	SFA 1243	A report on the exploration of Cement grade limestone around Gadola village, Nimbahera Tehsil, Chittorgarh District, Rajasthan.	Bhushilp Mines and Minerals Pvt Ltd.
19	SFA-1392	Prospecting for cement grade limestone around Shambhunath ji ka Kheda, Thakarda etc. Rawatbhata Tehsil, Chittorgarh District, Rajasthan.	United Exploration India Pvt. Ltd.
20	SFA-1723	Report on reconnaissance for search of economic minerals like Tungsten Ore, Soapstone, Limestone, Barites, Calcite etc in Kanor, Bhinder Bari and Sadri Area, Dhariawad Tehsil, Udaipur District, Rajasthan.	Envirogreen Consultants (India) Private Limited.
21	SFA-1768	Regional Mineral Survey for Limestone around Gaj Singh Pura, Basni, Hari Singh Villages, Jodhpur District, Rajasthan.	PRB Infraprojects Private Limited.
22	SFA-2636	Geological Investigation for Basemetal and associated minerals around Lakher, Arniya, Salarwas Villages. Shahpura Tehsil, Amber District, Rajasthan.	Hind Metal India Pvt. Ltd.

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23	RN-55	Aluminous laterite deposits of Paduware Plateau near Baindoor, Coondapur taluk, South Kanara District, Karnataka.	Geological Survey of India
24	RN-62	Vanadium bearing Titaniferous Magnetite Ore of Ubrani Area, Shimoga District, Karnataka.	Geovale Services Pvt Ltd.
25	RN-135	Limestone deposits of Kuligod and Hoshatti Areas, Gokak Taluk, Belgaum District	Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL)
26	RN-191	Aluminous Laterite deposits of Govindagudde and Sedigudde Paateaux Coondapur Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District.	Geological Survey of India
27	RN-353	Cement grade limestone around Anwal village, Badami taluk, Bagalkot district, Karnataka.	Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL)
28	CN-1	Report on Investigation for Graphite around Maguni In Gunupur Sub-Division of Rayagada District, Orissa.	Eartnenviro Lab Private Limited.
29	CN-155	Report on investigation of graphite around Majhiguda, Rayagada district, Orissa.	Maheshwari Mining Private Limited.
30	CN-3	Report on the investigation for graphite around Khilapadar of Koraput district, Orissa.	United Exploration India Pvt. Ltd.
31	CN-69	Report on Tin Ore Investigation in parts of Malkangiri Sub-Division Of Malkangiri District of Orissa.	Critical Mineral Trackers.
32	CN-187	Geological report on Patna-Chinguripal Granted PI area of Idcol in parts of Jajpur District.	NRD-Tata Steel Limited.
33	CN-214	Report on assessment of Bauxite resources In Tikirimali Area of Rayagada District, Orissa.	PRB Infraprojects Private Limited.
34	CN-317	Report on the Investigation for Basemetal around Bhaludungri and Turlangpadar of Kalahandi District, Orissa.	Maheshwari Mining Private Limited.
35	CN-331	Progress report on Exploration for Primary Source of Diamond in Nangalbor-Kathiwadi Area of Sinapali Block in Nuapada District, Orissa.	Geological Survey of India
36	CN-375	Report on investigation for limestone and dolomite in Binsull-Gupteswar-Dumajorhi in parts of Koraput district.	Geological Survey of India

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37	CN-445	Report on preliminary investigation for bauxite around Gopalpur village of Kalahandi district, Odisha.	Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL)
38	CN-446	Report on Geophysical Investigation around Kardapal of Dhenkanal District with special emphasis on Chromite Mineralisation.	NRD-Tata Steel Limited.
39	CN-456	Report on Investigation for Bauxite Prospects around Mundajhola and Kuntesh Area in Dasamantpur Block, Koraput District, Odisha.	Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL)
40	CN-492	Report on Investigation for Bauxite around Porhapadar, Puling and Jubang Areas in Rayagada and Kalahandi districts, Odisha.	United Exploration India Pvt. Ltd.
41	CO-1	Progress report on the Investigation for Base metals around Sisakhal in Kalahandi District, Orissa.	Novomine India Private Limited.
42	CO-1	Report on Investigations for Basemetals around Kermali, Kendumunda Etc.in Padmapur -Sub-Division, Sambalpur District.	Novomine India Private Limited.
43	CO-7	Report on the investigation of Korukonda bauxite deposits, Odisha.	FCI Aravali Gypsum And Minerals India Ltd.
44	CO-33	Report on the investigation of limestone deposits around Bisuli and Parsaguda area, Koraput Distict, Odisha.	Geological Survey of India
45	CO-45	Report on the investigation of limestone around Dumajodi Kondajodi in Koraput district, Odisha.	Eartnenviro Lab Private Limited.
46	Report No 167	Report on the limestone deposits of part of Shumnag block (Deckchur ridge) Trehgam Kupwara, Kashmir.	Critical Mineral Trackers.
47	NA	Characterization of Gold Bearing Rock and Soil Samples from Purulia, West Bengal.	Geovale Services Pvt Ltd.

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Agency wise number of blocks allocated is shown below.

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1	Geological survey of India	6
2	Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL)	5
3	Maheshwari Mining Private Limited.	3
4	NRD-Tata Steel Limited.	2
5	APC Drilling & Construction Private Limited.	1
6	Bhushilp Mines and Minerals Pvt Ltd.	1
7	Critical Mineral Trackers.	3
8	Eartnenviro Lab Private Limited.	2
9	FCI Aravali Gypsum and Minerals India Ltd.	3
10	Envirogreen Consultants (India) Private Limited.	1
11	Gemcokati Exploration Private Limited.	1
12	Geo Marine Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	3
13	Geovale Services Pvt Ltd.	3
14	Hind Metal India Pvt. Ltd.	1
15	Kartikay Exploration & Mining Services Pvt. Ltd.	2
16	Mining Tech Consultancy Services Limited.	3
17	Novomine India Private Limited.	2
18	PRB Infraprojects Private Limited.	2
19	United Exploration India Pvt. Ltd.	3

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Annexure 1

**3rd Joint meeting of TCC-I & TCC-II for allocation of 51, State DGMs/ DMGs Reports held
on 4th September 2025 through video conferencing mode**

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