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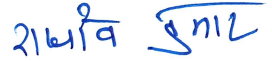
dated: 11.06.2026

Subject: Circulation of minutes of 9th meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee of National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust (NMEDT)-reg

Please find enclosed herewith the minutes of the 9th meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee of NMEDT held on 3rd June 2026 for your kind perusal.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,



(Rajiv Kumar)

Joint Director (Admin. & Legal)

To all attendees of PSC Meeting,

1. Shri Anshoo Pandey, Director, NCMM, Ministry of Mines, GPOA3, Zone-3, 4 th Floor, Netaji Nagar, New Delhi
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 S. P. Kaddu, Dy. Director, DGM Maharashtra, Govt. of Maharashtra
11. Smt. Deepa, Joint 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
13. Dr. Pankaj Satija, NTH Complex, 4th Floor, A-2 Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi.
14. Dr. P Krishnamurthy (Technical Expert, PSC), Flat No. 103, A Block, IGV Apts., Ideal Homes Township, RR Nagar, Bengaluru.
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33. MMPL Pvt. Ltd., 21, CLM Lane, Raniganj, Dist: Burdwan, West Bengal, India
34. Critical Mineral Trackers, E3, 3rd Floor, Technology Research Park, Indian Institute of Technology, IITH Road, near National Highway 65, Hyderabad, Kandi, Telangana-502285
35. APC Drilling Construction & Pvt. Ltd., 153, C-7, 3rd Floor, R.Gopal Complex, Salem Road, Namakkal, Tamil Nadu
36. Ocean Drilling and Exploration Pvt. Ltd., 24 A, Shanti Nagar, BaniVihar, Near Diamond Residency, Jothwara, Jaipur

37. PRB Infra Pvt. Ltd., S-3, 2nd Floor, Ratan Height, Medical Square, Nagpur, Maharashtra, India
38. GMMCO Technology Services Ltd., No. 9/1, R.N. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata, West Bengal
39. Geo Marine Solutions Pvt. Ltd., 11, 7th Cross St, Kannappa Nagar Extension, Kannappa Nagar, Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
40. GeoExpOre Pvt. Ltd., 45, 2nd A Main Rd, Basaveshawara HBCS Layout 2nd Stage, Chandra Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka
41. Geo Exploration and Mining Solutions, 17, Advaita Ashram Rd, Arthanari Nagar, Fairlands, Salem, Tamil Nadu.
42. Mining Tech Consultancy Services, Commerce House 6, Corporate Rd, off Sarkhej - Gandhinagar Highway, next to S & P Global House, Prahlad Nagar, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
43. Engeotech Consultant, Tower, NH-53, Opp. Toyota Showroom, 2nd Floor, Service Road, Bareipali, Sambalpur, Odisha-768006
44. Enkay Enviro Services Pvt. Ltd, 92, Heera Nagar-A, Near Shalimar Bagh, Ajmer Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan
45. Unised Research Consultants Private Limited, L.I.G, 152 Sector-B, New Vistar Yojana Jarouli Phase-II Barra, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, India
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47. JEMCL, JSFC Building, 4th Floor, Near Kadru Petrol Pump, Kadru Main Road, Ranchi, Jharkhand
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49. Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 34, Postal Colony, Bapat Nagar, Chandrapur, Maharashtra
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Ministry of Mines
National Mineral Exploration & Development Trust
Minutes of the 9th Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) meeting, NMEDT
held on 03.06.2026 at 11:00 AM

The 9th meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) was held under Chairmanship of Shri Pankaj Garg, Director General, NMEDT on 3.06.2026 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 94th, 95th, 96th and 97th meetings of TCC-1 and 28th and 29th meetings of TCC-2 were placed before the Committee for consideration and decision.

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

Agenda 9.1: Approval of new exploration project proposals recommended by the Technical-cum-Cost Committee-1 (TCC-1)

TCC-1 has recommended following 13 mineral exploration projects proposal with an estimated cost of Rs. 1476.46 lakhs for approval of PSC.

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

								<i>Amount in Rs. Lakh</i>
Sl. No.	Project/Block Name	Area (in km ²)	Agency	Commodity	Stage	Duration (months)	Cost	Comments of PSC
1	Reconnaissance Survey(G4) For REE& RM mineralization in Variya-Bhakri Kheda Block, Balotra District, Rajasthan [95th TCC-1]	20.7	M/s Enkay Enviro Services Pvt. Ltd.	REE & RM	G4	6	149.53	Deferred The TCC recommended the project for consideration of PSC. Before the project could be taken up by PSC, GSI, WR informed that the block has overlap with the proposed Taapra Keetpala EL block. GSI informed that since EL blocks are proposed on the basis of baseline survey data, the proposed EL block may be dropped and mineral exploration in the block can be taken up. PSC instructed that the block may be reviewed in the upcoming TCC taking into consideration the updated comments from GSI, WR.
2	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Graphite in Majhiguda Area, Rayagada District, Odisha [95th TCC-1]	127.11	M/s MMPL Private Limited	Graphite	G4	10	166.02	Approved

3	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Aluminous Laterites, Bauxite and associated critical minerals, Sukhpur Block, District: Deva Bhumi Dwarka, State: Gujarat [95th TCC-1]	10.70	M/s. APC Drilling & Construction Private Limited	Aluminous Laterites, Bauxite and associated critical minerals	G3	08	113.34	<p>Approved</p> <p>PSC enquired whether the proposed exploration project would be technically feasible, considering the fact that the reported Al₂O₃ values range from 16.45% to 25.29%, which do not appear to be sufficiently promising for aluminous laterite/bauxite mineralization.</p> <p>The Chairman, TCC-1, informed that the block was previously explored during 1972–76. The occurrences of aluminous laterite and bauxite within the block are patchy in nature; therefore, exploration of the adjoining areas may be undertaken to assess and establish the broader potential of these mineral deposits along with associated critical minerals. The PSC was further apprised that the block covers a relatively small area of 10.70 sq. km. Accordingly, limited drilling with close-spaced sampling was recommended to evaluate the mineral potential, enabling the block to be considered directly for auction if the exploration results are found to be encouraging.</p>
4	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Balej Block, District:	2.60	M/s. APC Drilling & Construction	Limestone	G3	06	60.46	<p>Approved</p>

	Porbandar, State: Gujarat [95th TCC-1]		Private Limited					
5	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone in Mander Block, District: Porbandar, State: Gujarat [95th TCC-1]	9.39	M/s. APC Drilling & Construction Private Limited	Limestone	G3	10	123.06	Approved
6	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Manganese and associated minerals in Dulhapur Block, Districts: Balaghat & Seoni State: Madhya Pradesh [95th TCC-1]	3.00	M/s. APC Drilling & Construction Private Limited	Manganese	G3	10	176.14	Approved
7	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Glauconitic Sandstone in Kelhura Block (56.88 sq. km), District: Satna, Madhya Pradesh [96th TCC-1]	56.88	MECL	Glauconitic Sandstone (Potash)	G4	10	152.01	Approved

8	<p>Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone in Patharia Block, Districts: Sagar and Damoh, Madhya Pradesh</p> <p>[96th TCC-1]</p>	15.2	M/s Unised Research Consultants Private Limited	Limestone	G3	10	132.35	<p>Approved</p> <p>PSC pointed out that GSI, in its comments, had observed that the limestone occurring in the area does not meet the specifications prescribed under IBM (2019) or MoM (2018) for cement-grade limestone.</p> <p>In response, the Chairman, TCC-1, apprised the Committee that the agency had collected a limited number of samples, with CaO values ranging from 22% to 50%, indicating the presence of both low-grade and high-grade limestone horizons. Accordingly, a G4-level exploration proposal has been recommended to identify and delineate areas with potential for high-grade limestone mineralization.</p> <p><i>The PSC further instructed TCC that, in cases where the Committee differs from or overrules the comments of GSI or any other agency on any project proposal, the rationale and technical justification for such a decision should be clearly documented in the minutes of the TCC meeting.</i></p>
9	<p>Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE & RM mineralization in Paladugu Area,</p>	100	M/s GMMCO Technology Services Ltd.	REE & RM	G4	10	112.76	<p>Approved</p>

	Khammam District, Telangana [96th TCC-1]							
10	Reconnaissance Survey for REE & RM mineralization in Seetharampuram area, Badradi Kothagudem District, Telangana [96th TCC-1]	84	M/s GMMCO Technology Services Ltd.	REE & RM	G4	10	105.32	Approved
11	Preliminary Exploration (G3) of Bauxite in Dakor Block (2.10 Sq. Km.), District: Kheda, Gujarat [96th TCC-1]	2.10	M/s GEMS Project Pvt. Ltd.	Bauxite	G3	08	72.94	Approved
12	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Bauxite and Associated Minerals in Mirapur area, District: Kheda, Gujarat [96th TCC-1]	15.85	M/s GEMS Project Pvt. Ltd.	Bauxite and associated minerals	G4	06	61.81	Approved

13	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Bauxite and Associated Minerals in Talpoda area, District – Kheda, Gujarat	10.10	M/s GEMS Project Pvt. Ltd.	Bauxite and associated minerals	G4	06	50.72	Approved	
	[96th TCC-1]								
							Total	1326.93	

Dr. Pankaj Satija, Technical Expert observed that a majority of the projects experience delays due to the time required for obtaining forest clearances. Accordingly, he suggested that the extent of forest cover within each project area be specifically recorded in the TCC minutes, enabling a more realistic assessment and estimation of project timelines.

Decision of PSC: PSC approved 12 exploration projects, as mentioned against the respective NEAs/NPEAs in Table-1, with a total cost of Rs. 1326.93 lakh and deferred 01 project at Sl. No. 1.

Agenda 9.2: Approval of exploration projects of GSI recommended by TCC-1

PSC was apprised that the Ministry of Mines has decided that NMEDT will provide financial assistance for exploration projects undertaken by GSI, and accordingly, guidelines have been formulated for the purpose. As per the guidelines, projects approved during the CGPB meetings will be considered for funding. Since AMD, MECL, and the State DGMs are members of CGPB, such projects will not be circulated to them for comments and will instead be directly placed before the Technical-cum-Cost Committee (TCC) for evaluation and recommendations. The PSC was further informed that only outsourced components of the projects, such as drilling, surveys, and other similar activities, will be eligible for funding under the scheme.

Table-2: Details of exploration projects of GSI recommended by TCC-1							
<i>Amount in Rs. Lakh</i>							
Sl. No.	Project/Block Name	Region	Commodity	Stage	Date of completion	Cost	Comments of PSC
1	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Potash in Kandhwala- Ramsara Block, Fazilka District, Punjab [94th TCC-1]	NR	Potash	G3	31.03.2027	384.68	Approved
2	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) For Potash and Halite Minerals in Kera Khera Block, Fazilka District, Punjab [94th TCC-1]	NR	Potash	G4	31.03.2027	384.68	Approved
3	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Potash and Halite minerals in Saiyadwala Block, Fazilka District, Punjab [94th TCC-1]	NR	Potash	G4	31.03.2027	384.68	Approved
4	General Exploration (G-2) For REE and Associated Mineralization in the East of Gugrot Block, Balotra District, Rajasthan [94th TCC-1]	WR	REE and associated minerals	G2	31.03.2027	649.00	Approved
5	Preliminary (G-3) Exploration for REE and Associated Mineralisation in The East of Thapan Block, Balotra District, Rajasthan [94th TCC-1]	WR	REE and associated minerals	G3	31.03.2027	625.38	Approved

6	Preliminary Exploration (G3) For REE and Associated Mineralisation in Muthli Block, Balotra District, Rajasthan [94th TCC-1]	WR	REE and associated minerals	G3	31.03.2027	696.67	Approved
7	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) For REE and Associated Mineralisation in Northeast of Muthli Block, Balotra District, Rajasthan [94th TCC-1]	WR	REE and associated minerals	G3	31.03.2027	343.55	Approved
8	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) For REE and Associated Mineralisation in The North of Muthli Block, Balotra District, Rajasthan [94th TCC-1]	WR	REE and associated minerals	G3	31.03.2027	516.14	Approved
9	General Exploration (G2) For Gold and Associated Mineralization in Amrapur West Block, Hungund-Kushtagi Schist Belt, Eastern Dharwar Craton, Koppal District, Karnataka [94th TCC-1]	SR	Gold and Associated Mineralization	G2	31.03.2027	413.00	Approved
10	Preliminary Exploration (G3) For REE and Associated Mineralization in Carbonatite-Phoscorite in Chintalacheruvu Block, Palnadu District, Andhra Pradesh [94th TCC-1]	SR	REE and associated minerals	G3	31.03.2027	319.52	Approved
11	Preliminary Exploration (G3) For Tungsten and Associated Mineralization in Ghattihosahalli Area, Chitradurga District, Karnataka [94th TCC-1]	SR	Tungsten and Associated Mineralization	G3	31.03.2027	118.00	Approved
12	General Exploration (G2) For Molybdenum and Associated Mineralization in Marudipatti South Block, Harur-Uttangarai Molybdenum Belt, Dharmapuri District, Tamil Nadu (G2), T.S. 57 L/8 [94th TCC-1]	SR	Molybdenum and Associated Mineralization	G2	31.03.2027	266.38	Approved

13	Preliminary Exploration for Coal in Dahegaon Sector, Wardha Valley Coalfield, Yavatmal District, Maharashtra [94 th TCC-1]	CR	Coal	G3	31.03.2027	225.85	Approved
14	Preliminary Exploration (G3) For Coal in Deshwari Sector, Kanhan Valley Coalfield, Chhindwara District, Madhya Pradesh [94 th TCC-1]	CR	Coal	G3	31.03.2027	244.67	Approved
15	Reconnaissance Survey for Coal in Tohogaon Area, Wardha Valley Coalfield, Chandrapur District, Maharashtra [94 th TCC-1]	CR	Coal	G4	31.03.2027	169.39	Approved
16	Preliminary (G-3) Exploration for Graphite in Dalipadar Block, Nayagarh District, Odisha [94 th TCC-1]	ER	Graphite	G3	31.03.2027	150.63	Approved
17	Preliminary Exploration for Nickel and Associated Metals to The South of Kansa Village, Sukinda Ultramafic Complex of Jajpur District, Odisha (G3) [94 th TCC-1]	ER	Nickel and Associated Metals	G3	31.03.2027	245.06	Approved
18	Preliminary Exploration for Graphite and Vanadium in Charwadih Block, Palamu and Latehar Districts, Jharkhand (G3 Stage) [94 th TCC-1]	ER	Graphite and Vanadium	G3	31.03.2027	104.94	Approved
					Total	6242.22	

Discussions: B. P. Raturi, Technical Expert pointed out that, as per the proposed timeline, drilling activities under the project are scheduled to be carried out during the period from June to November. He observed that the active monsoon season during this period may adversely affect field operations and result in delays in project execution. In response, GSI informed the Committee that the project would be implemented as per the proposed schedule and will be completed by 31.03.2027.

PSC sought clarification on the rationale for providing financial assistance to GSI for coal exploration projects and observed that NMEDT already extends funding support to the Ministry

of Coal every year under promotional activities for exploration of coal and lignite. In response, GSI informed that it provides policy-level advice to the Ministry of Coal and is also responsible for maintaining the national inventory of coal resources. Further, the exploration framework and codes relating to coal are deliberated and developed by GSI in consultation with other stakeholders under CGPB Committee-V. GSI also clarified that it undertakes coal exploration only up to the G3 stage, whereas detailed exploration at the G2 stage is carried out by Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited.

Decision of PSC: PSC approved 18 exploration projects of GSI, as mentioned in Table-2, with a total cost of Rs. 6242.22 lakh.

Agenda 9.3: Approval for procurement of machinery/equipment/software by DMM, West Bengal from NMEDT Fund for enhancement of exploration activities

PSC was apprised that the Directorate of Mines and Minerals (DMM), West Bengal had procured ArcGIS software (ArcMap version) under NMEDT funding in 2024 for undertaking GIS-based activities, including preparation and scrutiny of geological maps, District Survey Reports (DSRs), and development of a State-wide Minor Mineral Data Repository. PSC was further apprised that the currently available 2D ArcMap version has become obsolete, and support and updates for the software have been discontinued by ESRI with effect from 1st March 2026. It was further informed that ESRI now provides support and updates only for the ArcGIS Pro platform.

Accordingly, DMM, West Bengal has submitted a proposal for upgradation of the existing software license to ArcGIS Pro, along with the Spatial Analyst, 3D Analyst, and ArcGIS Online extensions. The proposed upgrade is intended to strengthen the agency's capabilities in advanced mineral exploration and geospatial analysis, including terrain analysis, mineral prospectivity mapping, 3D geological modelling, preparation of geological cross-sections, and volumetric estimation of mineral resources. The details of the software proposed to be upgraded by DMM, West Bengal are provided in Table-3.

Table-3: Details of the software proposed to be upgraded by DMM, WB			
Sl. No.	Product Name	Qty	Approximate Price (with GST)
1	UOL Upgrade to Indo ArcGIS Desktop Standard	1	₹6,94,167
2	Indo ArcGIS Pro Extension – SA	1	₹4,35,000
3	Indo ArcGIS Pro Extension – 3D	1	₹4,35,000
4	ArcGIS Online Creator User Type Annual Subscription	3	₹5,98,260
Total			₹21,62,427

Discussion: Dr. Pankaj Satija, Technical Expert suggested that, whenever such proposals are submitted, the expected outputs and scope of work should be quantified in measurable terms. This would enable a more objective assessment of the proposal and facilitate evaluation of the benefits and outcomes envisaged from the proposed procurement

DMM, West Bengal agreed to the suggestion.

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the procurement proposal of DMM, West Bengal for upgradation of software, as per table-3.

Agenda 9.4: Approval of cost revision of the project entitled “Establishing Advanced Geophysical Laboratory at Geological Survey of India Training Institute (GSITI)”

PSC was apprised that the proposal for Establishing Advanced Geophysical Laboratory at GSITI was approved by Chairman, EC followed by ratification in 43rd EC meeting of NMEDT held on 14.08.25. The approved cost of the project was Rs. 3.53 crore with a timeline of 12 month. The details of approved components for Advanced Geophysical Laboratory at GSITI is given below in Table-4:

Sl. No.	Components	Estimated Cost (INR) (including GST)
1.	Computer systems (25 No.)	Rs. 92,12,496
2.	One Work station and UPS	Rs. 6,51,569
3.	INTREPID and GEOMODELLER software (25 licenses) including training for 2 years	Rs. 2,42,49,000
4.	86 inch Digital display (1 No.)	Rs. 2,45,000
5.	Infrastructure	Rs. 9,44,150
	Total	Rs. 3,53,02,215/-

GSITI informed the committee that during the procurement and execution phases, additional functional requirements, infrastructural changes, and market-driven cost escalations were identified. Consequently, certain modifications to the originally approved proposal and inclusion of additional components became necessary to ensure that the laboratory fully meets its functional, operational, and training objective. Accordingly, GSITI has requested for approval in the specification of earlier approved items, cost enhancement and procurement of additional items, as mentioned in table-5.

(in Rs. including 18% GST)

Table-5: Details of items with modified specifications, revised cost and additional components						
Sl. No.	Item	Earlier approved cost	Procurement Status	Escalation in Price	Final estimated cost	Remarks
1.	Computer systems (25 No.)	92,12,496/-	L1 price quoted is 1,47,93,464/- Financial sanction obtained from DG, GSI.	55,80,968/-	1,47,93,464/-	The projection price of Rs.92,12,496 was made in February, 2025 and since then due to Rising Component Costs, Global Supply Chain Constraints, Currency Exchange Volatility, Higher Logistics and Import Expenses, OEM and Vendor Price Revisions
2.	One Work station and UPS	6,51,569	6,21,864	-	6,21,864	Procured
3.	INTREPID and GEOMODELLER software (25 licences)	2,42,49,000	2,42,49,000	-	2,42,49,000	Procured
4.	86 inch Digital display (1 No.)	2,45,000	Upgraded to 110 inch display along with Stand Estimated price 10,23,960	7,78,960	10,23,960	Dimension of the hall has increased from 29 × 19 feet to 49x19
5.	Infrastructure	9,44,150	9,25,052.62	-	9,25,053	Procured
Additional Components						
6.	PTZ Camera-Based Audio-Visual Communication System	-	PTZ camera (2Nos.)- 3,51,640 Goose Neck Microphone (2Nos.)- 75,520 Microphone cum Speaker(02 Nos)- 1,43,435. Need Financial sanction from	-	5,70,595	To support hybrid training programmes, online lectures, live streaming, recording of technical sessions, and interactive demonstrations

			NMEDT for 5,70,595			
7.	LAN Switches with Cabinet and Router	-	Need Financial sanction from NMEDT for Rs.28,100/-	-	28,100	to ensure secure, reliable, and high-speed connectivity
Escalated Price				63,59,928	4,22,12,036	

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the following, as per table no. 5.

- i. Procurement of additional item/components as mentioned in Sl. No. 6 and 7 (Table No.-5)
- ii. Revised cost for the project from Rs. 3,53,02,215/- to Rs. 4,22,12,036/-.

Agenda 9.5: Approval of cost revision of ongoing exploration projects with timeline extension (if any), recommended by TCC-1

TCC-1 has recommended cost revision with timeline extension (if any) of following 04 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)	Time line extension	Remarks	Comments of PSC
1	Preliminary exploration (G3) for rare earth elements and associated mineralization in North of Kuship Block, Balotra District, Rajasthan. [95 th TCC-1]	M/s Ocean Drilling and Exploration Private Limited	682.36	684.80	2.44	-	During initial approval, analysis of trench samples were included while trenching component was not included. TCC has included the trenching of 50 cu. m. in the cost sheet.	Approved
2	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE & RM (Sc, Nb) mineralisation in Samalpatti, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu. [95 th TCC-1]	KIOCL	134.16	61.56	(-) 72.6	04.05.26	Cost revised due to reduction in drilling target from 500m to 140m and related activities. Timeline extension	Approved with Timeline extension upto 15.5.2026 (KIOCL informed)

							required for submission of GR. (GR submitted by the agency)	that report was submitted on 7.5.2026 and timeline may be extended suitably)
3	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Aluminous Laterite, Vanadium and Associated Minerals (V, Ga & REE) in Kallar Block, Kasaragod District, Kerala [96 th TCC-1]	MECL	122.72	115.13	(-) 7.59	31.0 8.26	Cost revised as outsourced drilling has been considered instead of in-house drilling. Timeline extension required to complete the work and submission of GR.	Approved
4	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Aluminous Laterite, Vanadium and Associated Minerals in Kolathur Block, Kasaragod District, Kerala [96 th TCC-1]	MECL	180.99	177.10	(-) 3.89	31.0 8.26	Cost revised as outsourced drilling has been considered instead of in-house drilling. Timeline extension required to complete the work and submission of GR.	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the cost revision of exploration projects along with timeline extension, as per table-6.

Agenda 9.6: Approval of pre-closure of ongoing exploration projects along with timeline extension (if any) and cost revision (if any)

TCC-1 has recommended of pre-closure of 04 ongoing exploration projects along with timeline extension (if any) and cost revision (if any) for approval of PSC:

Table-7: Details of projects recommended by TCC for pre-closure of ongoing exploration project along with timeline extension (if any) and cost revision (if any)										
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	Comments of PSC
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Manganese around Kandhal area of Rairakhol Tahasil of Sambalpur District, Odisha [96th TCC-1]	DMG Odisha	38 th EC (SO issued on 13.12.2024)	10	73.94	30.08	(-) 43.86	-	Forest Dept. informed that an elephant corridor is passing through the area and drilling activities may lead to ecological disturbance. Cost revised due to drop of drilling target.	Approved
2	Keluamali, District-Kalahandi, Odisha (Bauxite, G3) [96th TCC-1]	OMC	11 th EC (SO issued on 12.2.19)	12-14	339.05	-	-	30.6.26	Pre-closure is required due to local agitation. Timeline extension is required for submission of GR	Approved
3	Majhingamali, District-Raygada & Kalahandi, Odisha (Bauxite, G3) [96th TCC-1]	OMC	11 th EC (SO issued on 12.2.19)	10-12	187.93	-	-	30.6.26	Pre-closure is required due to local agitation. Timeline extension is required for submission of GR	Approved
4	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Ni, Co, PGE and	Geoexpore Pvt. Ltd.	29 th EC (SO issued on	10	0.83	-	-	30.6.26	Pre-closure is required due	Approved

REE/Associated Minerals in JC Pura Mafic-Ultramafic Schist Belt Near Rampura and Gollarahatti (RG) Block, Hassan District, Karnataka [96 th TCC-1]	17.4.23)						to local agitation Timeline extension is required for submission of GR.
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Decision of PSC: PSC approved the pre-closure of ongoing projects along with timeline extension and cost revision, as mentioned in table-7.

Agenda 9.7: Approval of timeline extension of ongoing exploration projects, recommended by TCC-1

TCC-1 has recommended timeline extension of following 22 mineral exploration project, for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee for approval of PSC.

Table-8: Details of projects recommended by TCC for timeline extension							
S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Schedule d date of c ompletion	Required timeline (up to)	Sanction Order and originally approved timeline details	Remarks	Comments of PSC
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for graphite in Khairmal Block (83.34 sq. Km) in Bolangiri district of Odisha [94 th TCC-1]	OMC	31.3.26	30.6.2026	S.O issued on 13.12.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 12.10.25	Completion of work and submission of GR	Approved
2	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for graphite in Dhourakhaman Block (60 sq. Km) in Bolangiri district of Odisha [94 th TCC-1]	OMC	31.3.26	30.6.2026	S.O issued on 13.12.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 12.10.25	Completion of work and submission of GR	Approved
3	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE mineralization in Maravapaliyam Block, Tiruppur District, Tamil Nadu [95 th TCC-1]	MECL	21.04.26	21.07.26	S.O issued on 22.10.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 21.10.25	To complete the work and submission of GR. (Drilling not initiated due to local agitation)	Approved
4	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Bauxite, Titanium, and Associated Minerals	JEMCL	28.02.26	15.07.26	S.O issued on 28.10.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of	For submission of GR (Delay was mainly due to	Approved

	Harhapat block, Gumla, Jharkhand [95th TCC-1]				Completion was 27.08.25	<i>objections from local villagers and landowners during installation and inter site mobilisation of drilling rigs)</i>	
5	Deep Seismic Reflection Survey (DSRS) & Magnetotelluric (MT) Survey along Churu (Rajasthan) to Tikamgarh (Madhya Pradesh), Northern Transect under the project UNCOVER India [96th TCC-1]	GSI- NGRI	28.12.26	31.03.2 8	S.O issued on 29.12.23 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 28.12.26	For completion of project and submission of GR (<i>Extension is required for retendering, award of work and completion of DSRS work including interpretation, integration and submission of report</i>)	Approved
6	Financial assistance from NMEDT funds to procure machinery/ laboratory equipment/instrument s etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities [96th TCC-1]	DMG Karnatak a	30.04.26	31.01.2 7	S.O issued on 24.03.23 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 23.03.24	To complete the procurement of WD-XRF and Rock cutting polishing and mounting unit.	Approved
7	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 stage) for Graphite and Vanadium in Matena- Sisar Area, Almora District, Uttarakhand [96th TCC-1]	M/s Geovale Services Pvt. Ltd.	9.07.25	30.06.2 6	S.O issued on 21.08.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 20.08.25	For submission of GR	Approved
8	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 stage) for Basemetal in Thal- Didihat-Askot area, Pithoragarh District, Uttarakhand [96th TCC-1]	M/s Geovale Services Pvt. Ltd.	31.05.26	31.08.2 6	S.O issued on 21.08.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 20.08.25	For completion of drilling, chemical analysis and GR submission (<i>Drilling delayed due to rugged terrain</i>)	Approved

9	Preliminary Exploration for Limestone in Indroi-Mandor block, Gir Somnath District, Gujarat [96th TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	25.02.26	31.07.26	S.O issued on 26.06.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 25.02.26	For completion of work and submission of GR	Approved
10	Preliminary Exploration for Limestone in Harnasa-Umbri block, Gir Somnath District, Gujarat [96th TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	25.02.26	31.07.26	S.O issued on 26.06.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 25.02.26	For completion of work and submission of GR	Approved
11	Preliminary Exploration for Limestone in Govindpara-Savni Block, Gir Somnath District, Gujarat [96th TCC-1]	CGM Gujarat	25.12.25	31.07.26	S.O issued on 26.06.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 25.12.25	For completion of work and submission of GR	Approved
12	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Iron Ore in Nawagarh-Nelsod-Antagarh area, District Uttar Bastar Kanker, Chhattisgarh [97th TCC-1]	PRB Infraprojects Pvt. Ltd.	31.05.26	31.08.2026	S.O issued on 3.3.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 2.1.26	For GR submission	Approved
13	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Bauxite and associated minerals in Julrai Block, District-Kachchh, Gujarat [97th TCC-1]	MECL	4.5.26	31.05.2026	S.O issued on 5.3.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 4.5.26	For GR submission	Approved
14	Preliminary Exploration of Iron ore and associated minerals in Bamuri Area, Sidhi MP [97th TCC-1]	MMPL Pvt. Ltd.	15.6.26	30.09.2026	S.O issued on 6.1.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 5.2.26	For GR submission	Approved
15	Reconnaissance Survey for Graphite in Dumburuneli Area, Rayagada, Odisha [97th TCC-1]	MMPL Pvt. Ltd.	31.05.26	31.07.2026	S.O issued on 10.2.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 9.12.25	For submission of GR	Approved
16	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Nickel, Chromium & Rare Metals in Vemula Block, YSR (Kadapa)	MTCS	30.06.26	31.08.2026	S.O issued on 1.7.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of	For submission of GR	Approved

	District, Andhra Pradesh [97th TCC-1]				Completion was 30.6.26		
17	Reconnaissance Survey (G4 Stage) for Iron ore in Yaparlapadu - Dhone Area, Kurnool & Nandyal Districts, Andhra Pradesh [97th TCC-1]	Critical Mineral Trackers	30.04.26	31.08.2026	S.O issued on 1.7.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 30.4.26	For submission of GR	Approved
18	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Manganese in Rongha block, Bhandara District, Maharashtra [97th TCC-1]	DGM Maharashtra	30.09.25	30.06.2026	S.O issued on 27.7.22 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 26.10.23	For submission of GR	Approved
19	Preliminary exploration for Limestone in Savalhira block (4.04 sq. km), Chandrapur District, Maharashtra. [97th TCC-1]	DGM Maharashtra	30.09.25	30.06.2026	S.O issued on 27.7.22 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 26.10.23	For submission of GR	Approved
20	Undertaking geochemical analysis of mine samples of Siwana Ring Complex, Rajasthan by IBM through NMEDT fund. [97th TCC-1]	IBM	29.06.26	31.07.2026	S.O issued on 30.3.26 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 29.6.26	For completion of project & submission of GR	Approved
21	Preliminary Exploration (G-3 Stage) for limestone in Chokkanathapuram Block, Ariyalur and Perambalur Districts, Tamil Nadu [97th TCC-1]	Geo Exploration and Mining Solutions	30.04.26	15.06.2026	S.O issued on 10.2.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 9.12.25	For submission of GR	Approved
22	Preliminary exploration (G3 stage) for limestone in Kulumur Block, Ariyalur and Perambalur Districts, Tamil Nadu [97th TCC-1]	Geo Exploration and Mining Solutions	30.04.26	15.06.2026	S.O issued on 10.2.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 9.12.25	For submission of GR	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the timeline extension of the projects, as mentioned in table-8.

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

Agenda 9.8: Approval of new exploration project proposals recommended by the Technical-cum-Cost Committee-2 (TCC-2)

TCC-2 has recommended following 06 mineral exploration project proposals with estimated cost of Rs. 1154.86 crore for approval of PSC.

Table-9: Details of new mineral exploration projects recommended by TCC								
							<i>Amount in Rs. Lakh</i>	
Sl. No.	Project/Block Name	Area (in km²)	Agency	Commodity	Stage	Duration (months)	Cost	Comments of PSC
1	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Graphite, Base metals and Associated minerals in areas between Limber and Pahlipora villages, Baramulla district, Jammu and Kashmir [28th TCC-2]	3.10	M/S Geo Marine Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	Graphite, Base metals and Associated minerals	G3	15	410.49	Deferred PSC observed that the TCC, during its meeting, has suggested for the ground check by the agency by visiting the field area in consultation with the state DGM since the proposed block may be tentative on map and modify the block area as per the exploration and mining norms and requirement of eco-sensitive zones. In view of the above, the PSC deferred the proposal and directed that the block be re-evaluated.
2	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Bauxite and Associated Minerals, Lalpursani Block, District: Dindori, Madhya Pradesh [28th TCC-2]	4	M/s S and S Geological Consultants	Bauxite and Associated Minerals	G3	7	95.22	Approved
3	Reconnaissance survey for Bauxite & associated critical minerals in	68	M/s Gemcokati Exploration	Bauxite and associated	G4	10	98.25	Approved

	Khedawada area in parts of Sabarkantha District, Gujarat [29 th TCC-2]		Private Limited	critical minerals				
4	Preliminary exploration for Graphite & associated mineralisation in Maramjhiri-Gauthana Block, Betul District, Madhya Pradesh [29 th TCC-2]	0.5	M/s Vardan Environet LLP	Graphite and associated minerals	G3	12	364.36	Not Approved PSC did not approve the project, considering the limited extent of the block area. The Committee observed that the small size of the block may pose challenges in conducting a viable auction and subsequent mining operations. Accordingly, PSC instructed that similar proposals involving very small block area should not be considered in future.
5	Preliminary exploration (G-3 stage) For Bauxite and Associated Minerals in Kalar Vandh Area, Kachchh district, Gujarat. [29 th TCC-2]	1.66	M/s Vardan Environet LLP	Bauxite and associated minerals	G3	12	83.44	Approved subjected to rectification of cost
6	Reconnaissance survey for Bauxite and associated Critical minerals in Kapadvanj block, Kheda District, Gujarat [29 th TCC-2]	47.5	M/s Geo Marine Solution Private Limited	Bauxite and associated critical minerals	G4	10	403.10	Approved subjected to rectification of cost
Total Cost (A)							193.47	

Decision of PSC: PSC approved 04 exploration projects and deferred 01 exploration project, as mentioned in table-9. PSC did not approve 01 project at Sl. No. 4, as mentioned in table-9.

Agenda 9.9: Approval of cost revision of ongoing exploration projects with timeline extension (if any), recommended by TCC-2

TCC-2 has recommended cost revision with timeline extension of following 01 projects for approval of PSC.

Table-10: Details of the project recommended by TCC 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	Comments of PSC
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) Exploration of Copper Bearing Minerals around Musabani, Dumriya, Maheshpur areas in West Singhbhum District, Jharkhand [29 th TCC-2]	M/s Natural Resource Division, Tata Steel Ltd	288.14	293.61	5.47	-	Cost enhanced due to additional 50 core samples, along with 5 additional check samples	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the revised cost of the exploration project, as mentioned in table-10.

Agenda 9.10: Approval of revised block boundary of ongoing exploration project, recommended by TCC-2:

The block boundary of 01 mineral exploration project has been recommended for approval of PSC.

Table-11: Details of the project recommended by TCC for revision of block boundary						
S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved area (sq. km)	Modified area (sq. km.)	Remarks	Comments of PSC
1	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Graphite in Jhab Block, District-Dahod, Gujarat	MECL	5.73	4.52	Identified Graphite bands extend beyond the present block boundary and continue towards the southern adjoining area. Therefore, the area in the northwest and western part of the block will be discarded.	Approved

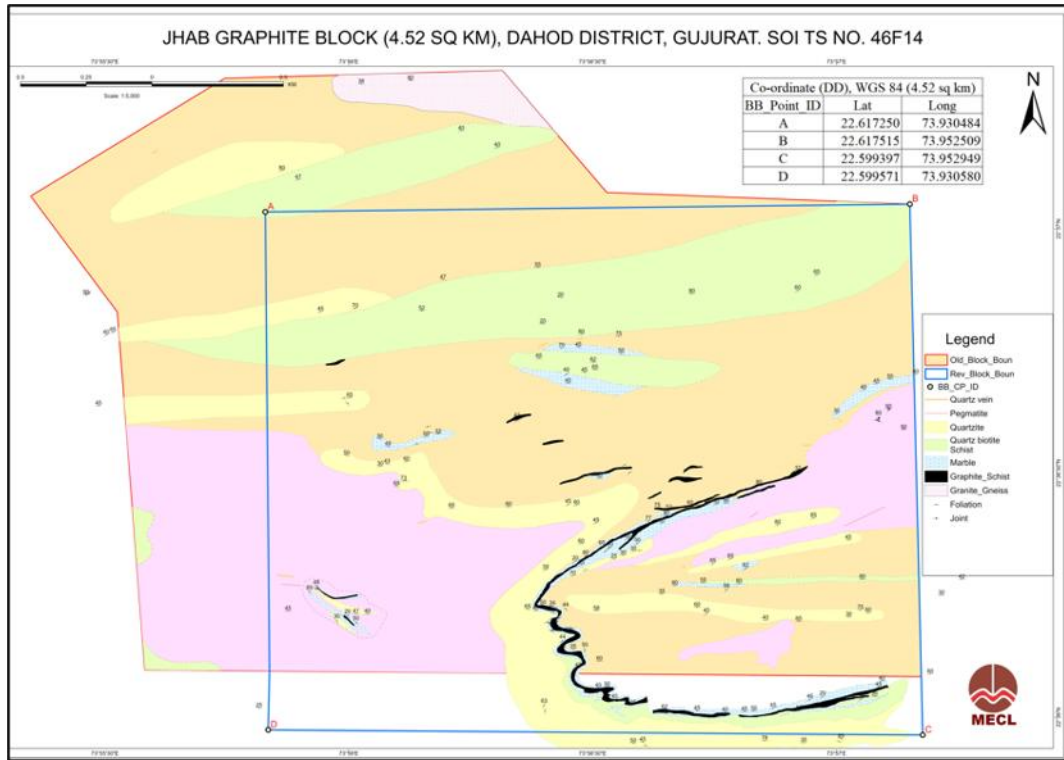


Fig. 1: Showing earlier block boundary along with the revised block boundary (in blue color).

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the revised block boundary of the exploration project, as mentioned in table-11.

Agenda 9.11: Approval of timeline extension of ongoing exploration/ procurement projects, recommended by TCC-2:

TCC-2 has recommended timeline extension of following 21 mineral exploration/procurement projects, for approval of PSC.

Table-12: Details of the project recommended by TCC for timeline extension

S. No	Block/Project	Agency	Scheduled date of completion	Required timeline (up to)	Sanction Order and originally a approved timeline details	Remarks	Comments of PSC
1	Financial assistance from NMEDT funds to procure machinery/ laboratory equipment/ instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities [28 th TCC-2]	DGM Bihar	31.01.26	31.07.26	S.O issued on 17.04.23 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 16.4.24	To complete the procurement	Approved
2	Financial assistance from NMEDT funds to procure machinery/ laboratory equipment/instruments etc. aimed at	DGM Arunachal Pradesh	30.3.26	30.09.26	S.O issued on 3.04.23 Original approved Scheduled Date	To complete the procurement	Approved

	enhancing the exploration activities [28th TCC-2]				of Completion was 02.04.2024		
3	Financial assistance from NMEDT funds to procure machinery/laboratory equipment/instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities [28th TCC-2]	DGM Telangana	30.04.26	31.10.26	S.O issued on 22.10.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 21.10.2025	For procurement and establishment of the Chemical Laboratory. <i>(Secretary, MoM has directed to submit a proposal to MoM to establish the laboratory at GSI Hyderabad)</i>	Approved
4	Financial assistance from NMEDT funds to procure machinery/laboratory equipment/instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities [28th TCC-2]	DGM Mizoram (Project1 and Project 2)	31.03.26	30.9.2026	Project 1 S.O issued on 24.3.23 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 23.3.24 Project 2 S.O issued on 20.4.23 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 19.4.24	To complete the procurement <i>(Delay occurred due to late receipt of Govt. approval for procurement, which was received on 5th and 6th May 2026)</i>	Approved
5	Reconnaissance Survey for Graphite in Korapara Area, Bankura-District, West Bengal [28th TCC-2]	M/s MMPL Pvt. Ltd.	9.6.26	9.10.26	S.O issued on 10.2.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 9.12.25	For completion of work <i>(Delay due to resistance from local Santali Community, pending response from DFO and election in the State)</i>	Approved
6	Reconnaissance Survey for Graphite in Korapara East Area,	M/s MMPL Pvt. Ltd.	9.6.26	9.9.26	S.O issued on 10.2.25	For completion of work	Approved

	Bankura-District, West Bengal. [28th TCC-2]				Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 9.12.25	(Due to the resistance & objections from local villagers drilling operations could not be commenced despite obtaining the forest clearance from the concerned DFO)	
7	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Rare Earth Elements and Rare Metals in the Meghawas–Nagana area (18 sq. km), Barmer District, Rajasthan [28th TCC-2]	MTCS	30.4.26	30.6.26	S.O issued on 10.2.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 9.12.25	For submission of report	Approved
8	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Iron Ore in Mahakoshal Group around Chakdiya, Kushaniya, Jobra and Tusgaon area, Sonbhadra District, Uttar Pradesh. [28th TCC-2]	M/s GeoExpOre Private Limited	30.5.26	30.9.26	S.O issued on 28.2.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 27.11.24	For completion of the project and submission of GR	Approved
9	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE and associated minerals in Borana block, Bhilwara District, Rajasthan. [28th TCC-2]	M/s GeoExpOre Private Limited	7.5.26	6.7.26	S.O issued on 10.6.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 9.6.25	For submission of GR	Approved
10	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Limestone in Gunaur Pali Block, Panna District, Madhya Pradesh [28th TCC-2]	MPSMC	27.7.25	30.9.26	S.O issued on 28.2.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 27.11.24	For completion of work and submission of GR. (Delay is due to administrative issues and monsoon conditions)	Approved
11	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE and Associated	MECL	31.3.26	31.7.26	S.O issued on 19.3.25	To carry out drilling in two boreholes	Approved

	Minerals in Nokhaniya area, Kachchh District, Gujarat. [28th TCC-2]				Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 18.1.26	(upto 50m depth per bore hole), sample analysis, EPMA study and GR submission	
12	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE, Glauconite and Associated Minerals in Devpur area, Kachchh District, Gujarat [28th TCC-2]	MECL	31.3.26	31.7.26	S.O issued on 19.3.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 18.1.26	To carry out drilling in two boreholes (upto 100m depth per bore hole), sample analysis, EPMA study and GR submission	Approved
13	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE and Phosphorite in Sumarsar area, Kachchh District, Gujarat [28th TCC-2]	MECL	30.4.26	31.7.26	S.O issued on 19.3.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 18.1.26	For preparation of GR, peer review and GR submission	Approved
14	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE in the Goma River Basin, Dahod, Chhota Udaipur and Panchmahal Districts, Gujarat [28th TCC-2]	M/s Geovale Services Private Limited	12.3.26	30.11.26	S.O issued on 13.3.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 12.3.26	For complete the project, including drilling, sample analysis and submission of the GR. <i>(Delay is associated with accreditation and notification of the agency)</i>	Approved
15	Reconnaissance survey for REE and Associated Minerals in Pipargaon Area, West Karbi Anglong District, Assam [29th TCC-2]	MECL	19.5.26	18.8.26	S.O issued on 20.6.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 19.5.26	For completion of project and submission of GR <i>(Delay in obtaining NoC from Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council for carrying out exploration, monsoon, local issues)</i>	Approved

16	Preliminary exploration for Manganese and Associated Minerals in Kankura Block, West Singhbhum District, Jharkhand [29th TCC-2]	M/s NRD Tata Steel Ltd.	9.6.26	9.12.26	S.O issued on 10.3.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 9.6.26	For completion of project and submission of GR <i>(Forest clearance is under progress)</i>	Approved
17	Preliminary survey for Limestone in Sangmania Block, Satna District, Madhya Pradesh [29th TCC-2]	MPSMC	12.10.25	31.07.26	S.O issued on 13.12.24 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 12.10.25	For peer review and submission of GR <i>(Delay due to monsoon, restricted accessibility, standing crop and deployment of drilling rig)</i>	Approved
18	Reconnaissance survey for Limestone in and around Nanhwara Kymore area, Katni District, Madhya Pradesh. [29th TCC-2]	M/s Engeotech Consultant	8.6.26	8.7.26	S.O issued on 10.2.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 9.12.25	For submission of GR	Approved
19	Preliminary exploration of Ion-Adsorption and Laterite Hosted Supergene Enriched REE Deposits in Sung Valley Block East Khasi and West Jaintia Hills Districts, Meghalaya [29th TCC-2]	DMR Meghalaya	31.3.26	30.11.26	S.O issued on 12.12.23 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 11.3.25	For submission of GR <i>(Extensive rainfall in the area cause delay in drilling operation)</i>	Approved
20	Preliminary exploration for Limestone in Khongkha Block, Kiphire district, Nagaland [29th TCC-2]	DGM Nagaland	25.6.26	30.9.26	S.O issued on 26.3.25 Original approved Scheduled Date of Completion was 25.6.26	For submission of GR <i>(Delay due to difficult terrain condition and limited accessibility)</i>	Approved
21	Preliminary exploration for Limestone in Mimi Kheti Block, Kiphire district, Nagaland [29th TCC-2]	DGM Nagaland	4.6.26	31.12.26	S.O issued on 5.3.25 Original approved Scheduled Date	For submission of GR <i>(Excessive rainfall cause delay in drilling operations and limited accessibility)</i>	Approved

				of Completion was 4.6.26		
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Decision of PSC: PSC approved the timeline extension of the projects, as mentioned in table-11.

List of Participants

Sl. No.	Name of the Members	Members	Position	Mode of joining
1	Shri Pankaj Garg	Director General, National Mineral and Development Trust	Chairman	Physical
2	Shri N. K. Panda	Regional Director, Southern Region, AMD	Member, ex-officio	Online
3	Shri Birendra Thakur	Director (Tech.), Coal	Member, ex-officio	Online
4	Smt. Geetika Sharma	Director (Projects) & HoD, NMEDT	Member, ex-officio	Online
5	Shri Jayant Kumar Naik	Director, NM-II, GSI, Nagpur	Member, ex-officio	Online
6	Shri Ravi Dutt	Cost Accounts Officer	Member, ex-officio	Physical
7	Shri Gopal Ram	Addl. Director, DMG, Rajasthan	Nominated State Members	Online
8	Shri Vivek Nema	Dy. Director, DGM, MP	Nominated State Members	Online
9	Shri S P Kaddu	Dy. Director, DGM Maharashtra	Nominated State Members	Online
10	Ms. Deepa	Joint Director, CGM, Chennai	Nominated State Members	Online
11	Dr. P. Krishnamurthy	Technical Expert	Technical Expert	Online
12	Dr. Pankaj Satija	Technical Expert	Technical Expert	Online
13	Shri B. P. Raturi	Technical Expert	Technical Expert	Online
14	Prof. T. K. Biswal	Technical Expert	Technical Expert	Online
15	Dr. Hanuma Prasad Modalli	Technical Expert	Technical Expert	Online
16	Shri Pradeep Singh	Dy. Director General and Chairman, TCC-2	Special Invitee	Online
17	Dr. Shiladitya Sengupta	Dy. Director General, PSS-PM	Special Invitee	Online
18	Dr. S. Ravi	Dy. Director General and Chairman, TCC-1	Special Invitee	Online
19	Shri S. Dhanendran	Director and Member Secretary, TCC-1	Special Invitee	Online
20	Shri Sanjay Singh	Director and Member Secretary, TCC-2	Special Invitee	Online