

Government of India
Ministry of Mines
National Mineral Exploration Trust

F. No. 6/2/2015-NMET/195

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Modification in Schedule of Charges (SoC) of National Mineral Exploration Trust-reg.

Chairman, Executive Committee (EC) of National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) has approved the following modifications in the ***“Applicability of SoC in Remote and Inaccessible Terrain Existing in North Eastern States and Highly Terrain of Himalaya Region and Most Affected Districts by Left Wing Extremism (LWE)”*** in Para 5 of the Schedule of Charges (SoC) of NMET:

Revision in Para 5

Para 5. Applicability of SoC in Remote and Inaccessible Terrain Existing in North Eastern States and Highly Terrain of Himalaya Region

Existing Para: It is well known fact that North-Eastern States of the country and inaccessible hilly terrain of Himalayan region are endowed with limited infrastructure and the working environment get worsen due to inherent adverse effect on the progress of field activities. It may cause inordinate delay resulting in incurring higher cost for executing exploration activities in these areas.

In view of the above, rates shall be 3.35 times higher than the normal SoC rates for carrying out exploration work in North Eastern States and hilly terrain of Himalaya region. This practice is also followed by the Ministry of Coal.

Revised Para: It is well known fact that North-Eastern States of the country and inaccessible hilly terrain of Himalayan region are endowed with limited infrastructure and the working environment get worsen due to inherent adverse effect on the progress of field activities. It may cause inordinate delay resulting in incurring higher cost for executing exploration activities in these areas.

In view of the above, **rates shall be 3.35 times of the normal SoC rates for carrying out field component of the exploration work** in North Eastern States and hilly terrain of Himalaya region. This practice is also followed by the Ministry of Coal.

Addition of Para 5A

Para 5A. Applicability of SoC in the Most Affected Districts by Left Wing Extremism (LWE)

A number of districts in the States of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha etc. are affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE). Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has categorized districts affected by Left Wing Extremism vide F.No. II-18015/68/2014-LWE-III dt. 11th March, 2024. The law and order situation in the LWE affected districts had an adverse effect on smooth execution of the exploration activities.

In view of the above, 1.25 times of the normal SoC rates for carrying out field component of the exploration work in the following "Most Affected LWE Districts" shall be provided to the exploration agencies.

S. No.	State	No. of Districts	Districts
1	Chhattisgarh	07	Bastar, Bijapur, Sukma, Kanker, Narayanpur, Dantewada, Mohalla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki
2	Jharkhand	01	West Singhbhum
3	Madhya Pradesh	01	Balaghat
4	Maharashtra	01	Gadchiroli
5	Odisha	02	Kalahandi, Kandhamal
Total		12	

The list of most affected districts where higher rates be applicable will be revised from time to time.

2. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.



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