

Met4-14/4/2024-Metal IV
Government of India
Ministry of Mines

New Delhi, Dated: 21 February, 2024

To
The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Principal Accounts Office,
Ministry of Mines,
Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi.

Subject: - Administrative Approval/ Financial Sanction for the Projects approved in the 1st Apex Committee Meeting under S&T-PRISM Component of Science and Technology Programme of Ministry of Mines

Sir,

I am directed to convey the approval of the President for the implementation of the following projects of Startup/MSME mentioned against each by Jawaharlal Nehru Aluminium Research Development and Design Centre (JNARDDC), Nagpur, an autonomous body of Ministry of Mines, being the implementing agency under S&T-PRISM Component of Science and Technology Programme of Ministry of Mines:

S.N.	Project Title	Startup MSME Name	Project Cost	Duration
1	Establishment of Pilot Plant (TRL-7) for Extraction of Neodymium - Praseodymium (Nd-Pr) metal from Neodymium - Praseodymium oxide (Nd-Pr oxide) through Calcio-thermic reduction route for NdFeB Base Permanent Magnet Application	Ashvini Rare Earth Pvt. Ltd., Pune, Maharashtra	₹ 150 lakhs	2 Year
2	Lithium ion-electro fusion reactor for alkali metals	Saru Smelting Pvt Ltd., Meerut, UP	₹ 116.5 lakhs	15 months
3	Efficient and Sustainable Production of Alumina Hydrates by Electrolysis of Sodium Carbonate and Produce Hydrogen	LN Indtech Services Pvt Ltd, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.	₹ 40.5 lakhs	2 Year
4	Pilot scale production(25kg/Day) of high purity battery grade silicon material for lithium-ion battery anode	Cellark Powertech Pvt. Ltd., Cuttack, Orissa	₹ 170.8224 lakha	2 Year

2. Approval of the President is also accorded for implementation of the Project namely "GARBH - A Software for Exploration of Rare-earth-elements" by NMET as per the following details:

S.N.	Project Title	Startup MSME Name	Project Cost	Duration
1	GARBH - A Software for Exploration of Rare-earth-elements	Caliche Private Limited, Shillong, Meghalaya	₹ 120 lakhs	2 Year

3. I am further directed to convey the sanction of the President to the release of ₹ 1,91,12,000/- (**Rupees one crore ninety one lakhs twelve thousand only**) as 1st instalment (40% of MoM's contribution) to Jawaharlal Nehru Aluminium Research Development and Design Centre, Nagpur. JNARDDC will further release the below mentioned amount to the indicated Startup / MSME after all the procedural formalities in terms of the S&T-PRISM Guidelines:

S.N.	Startup / MSME	1 st instalment (40% of MoM's contribution)
1	Ashvini Rare Earth Pvt. Ltd., Pune, Maharashtra	₹ 60 lakhs
2	Saru Smelting Pvt Ltd., Meerut, UP	₹ 46.6 lakhs
3	LN Indtech Services Pvt Ltd, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.	₹ 16.2 lakhs
4	Cellark Powertech Pvt. Ltd., Cuttack, Orissa	₹ 68.32 lakhs
	TOTAL	₹ 191.12 lakhs

4. The grant shall be subject to following conditions :
- JNARDDC shall follow the guidelines issued by MoM for the S&T-PRISM Component of Science and Technology Programme of Ministry of Mines before release of grants to Startups / MSMEs.
 - The grant shall not be diverted to or utilized for the purpose other than that for which it is sanctioned. The execution of the projects for which the grant is made shall not be entrusted to another institution or organization.
 - The grant shall be subject to the provision of GFRs 2017 (Rule 228 to 245) as well as other rules/instructions/guidelines of Government of India.
 - The accounts of the project shall be open for audit by the sanctioning authority and also by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry of Mines as per Rule 236 of the GFR 2017 and is subject to audit by C&AG of India.
 - The grantee organization will submit their accounts for audit promptly whenever required so.
 - The Implementing Agency has to abide by Terms & Conditions for Grant-in-Aid as per Annexure II of the S&T-PRISM Guidelines.

5. The amount of ₹ 1,91,12,000/- (**Rupees one crore ninety one lakhs twelve thousand only**) will be debitale under Demand No. 69 of Ministry of Mines for the year 2023-24 as under:-

‘2853’ Non-Ferrous Mining and Metallurgical Industries (Major Head) 02-Regulation and development of mines (Sub-Major head) 02.102-Mineral Exploration (Minor Head) 04-Other Programmes/Bodies 04.04-Other Research Programmes 04.04.31-Grants-in-aid-General.

6. Certified that the pattern of assistance under which the Grant-in-aid has been sanctioned has the prior approval of Ministry of Finance. As per GFR 2017-Rule 238(1), the Utilization Certificate in form No. 12-A is to be furnished by the Implementing Agency. The Utilization Certificate should be submitted within twelve months of the closure of the financial year by the Implementing Agency.

7. In terms of GFR 2017 - Rule 235 and 236 (1), the Implementing Agency is required to furnish to the Accounts Officer a set of audited statement of accounts, after utilization of the grants-in-aid or whenever called for. Further, the accounts of the Implementing Agency shall be open to inspection, both by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India under the provision of CAG(DPC) Act, 1971 and internal audit by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry of Mines, whenever the Centre is called upon to do so.

8. To monitor the physical progress, technical progress and financial progress of S&T-PRISM project, Institute is required to submit the half yearly progress report on expiry of every six months from the date of sanction of the project till its completion to the Department as per the proforma. The Institute will be responsible for fruitful completion of the project with due information to Ministry of Mines.

9. Assets acquired wholly or substantially out of Government Grant shall not be disposed of without obtaining the prior approval of the sanctioning authority of Grant-in-Aid.

10. DDO (Drawing and Disbursing Officer) will act as DDO for the purpose of drawl of ₹ 1,91,12,000/- (**Rupees one crore ninety one lakhs twelve thousand only**) for payment to the Jawaharlal Nehru Aluminium Research Development and Design Centre through RTGS in Industrial Development Bank of India IDBI Bank, Civil Lines, Main Branch, Nagpur-440001 IFSC Code IBKL0000041 A/c Current Bank MICR No. 440259002 and Beneficiary Account No. 0041102000047083.

11. This issues with the concurrence of I.F.D vide their Dy. No. Met-4- 14/4/2024 dated 19.2.2024 subject to registration and reflection of the expenditure on the EAT Module.

Yours faithfully,



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Copy for information and further necessary action: -

1. The Director General of Audit (Mines), NO-1, Council House Street, Kolkata-700001
2. Director, Jawaharlal Nehru Aluminium Research Development and Design Centre
3. DDO (Drawing and Disbursing Officer) for payment to the Jawaharlal Nehru Aluminium Research Development and Design Centre through RTGS in Industrial Development Bank of India IDBI Bank, Civil Lines, Main Branch, Nagpur-440001 IFSC Code IBKL0000041 A/c Current Bank MICR No. 440259002 and Beneficiary Account No. 0041102000047083..
4. NMET – with request to release of funds in respect of proposal mentioned at para 3 above.
5. I.F. Section Ministry of Mines, New Delhi with respect of their Dy. No. Met-4 – 14/4/2024 dated 19.2.2024.
6. NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
7. Sanction file.
8. Guard file.



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