

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Mines**  
**National Mineral Exploration Trust**  
**Sanction Order**

F.No.23/600/2025-NMET/ 1049

New Delhi, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

**Subject: Approval of mineral exploration project and release of 1st Advance from Grant-in-Aid (General) for the project "Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Polymetals (Cu-Pb-Zn & AuAg) in Amritpur area (56.62 Sq.km), Nainital District, Uttarakhand".**

**Agency:- CL**

On the recommendation of Technical-cum-Cost Committee (TCC) of NMET, the Executive Committee (EC) in its 41st meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 has approved mineral exploration project to be executed by MECL. The details of the block are given below:-

S. No.	Project/Block Name	Commodity	Stage	Duration (Months)	Approved Cost (including GST).
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Polymetals (Cu-Pb-Zn & AuAg) in Amritpur area (56.62 Sq.km), Nainital District, Uttarakhand	Polymetals (Cu-Pb-Zn & AuAg)	G-4	10 Months (up to 18.01.2026)	₹1,07,97,522/-

2. The mineral exploration project will be funded by NMET as per the cost recommended by the TCC and approved by the EC. The Implementing Agency shall complete the same as per the approved cost estimates and time schedule, enclosed in **Annexure**, as summarized below: -

<b>Field Mobilization</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> month (up to 18.04.2025).
<b>Exploration</b> (Camp Setting, Sampling, Survey, Pitting/ Trenching & Drilling, Camp winding)	2 <sup>nd</sup> to 08 <sup>th</sup> month (up to 18.11.2025).
<b>Laboratory Studies</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> month to 8 <sup>th</sup> month (up to 18.11.2025)
<b>Report Writing with Peer Review and submission to NMET</b>	08 <sup>th</sup> month to 10 <sup>th</sup> month (up to 18.01.2026)

3. The Implementing Agency shall submit progress on monthly basis to NMET Secretariat. The TCC, NMET shall review the progress of project and provide update to the Executive Committee.

4. Sanction is also hereby conveyed for release of the 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of 40% of the estimated project cost i.e. **₹43,19,009/- (₹ Forty three lakh nineteen thousand nine only)** as an advance in terms of conditions stipulated in this office letter no. 42/1/2017-NMET/176 dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and letter no. 42/1/2017-NMET/217 dated 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 regarding "Release of funds to State Government / NEAs for mineral exploration".

5. The expenditure will be debited to '2853' Non-Ferrous Mining and Metallurgical Industries (Major Head) 02-Regulation and Development of Mines (Sub-Major head) 102-Mineral Exploration (Minor Head) 05-National Mineral Exploration Trust Fund Activities (Sub-Head)

00- National Mineral Exploration Trust Fund Activities (Detailed-Head) 05.00. 31-Grant-in-aid (General) under Demand No. 69, Ministry of Mines during the financial year 2024-25.

6. Certified that the pattern of assistance, under which the Grants-in-Aid (General) has been sanctioned, has the prior approval of Ministry of Finance.

7. MECL is a registered agency on EAT module of PFMS. In terms of **Rule 230, 235, 236 and 238 of GFR**, MECL should maintain subsidiary accounts of the Government Grants and furnish the same to the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry. The account shall be open to inspection by the Sanctioning Authority and audit, both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and internal audit by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry of Mines, whenever the Organization is called upon to do so.

8. The exploration agency has to furnish the utilization certificate in respect of amount disbursed as Grant-in-aid for the project on utilization of disbursed amount or after completion of one year from the date of disbursement of advance, whichever is earlier. The next installment of advance will be released after submission of utilization certificate and progress report in respect of the 1<sup>st</sup> installment.

9. **The uploading of Geological Report (GR) on NGDR portal is sole responsibility of the exploration agency. The final payment will be made only after receiving the confirmation of the same. The screenshot/acknowledgement of successful uploading of GR is to be submitted to NMET with the final bill.**

10. Shri Arun Kumar Chail, Section Officer in the Ministry will be the Drawing and Disbursing Officer for this purpose. It is requested that the payment of **₹43,19,009/- (₹ Forty three lakh nineteen thousand nine only)** may kindly be made to the Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Ltd, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Bhawan, Seminary Hills, Nagpur – 440006 through RTGS in State Bank of India, Industrial Finance Branch, Nagpur (IFSC Code – SBIN0000432, Account No. 10374783387)

11. This has concurrence of JS & FA, Mines vide Note# 11 dated 18.03.2025 (E file No. 3077797).

Yours faithfully,



(Geetika Sharma)  
Deputy Secretary & HoD, NMET

To  
The Pay & Accounts Officer,  
Pay & Accounts Office,  
Ministry of Mines,  
New Delhi

**Copy for information and further necessary action:-**

1. The Chairman & Managing Director, Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Ltd. (MECL), Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Bhawan, Seminary Hills, Nagpur – 440006.
2. I.F. Division, Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Executive Committee (EC) Meeting file (F.No.6/2/2015-NMET)
4. The Chairman, Technical-cum-Cost Committee (TCC) meeting, NMET.
5. Grant-in aid Sanction order file.