

**MINISTRY OF MINES
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NATIONAL MINERAL EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

No. 117/1/2025/NMET/ 491

Dated: 10/11/2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

On the recommendation of TCCs of NMEDT, the Project Sanctioning Committee of National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust (NMEDT) has approved the following mineral exploration projects (to be executed by NEAs) in its 1st meeting held on 09.10.2025. The details of the mineral exploration projects are as under:

Sl. No.	Project/Block Name	Area (in km ²)	Agency	Duration (in months)	Approved Cost (₹ in Cr.)	Cost sheet & time line (Annexure)
1.	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Glauconite Sandstone in Magarlod area, Dhamtari District, Chhattisgarh	100	DGM Chhattisgarh	10	0.85	A.
2.	Preliminary Exploration (G3) For Limestone in Dondapadu Block, Dondapadu Cluster-6, Suryapet District, Telangana	8.20	TGMDC	10	1.04	B.
3.	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) For Limestone in Raghunathpalem Block, Raghunathpalem Cluster-3 Suryapet District, Telangana	5.38	TGMDC	10	0.99	C.
4.	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) For Limestone in Mattampally Block-1, Mattampally Cluster-2, Suryapet District, Telangana	4.52	TGMDC	10	0.95	D.
5.	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) For Limestone in Mattampally Block-2, Mattampally Cluster-2, Suryapet District, Telangana	3.85	TGMDC	10	0.86	E.
6.	Preliminary Exploration (G3) For Limestone in Ramapuram Block, Ramapuram Cluster-5, Suryapet District, Telangana	3.18	TGMDC	10	0.93	F.
7.	Preliminary Exploration (G3) For Limestone in Mellacheruvu Block, Mellacheruvu Cluster-1, Suryapet District, Telangana	3.28	TGMDC	10	0.96	G.

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8.	Preliminary Exploration (G3) For Limestone in Mallareddygudem Block, Mellacheruvu Cluster-1, Suryapet District, Telangana	4.67	TGMDC	10	0.88	H.
9.	Preliminary Exploration (G3) For Limestone in Yepalamadhavaram Block, Mellacheruvu Cluster-1, Suryapet District, Telangana	4.31	TGMDC	10	0.90	I.
10.	Preliminary Exploration (G3) For Limestone in Veerappagudem Block, Damarcherla Cluster-4, Nalgonda District, Telangana	4.70	TGMDC	10	0.97	J.
11.	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for REE and associated minerals in Nakchi Area, Angul District, Odisha	166.26	MECL	10	1.43	K.
12.	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Limestone in West of Yepalamadhavaram Block, Suryapet District, Telangana	4.15	MECL	08	0.78	L.
13.	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Limestone in Revuru Block, Suryapet District, Telangana	4.25	MECL	08	0.71	M.
14.	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for REE and associated minerals in Bhimgoda South Block, Balotra District, Rajasthan	6.25	MECL	18	8.97	N.
15.	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for REE and associated minerals in Ludrada South Block, Balotra District, Rajasthan	2.75	MECL	15	6.49 (see note below)	O.
16.	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for REE and associated minerals in Ludrada North Block, Balotra District, Rajasthan	2	MECL	15	5.62 (see note below)	P.
17.	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for REE in Jeerawal (V) - Rohua area, district Sirohi, Rajasthan	48.6	FAGMIL	10	0.59 (see note below)	Q.
18.	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for REE and associated mineralization in Gol-Baginditilwara Area, Siwana Ring	82.50	MECL	10	2.83	R.

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	Complex, Balotra District, Rajasthan					
19.	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Potash mineralization in Kalu Block, Bikaner District, Rajasthan	53	FAGMIL	10	4.17	S.

Note – For Sr. No. 15, 16 & 17, the mining lease area may be excluded during exploration, as instructed by PSC.

2. The agency shall submit progress on monthly basis to NMEDT Secretariat. The TCCs, NMEDT shall review the progress of project and provide update to the Project Sanctioning Committee.
3. The agency shall complete the project as per the terms and attached cost sheet as mentioned in the above table.
4. The timeline for these projects will be effective from the date of issuing of this OM.

Yours faithfully,



(Geetika Sharma)

Director (Projects), NMEDT

Enclosures: As stated above.

To

The CMD/Directors, NEAs/State DGMs as stated above.

Copy for Information:

1. The Director General, NMET
2. The Chairman, TCC – I & II, NMET.

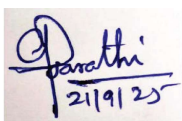
Annexure 19A							
Estimated Cost for Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone in West of Yepalamadhavaram Block District- Suryapet , Telengana Total Area - 4.15 Sq Km; Nos. of Borehole - 5 Nos. (Total Drilling: 250 m) ; Borehole depth: 50m ; Completion Time - 08 Months, Review after 04 months							
S.N	Item of Work	Unit	Rates as per NMET SoC 2020-21		Estimated Cost of the Proposal		Remarks
			SoC-Item -SI No.	Rates as per SoC	Qty.	Total Amount (Rs)	
A	GEOLOGICAL WORK						
1	Geological Mapping at 1:4000 Scale, Borehole logging, Sampling & Report writing						
a	Charges for one Geologist per day at HQ	day	1.3	9,000	30	2,70,000	
b	Charges for one Geologist per day at field	day	1.3	11,000	90	9,90,000	
c	Labour for Geologist (2 Nos)	day	5.7	541	180	97,380	Amount will be reimbursed as per the notified rates by the Central Labour Commissioner or respective State Govt. whichever is higher
d	Charges for one Sampler per day (1 Party)	one sampler per day	1.5.2	5,100	30	1,53,000	
e	Labours for sampling work (4 Nos)	day	5.7	541	120	64,920	Amount will be reimbursed as per the notified rates by the Central Labour Commissioner or respective State Govt. whichever is higher
2	Survey Work						

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a	Bore Hole Fixation and determination of co-ordinates & Reduced Level of the boreholes and block cardinal points by DGPS	Per Point of observation	1.6.2	19,200	46	8,83,200	Block cardinal point- 41 Borehole location- 5
b	Charges of one qualified surveyor with Total Station for carrying out topographical survey in different RF and surface contouring at different interval	days	1.6.1a	8,300	30	2,49,000	Survey at 1:4000 Scale
c	4 labours/ party (As per rates of Central Labour Commissioner)	days	5.7	541	120	64,920	Amount will be reimburse as per the notified rates by the Central Labour Commissioner or respective State Govt. whichever is higher
Sub-Total A						27,72,420	
B	Drilling -Soft rock (Outsourcing)						
1	Drilling -Soft rock (Outsourcing)	m	2.2.1.1b	7,168	250	17,92,000	MoC Rate
2	Tendering process cost	One time	2.3	2% of the approved project cost or 5 lakh whichever is lower will be paid one time to Exploration Agency		35,840	Amount will be reimburse as per actuals or max. Rs. 20000 per BH with certification from local authorities




3	Operational Charges	One time	6.i	In case of total outsourced cost up to ₹50 lakh: In addition, 10 percent of the total outsourced cost will be paid to Exploration Agency towards operational charges.		1,79,200	
4	Drill Core Preservation	Per m	5.3	1,590	200	3,18,000	
	Sub Total B					23,25,040	
C	LABORATORY STUDIES						
1	<u>Chemical Analysis</u>						
i)	Primary samples						
	a. For 10 radicals i.e. CaO, MgO, Al ₂ O ₃ , SiO ₂ , Fe ₂ O ₃ , Na ₂ O, SO ₃ , P ₂ O ₅ , K ₂ O by XRF and LOI	Nos	4.1.15a	4,200	220	9,24,000	40 Nos of Samples shall be generated per Boreholes
ii)	Check samples External(10%)						
	a. For 10 radicals i.e. CaO, MgO, Al ₂ O ₃ , SiO ₂ , Fe ₂ O ₃ , Na ₂ O, SO ₃ , P ₂ O ₅ , K ₂ O by XRF and LOI	Nos	4.1.15a	4,200	22	92,400	
iii)	10% of Primary sample will be studies for 34 Elemental Analysis by IC-PMS method	Per Sample	4.1.14	7,731	-	-	
iv)	Check samples External(10%)	Per Sample	4.1.14	7,731	-	-	
v)	Bulk Density	per sample	4.1	3,540	2	7,080	
vi)	Preparation of thin section	per sample	4.3.1	2,353	3	7,059	
vii)	Study of thin section for petrography	per sample	4.3.4	4,232	3	12,696	

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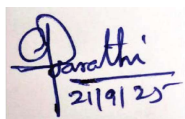
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viii)	Digital photomicrograph of thin polished section	per sample	4.3.7	280	3	840	
	Total - C					10,44,075	
D	Sub Total (A to C)					61,41,535	
E	Geological Report Preparation		5.2	For exploration exceeding ₹50 lakh but less than 150 lakh A Minimum of ₹2.5 lakh or 5% of the work whichever is more and ₹ 3000/- per each additional copy.		3,07,077	
F	Preparation of Exploration Proposal (5 Hard copies with a soft copy)	5 Hard copies with a soft copy	5.1	2% of the Cost or Rs. 5.0 Lakhs whichever is lower		1,22,831	
G	Peer review Charges		As per EC decision			30,000	
H	Total Estimated Cost without GST					66,01,442	
I	Provision for GST (18% of H)	%				11,88,260	GST will be reimbursed as per actual and as per notified prescribed rate
J	Total Estimated Cost with GST					77,89,702	

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				<i>or Say Rs. In Lakhs</i>	<i>77.90</i>	
Note:						
1	Strict adherence to the Ministry of Finance's and GFR guidelines is mandatory. Every transaction must adhere to GFR rule 21.					
2	In case of delay/non- performance, the appropriate action will be taken by competent authority against delinquent agency as per prevailing govt. of India rules/guidelines on procurement					
3	If any part of the project is outsourced, the amount will be reimbursed as per the Paragraph 3 of NMET SoC and Item no. 6 of NMET SoC. In case of execution of the project by NEA on its own, a Certificate regarding non outsourcing of any component/project is required.					
4	Necessary efforts should be made to minimize any adverse impact on the environment during exploration activities.					
5	Any item of work not mentioned above shall be added as per SoC.					
6	All the Geological Reports and data are to be uploaded on NGDR as per MERT template by the agency					



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Annexure 19B											
Time schedule/ Action Plan for Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Limestone in West of Yepalamadhavaram Block District- Suryapet , Telengana											
Sl. No.	Activities	Unit	MONTHS								
			1	2	3	4	Review	5	6	7	8
1	Tendering										
2	Surface Drilling (1 rig)	m.									
3	Geologist Party days in field (1 Party)	day									
4	Topographic Survey										
5	Sampling Party days, Core Sampling (1 party)	day									
6	Laboratory Studies	Nos.									
7	Geologist Party days in HQ (1 Party)	day									
8	Geological Report Writing with Peer Review	Month									

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