

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

F.No. 23/638/2025-NMET/ 200

New Delhi, 04th July, 2025**Sanction Order**

Subject: Approval of mineral exploration project and release of 1st 40% Advance from Grant-in-Aid (General) for the project "Preliminary exploration (G-3 stage) for limestone in Pedaveedu West Block, Suryapet district, Telangana".

Agency: - MECL

On the recommendation of 77th Technical-cum-Cost Committee (TCC)-1 (Supplementary) of NMET, Secretary, Mines & Chairman, EC approved mineral exploration project "Preliminary exploration (G-3 stage) for limestone in Pedaveedu West Block, Suryapet district, Telangana" to be executed by MECL. The details of the project are given below:-

S. No.	Project/Block Name	Commodity	Stage	Duration (Months)	Approved Cost (Including GST)
1	Preliminary exploration (G-3 stage) for limestone in Pedaveedu West Block, Suryapet district, Telangana.	Limestone	G-3	7 Months (up to 03.02.2026)	₹88,95,875/-

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: -

•	Field Mobilization	01 st month (up to 03.08.2025).
•	Exploration (Sampling, Survey, Drilling, Camp winding)	02 nd to 5 th month (up to 03.12.2025).
•	Laboratory Studies	03 rd to 06 th month (up to 03.01.2026)
•	Report Writing with Peer Review and submission to NMET	06 th to 07 th month (up to 03.02.2026)

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 1st instalment of 40% of the approved project cost i.e. **₹35,58,350/- (₹ Thirty five lakh fifty eight thousand three hundred fifty only)** as an advance in terms of conditions stipulated in this office letter no. 42/1/2017-NMET/176 dated 16th December 2021 and letter no. 42/1/2017-NMET/217 dated 19th 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 2025-26.

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 instalment of advance will be released after submission of utilization certificate and progress report in respect of the 1st instalment.

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 **₹35,58,350/- (₹Thirty five lakh fifty eight thousand three hundred fifty 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 AS & FA, Mines vide Note# 13 dated. 04.07.2025 (E file No. 3078742).

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, TCC, NMET.
5. Grant-in aid Sanction order file.

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Annexure 3A							
Estimate Cost for Preliminary exploration (G-3 stage) for limestone in Pedaveedu West Block, Suryapet district, Telangana.							
Total Area - 7.78 Sq Km; Nos. of Borehole - 7 ; Drilling: 350 Borehole depth range - 50m ; Completion Time - 07 Months , Review : after 3 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	Mapping at 1:4000 Scale& Contouring, Borhole 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	80	8,80,000	
c	Labour for Geologist (2 Nos)	day	5.7	541	160	86,560	Amount will be reimburse 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	39	1,98,900	Total 132 No of Sample, Hence (132/8)= 17 Nos of Days
e	Labours for sampling work (4 Nos)	day	5.7	541	156	84,396	Amount will be reimburse 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	32	6,14,400	Block cardinal point- 25 Borehole- 7
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						24,48,176	
B	DRILLING						
1	Drilling -Soft rock (Outsourcing)	m	2.2.1.1b	7,168	350	25,08,800	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		50,176	
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.		2,50,880	
	Drill Core Preservation	per m	5.3	280	1,590	4,45,200	
Sub Total B						32,55,056	
C	LABORATORY STUDIES						

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1	Chemical Analysis						
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	280	11,76,000	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	28	1,17,600	
iii)	Bulk Density	No.	4.1	3,540	2	7,080	
iv)	Preparation of thin section	per sample	4.3.1	2,353	2	4,706	
v)	Study of thin section for petrography	per sample	4.3.4	4,232	2	8,464	
vi)	Digital photomicrograph of thin polished section	per sample	4.3.7	280	2	560	
	Total - C					13,14,410	
D	Sub Total (A to C)					70,17,642	
E	Geological Report Preparation		5.2	For the projects up to ₹50 lakh: Minimum ₹1.50 lakh or 5% of the total value of work whichever is more and ₹1000/ each additional copy.		3,50,882	

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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. 3.8 Lakhs whichever is lower		1,40,353	
G	Peer review Charges		As per EC decision			30,000	
H	Total Estimated Cost without GST					75,38,877	
I	Provision for GST (18% of H)	%				13,56,998	GST will be reimburse as per actual and as per notified prescribed rate
J	Total Estimated Cost with GST					88,95,875	
K				Rs. In Lakhs		88.96	
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 3B										
Time Schedule/ Action Plan for Preliminary exploration (G-3 stage) for limestone in Pedaveedu West Block, Suryapet district, Telangana.										
Sl. No.	Activities	Unit	MONTHS							
			1	2	3	Review	4	5	6	7
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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