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Subject: Circulation of minutes of 4th meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) of National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust (NMEDT) held on 13th January, 2026

Please find enclosed herewith the minutes of 4th meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee of NMEDT held on 13th January, 2026 for your kind perusal.

Yours faithfully,



Encl: As above

[Geetika Sharma]
Director (Project) & HoD, NMEDT

To all attendees of PSC Meeting

1. Shri Anshoo Pandey, Director, NCMM, Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
2. Shri Birendra Thakur, Director (Tech.), Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
3. Shri N K Panda, Regional Director, Southern Region, Atomic Mineral Exploration and Research Directorate, Nagarbhavi, Bangaluru
4. Shri Jayanta Kumar Naik, Director, NM-II, Geological Survey of India, Nagpur
5. Shri Abhay Agrawal, Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur
6. Shri Alok Kumar, Dy. Secretary, IFD Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
7. Shri Ravi Dutt, Cost Accounts Officer, NMEDT, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi
8. Shri Gopal Ram, Additional Director Geology (HQ), DMG, Rajasthan
9. Shri Vinod Bagdey, Additional Director, Mineral Resource Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh
10. Shri S. P. Kadoo, Deputy Director, DGM Maharashtra, Govt. of Maharashtra

11. Ms. Deepa, Deputy Director, (Geology and Mining) Govt. of Tamil Nadu.
12. Shri Bhagwati Prasad Raturi, Ex -GM (Exploration), MECL, Lane NO-7, New Garhwal Colony Near Malsi Puliya, Balawala, Dehradun-248019, Uttarakhand
13. Shri Pankaj Satija, NTH Complex, 4th Floor, A-2 Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi
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3. The Principal Secretary (Industry and Mines), Government of Gujarat.
4. The Commissioner Secretary (Industries and Commerce), Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.
5. The Secretary (Industries, Mines and Geology), Government of Jharkhand.
6. The Secretary, (Industries and Commerce), Government of Karnataka.
7. The Secretary, Mineral Resource Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh.
8. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Industries and Mines), Government of Maharashtra.
9. The Commissioner and Secretary, Mining and Geology Department, Government of Meghalaya.
10. The Principal Secretary (Steel and Mines), Government of Odisha.
11. The Principal Secretary (Mines), Government of Rajasthan.
12. The Secretary (Mines and Geology), Government of Uttar Pradesh.
13. The Principal Secretary (Mines), Government of Uttarakhand.
14. The Commissioner & Secretary, Commerce & Industries Department, Government of Mizoram.

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- 17.** The Dy. Director General, PSS, GSI, CHQ, 27 JLN Road, Kolkata-700016.
- 18.** Dr. S Ravi, Dy. Director General and Chairman, TCC-1 (Special Invitee, PSC), GSI Training Institute, Hyderabad
- 19.** Shri Pradeep Singh, Dy. Director General and Chairman, TCC-2 (Special Invitee, PSC), CHQ, GSI, 27, JLN Road, Kolkata
- 20.** Shri S Dhanendran, Director/Member Secretary, TCC-1 (Special Invitee, PSC), GSI Training Institute, Hyderabad.
- 21.** Shri Sanjay Singh, Director/Member Secretary, TCC-2 (Special Invitee, PSC), GSI, Western Region, Jaipur
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Ministry of Mines
National Mineral Exploration & Development Trust
Minutes of 4th Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) meeting, NMEDT
held on 13.01.2026 at 11:00 AM

The 4th meeting of Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) was held under Chairmanship of Shri Pankaj Garg, Director General, NMEDT on 13.01.2026 at Aluminium Hall, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi in hybrid mode. The list of participants is given at Annexure-1.

Smt. Geetika Sharma, Director (Projects) & Member Secretary, PSC extended a warm welcome to all members and informed that the project proposals recommended in the 86th and 87th meetings of TCC-1 and 19th and 20th meetings of TCC-2 were placed before the Committee for consideration and decision.

Technical-cum-Cost Committee-1 (TCC-1)

Agenda 4.1: Approval of new exploration project proposals recommended by the Technical-cum-Cost Committee-1 (TCC-1)

The PSC members were informed that TCC-1 at its 86th and 87th meetings have recommended the following 04 mineral exploration proposals with an estimated cost of Rs. 8.44 crore for the approval of PSC:-

Amount in Rs. Crore								
Sl. No.	Project/Block Name	Area (in km ²)	Agency	Commodity	Stage	Duration (months)	Cost	Decision of PSC
1	General Exploration (G2) for Glauconitic Sandstone and Shale in Bhalukona Block [Block area- 8.62 sq. km], District: Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh [86th TCC-1]	8.62	MECL	Potash	G2	12	2.56	Approved
2	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Critical Minerals in Gopalpura area, Chhatarpur District, Madhya Pradesh [87th TCC-1]	78.85	MECL	Critical Minerals	G4	12	1.58	Approved
3	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Critical minerals in Atrar block, District: Chhatarpur, Madhya Pradesh [87th TCC-1]	23.76	MECL	Critical Minerals	G3	15	2.92	Approved
4	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Ni, Cr and PGE in Charoti Area, Palghar District, Maharashtra [81st TCC-1] [2nd PSC] [87th TCC-1]	131	Critical Mineral Trackers (Notification valid upto 15- 05-2027)	Nickel, Chromium and PGE	G4	10	1.38	Approved
Total Projects		04		Total Cost (A)			8.44	

Decision of PSC: The PSC approved 04 mineral exploration projects amounting to Rs. 8.44 Cr., recommended by TCC-1.

Agenda 4.2: Approval for Procurement of machinery/equipment from NMEDT fund aimed at enhancing exploration activities, recommended by TCC-1.

Agenda 4.2 a: Approval for Financial Assistance from NMEDT funds to procure Machinery, Laboratory Equipment/instruments etc. aimed at enhancing exploration activities in the State of Kerala

PSC was apprised that DGM, Kerala has sought financial assistance for the procurement of Polarizing Microscope with Camera and Software, Petrographic Thin Section Unit, Crawler-Mounted Drill Rig with Accessories, WD XRF with Accessories, Vibratory Disc Mill with Grinding Sets, and Certified Reference Materials to strengthen its laboratory facilities and enhance mineral exploration activities in the State.

TCC-1 at its 86th meeting has recommended the proposal of DGM Kerala with an estimated cost of Rs. 539.90 lakh (excluding GST) with a timeline of 12 months.

Table showing component wise break up of cost:

Detail of equipment/instruments for procurement by DGM, Kerala

Sl. No.	Item	Quantity	Estimated Cost per unit (Rs. In Lakh)	Total Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lakh) (Excluding Taxes)
1.	Crawler Mounted Drill Rig With Associated Accessories			
1A	Hydrostatic Crawler Mounted Drill Rig (600m capacity)	1	91	91
1B	Drill rods, Casing and Core Barrel, Bits and accessories For 1 drill unit (600 m capacity)	-	43	43
1C	Hydrostatic Crawler Mounted Drill Rig (300m capacity)	1	62	62
1D	Drill rods, Casing and Core Barrel, Bits and accessories For 1 drill unit (300 m capacity)	-	25	25
Sub Total: (1A+1B+1C+1D)				221
2.	Polarizing Microscope with Camera and Software	1	20	20
3.	Petrographic Thin Section Unit	1	50	50
4.	WD XRF	1	220	220
5.	Pellet Press	-	3.9	3.9
6.	Certified Reference Material (CRM)	-	-	25
Total (1+2+3+4+5+6)				539.90

Discussion:

The Chairman, TCC-1 informed the Committee that DGM, Kerala had sought drilling rig for exploration of Al-laterite and critical minerals, considering the State's extensive lateritic cover along its long coastline. Sh. Abhay Agarwal, Controller of Mines, IBM enquired whether a 600-m capacity drilling rig was actually required for laterite and lateritic bauxite exploration, and also sought clarification on the status of critical mineral exploration in Kerala's beach sands.

Dr. P. Krishnamurthy, Technical Expert, commented that in addition to lateritic bauxite, the northern part of Kerala hosts Pan-African alkaline-peralkaline-carbonatite suites with potential for critical minerals, while beach sand deposits have largely been explored by AMD. He further stated that if DGM Kerala is procuring WD-XRF for the first time, careful planning and proper training of personnel are essential to ensure accurate and timely analyses.

Sh. N. K. Panda, Regional Director (SR), AMD asked about the annual drilling quantum. DGM Kerala stated that three old rigs are currently deployed at three sites in northern Kerala with drilling upto about 50 m depth. Sh. Panda noted that a 600 m-capacity hydrostatic rig requires a much higher and sustained drilling programme to avoid underutilization. He also sought the expected annual sample volume for WD-XRF analysis and emphasized that the equipment must be fully utilized year-round.

Sh. Abhay Agarwal further enquired about the deep-seated minerals being targeted using these equipments/instruments. The committee was apprised that Gold, PGE and deep seated rare earths are the main target minerals for exploration activities.

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the procurement project of DGM Kerala titled "Financial assistance from NMEDT funds to procure Machinery, Laboratory Equipment/instruments etc. aimed at enhancing exploration activities in the State of Kerala" with a cost of Rs. 539.90 Lakh (exclusive of taxes) and a timeline of 12 months. The approval was granted on the condition that DGM Kerala shall undertake comprehensive exploration and generate adequate number of samples to ensure the instrument is fully utilized.

Agenda 4.3: Approval of additional cost/cost revision of ongoing exploration/ procurement projects with timeline extension (if any), recommended by TCC-1

TCC-1 have recommended additional cost/cost revision of following 1 mineral exploration proposal for the consideration of Project Sanctioning Committee:-

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved cost (Rs.) (in lakh)	Revised cost (Rs.) (in lakh)	Additional Cost (Rs.) (in lakh)	Time line extension	Decision of PSC	Remarks
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1	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Tungsten, REE and Associated minerals in and around Nellie Area (114.96 sq. km), Morigaon and West Karbi Anglong Districts, Assam [87 th TCC-1]	MECL	264.31	140.72	(-)123.59	-	Approved	Drilling component changed from Hard rock (upto 300 m) to Auger drilling. The auger drilling to be outsourced.
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Decision of PSC: PSC approved cost revision of 1 project, recommended by TCC-1.

Agenda 4.4: Approval of pre-closure of ongoing exploration/ procurement project alongwith cost revision (if any), recommended by TCC-1:

TCC-1 has recommended the pre-closure of 01 mineral exploration proposal with downward revision of cost for the approval of Project Sanctioning Committee:-

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved on	Duration (in months)	Approved cost (Rs. in lakh)	Revised cost (Rs. in lakh)	Cost change (Rs. in lakh)	Remarks	Decision of PSC
1	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Limestone in Sawalhira (East) Block, Chandrapur District, Maharashtra [79 th TCC-1] [1 st PSC] [86 th TCC-1]	Gemcokati Exploration Pvt. Ltd	35 th EC (SO Issued on 10.06.2024)	10	86.71	57.22	(-) 29.49	Forest clearance issue and non-promising value of CaO	Approved

Decision of PSC: The PSC approved the pre-closure of 1 project with revised cost, recommended by TCC-1.

Agenda 4.5: Approval of surrender of project with timeline extension (if any), recommended by TCC-1:

TCC-1 has recommended the surrender of 02 mineral exploration proposals for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee:-

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved on	Duration (in months)	Approved cost (Rs. in lakh)	Remarks	Decision of PSC
1	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Graphite in Chormunda Block (3.75 sq.km.), District- Balangir and Nuapara, Odisha. [86 th TCC-1]	MECL	36 th EC (SO Issued on 29.08.2024)	12	259.52	Project could not be initiated due to strong local agitation	Approved
2	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Graphite in Temrimal Block (4.0 sq.km.), District- Balangir and Bargarh, Odisha [86 th TCC-1]	MECL	36 th EC (SO Issued on 29.08.2024)	12	273.71	Project could not be initiated due to strong local agitation	Approved

Decision of PSC: The PSC has approved the surrender of 2 projects recommended by TCC-1.

Agenda 4.6: Approval of timeline extension of ongoing exploration/ procurement/ baseline data generation projects, recommended by TCC-1:

TCC-1 have recommended timeline extension of following 8 mineral exploration/procurement/baseline data generation projects, for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee:-

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Scheduled date of completion	Required timeline (up to)	Remarks	Decision of PSC
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4 Stage) for Glauconite, Phosphorite & REE in Ambara-Maru Block, District Kachchh, Gujarat [86 th TCC-1]	MECL	23.12.2025	31.03.2026	For completion of work and GR submission.	Approved
2	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Glauconite in Ambara West Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat. [86 th TCC-1]	MECL	12.12.2025	31.03.2026	For completion of work and GR submission.	Approved
3	Preliminary exploration for Aluminous Laterite and Associated Critical Elements (V, Ga, & REE)	Geo Marine Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	29.10.2025	29.11.2025	For GR submission	Approved

	in Mundalli Block, Uttara Kannada District, Karnataka. [86th TCC-1]					
4	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Gold & assoc. minerals in Sirigeri Block (2 sq.km.), Ballari district, Karnataka. [86th TCC-1]	DMG, Karnataka	14.12.2025	28.02.2026	For GR submission	Approved
5	Reconnaissance (G-4) for Manganese around Kandhal area of Rairakhol Tahasil of Sambalpur District, Odisha. [87th TCC-1]	DMG, Odisha	12.10.2025	31.03.2026	For completion of drilling and submission of GR.	Approved
6	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for Graphite in and around Khairmal area, Bolangir District, Odisha. [87th TCC-1]	OMC Ltd.	31.12.2025	31.03.2026	For completion of work and GR submission.	Approved
7	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for Graphite in Dhourakhaman area (60.0 Sq. Km), District: Bolangir, Odisha. [87th TCC-1]	OMC Ltd.	31.12.2025	31.03.2026	For completion of work and GR submission.	Approved
8	Engaging a Technical Supervision and Quality Control (TS-QC) consultant for Monitoring of Quality Assurance/Quality control (QA/QC) of the Multi-sensor Aerogeophysical Surveys over Blocks- 14 under Phase-II of National Airborne Geophysical Mapping Programme (NAGMP) [85th TCC-1]	GSI	17.01.2026	31.08.2026	Delay in execution.	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved the timeline extension of 08 projects, recommended by TCC-1.

Technical-cum-Cost Committee-2 (TCC-2)

Agenda 4.7: Approval of new exploration project proposals recommended by the Technical-cum-Cost Committee-2 (TCC-2)

The PSC members were informed that TCC-2 at its 19th and 20th meetings have recommended the following 03 mineral exploration proposals with an estimated cost of Rs. 7.74 crore for the approval of PSC:-

Amount in Rs. Crore								
Sl. No.	Project/Block Name	Area (in km ²)	Agency	Commodity	Stage	Duration (months)	Cost	Decision of PSC
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G4) for copper and associated mineralization in Salwari-Narsinghpuri-Pachlagi Area, Sikar District, Rajasthan. [12 th TCC-2] [1 st PSC] [19 th TCC-2]	24.01	M/s Vardan Environet LLP	Copper and associated mineralisation	G4	10	2.85	Approved
2	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Graphite and associated Minerals, Mahadevbera block, Seraikela-Kharsawan District, Jharkhand [13 th TCC-2] [2 nd PSC] [20 th TCC-2]	3.0	Natural Resources Division-Tata Steel Limited	Graphite and associated Minerals	G3	15	4.13	Approved
3	Preliminary exploration (G3) for Vanadium, Graphite, Barium and other associated minerals in Chaura-Maunkanda block, Champawat District, Uttarakhand [14 th TCC-2] [2 nd PSC] [20 th TCC-2]	3.59	Ocean Drilling and Exploration Private Limited	Vanadium, Graphite, Barium and other associated minerals	G3	15	0.76	Approved
Total Projects			03	Total Cost (A)			7.74	

Decision of PSC: The PSC approved 03 mineral exploration projects amounting to Rs. 7.74 Cr., recommended by TCC-2.

Agenda 4.8: Approval for Procurement of machinery/equipment aimed at enhancing exploration activities from NMEDT fund recommended by TCC-2.

Agenda 4.8 a: Approval for Financial Assistance from NMEDT funds to procure Machinery, Laboratory Equipment/instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities in the State of Mizoram

The committee was apprised that three projects of procurement have been sanctioned to DGM, Mizoram. The approved costs of Project 1, 2 and 3 are Rs. 2,73,74,600/-, Rs. 1,97,99,000/- and Rs. 29,50,000/- respectively.

Details of the approved and modified items project wise are tabulated as follows:

Detail of approved procurement items and proposed modification recommended by TCC 2 for approval of PSC									
Project 1									
S. No.	Items	Approved Quantity	Estimated Cost Per unit	Total approved cost	Approved at	Later Modification, if any	Modification approved at	Cost after modification, if any	Proposal for 4 th PSC
1	Digital Camera DSLR	1	1,25,000	1,25,000	27 th EC meeting	-	-	1,25,000	-
2	Brunton compass	10	10,000	1,00,000	27 th EC meeting	-	-	1,00,000	-
3	Geologists Hammer	10	7,200	72,000	27 th EC meeting	-	-	72,000	-
4	Handheld GPS	10	8,000	80,000	27 th EC meeting	Cost modification Addl. 4,39,200/-	39 th EC meeting	5,19,200	Addl. Cost of Rs. 30800/-
5	Scintillometer	1	6,00,000	6,00,000	27 th EC meeting	-	-	6,00,000	-
6	Rock processing unit (Polishing, grinding, mounting)	1	10,00,000	10,00,000	27 th EC meeting	-	-	10,00,000	-
7	Pulverizer	1	6,00,000	6,00,000	27 th EC meeting	1. Addl. Cost of 11,11,000 was approved. 2. Pulverizer was replaced with Vibratory Cup Mill to be procured at same rate	1. 42 nd EC meeting 2. 3 rd PSC meeting	17,11,000	-
8	Research Polarising Microscope	1	12,00,000	12,00,000	27 th EC meeting	Additional cost of Rs. 1,92,400/- for procurement	3 rd PSC meeting	13,92,400	-

	with software attached camera for Transmitted and Reflected light with accessories					of Research Polarising Microscope with Vertical illuminator, LED light & fixed polariser for reflected light path			
9	WD-XRF	1	40,00,000	40,00,000	27 th EC meeting	The item was removed later from Project 1 and placed in Project 2	29 th EC meeting	(-) 40,00,000	-
10	Fusion bead machine	1	20,00,000	20,00,000	27 th EC meeting	-	-	20,00,000	Addl. Cost of Rs. 17,59,363/-
11	Press pellet machine	1	3,90,000	3,90,000	27 th EC meeting	-	-	3,90,000	-
12	Hot Plates	1	10,000	10,000	27 th EC meeting	-	-	10,000	-
13	Muffle furnace	1	1,00,000	1,00,000	27 th EC meeting	-	-	1,00,000	-
14	Air Oven	1	55,000	55,000	27 th EC meeting	-	-	55,000	-
15	GIS softwares	1	13,00,000	13,00,000	27 th EC meeting	The cost was enhanced and the item was removed from Project 1 and placed at Project 2	29 th EC meeting	(-) 13,00,000	-
16	Hydrostatic drill machine upto 600m capacity	1	80,00,000	80,00,000	27 th EC meeting	-	-	80,00,000	-

17	Drill Accessories			80,00,000	27 th EC meeting	-	-	80,00,000	-
18	Pumps	1	15,00,000	15,00,000	27 th EC meeting	-	-	15,00,000	-
19	Core Splitter	1	2,00,000	2,00,000	27 th EC meeting	-	-	2,00,000	-
20	DGPS (1 set)	1	16,00,000	16,00,000	27 th EC meeting	-	-	16,00,000	-
				3,09,32,000	27 th EC meeting	-	-	2,73,74,600	Addl. Cost of Rs. 17,90,163/- i.e. Rs. 2,91,64,763/-

Project 2									
S. No.	Items	Quantity	Estimated Cost Per unit	Total approved cost	Approved at	Later Modification, if any	Modification approved at	Cost after modification, if any	Proposal for 4 th PSC
1	GIS Software	3	15,33,000	45,99,000	29 th EC meeting	-	-	45,99,000	-
2	WD-XRF	1	1,50,00,000	1,50,00,000	29 th EC meeting	-	-	1,50,00,000	-
3	Bomb Calorimeter	1	-	-	-	Added during 35 th EC meeting	35 th EC Meeting	2,00,000	-
				1,95,99,000				1,97,99,000	

Project 3									
S. No.	Items	Quantity	Estimated Cost Per unit	Total approved cost	Approved at	Later Modification, if any	Modification approved at	Cost after modification, if any	Proposal for 4 th PSC
1	DGPS	1	29,50,000	29,50,000	39 th EC meeting	-		-	
				29,50,000		-		-	

The committee was apprised that DGM, Mizoram have requested additional cost of Rs. 30800/- for 10 units mentioned at Sl. No. 4 and additional cost of Rs. 17,59,363/- for Fusion bead Machine mentioned at Sl. No. 10 of Project 1.

Further, DGM Mizoram have requested timeline extension from 30.09.2025 to 31.03.2026 for completion of procurement of Project 1 and Project 2.

Project No.	Approved cost (Rs.)	Cost Revision (Rs.)	Change in amount (Rs.)	Timeline extension, if any		Remarks
				Scheduled date of completion	Extension Recommended upto	
Project 1	2,73,74,600	2,91,64,763	17,90,163	30.09.2025	31.03.2026	Addl. Cost of Rs. 30800/- for 10 units mentioned at Sl. No. 4 and Addl. Cost of Rs. 17,59,363/- for Fusion bead Machine mentioned at Sl. No. 10 of Project 1
Project 2				30.09.2025	31.03.2026	

Discussion:

Chairman, PSC asked about exploration activities by DGM Mizoram. DGM Mizoram informed that no exploration projects are currently being undertaken and that the proposed procurement is intended to strengthen technical capacity, as the department is presently not adequately equipped for exploration work.

The Chairman, PSC also enquired whether any exploration proposals have been formulated to date and noted that the approved procurement had not yet been completed. He advised the Chairman, TCC-2 to revisit the proposal for cost enhancement of Project-1.

Decision of PSC:

- PSC deferred the proposal for additional cost of ₹17,90,163 for Project-1 and directed TCC-2 to revisit it, while instructing DGM Mizoram to submit a clear action plan for procurement and utilization of equipment.
- The PSC approved the timeline extension for Project 1 and Project 2 from 30.09.2025 to 31.03.2026.

[Action: TCC-2, DGM, Mizoram]

Agenda 4.9: Approval of additional cost/cost revision of ongoing exploration/ procurement projects with timeline extension (if any), recommended by TCC-2

TCC-2 have recommended additional cost/cost revision of following 5 mineral exploration projects for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee:-

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved cost (Rs.) (in lakh)	Revised cost (Rs.) (in lakh)	Additional Cost (Rs.) (in lakh)	Time line extension	Remarks	Decision of PSC
1	Reconnaissance survey (G4) for copper and associated minerals in Kochipur Area District - Sidhi, Madhya Pradesh [19th TCC-2]	CMPDI	125.13	125.78	0.65	From 31.12.25 to 28.02.26	Additional sample analyses. Timeline extension is recommended for GR submission.	Approved
2	Preliminary exploration for Magnetite and associated minerals in Pipradih Block, District Giridih, State Jharkhand [19th TCC-2]	CMPDI	147.25	148.27	1.02	From 31.12.25 to 31.03.26	Addl. Labours and minerographic studies approved. Timeline extension is recommended for GR submission.	Approved
3	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Limestone in and around Nanhwara Kymore Area, Katni District, Madhya Pradesh [19th TCC-2] [20th TCC-2]	Engeotech Consultant	103.59	98.40	(-) 5.19	From 09.12.25 to 08.06.26	BH no. PBH-3 dropped	Approved
4	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Bauxite, Titanium and associated minerals in Anvrapat Block, Lohardaga District, Jharkhand [20th TCC-2]	MECL	175.63	180.81	5.18	-	For analysis of 2 addl. elements	Approved
5	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Glauconitic Sandstone in Kisanpur Block,	MECL	91.40	93.02	1.62	From 12.10.25 to 15.12.25	Additional 8 m of drilling and 19 extra samples for four radical analyses.	Approved

	District- Satna, Madhya Pradesh [18 th TCC-2] [20 th TCC-2]						Timeline extension is recommended for GR submission.	
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Decision of PSC: PSC approved cost revision along with timeline extension, if any, of 5 projects, recommended by TCC-2.

Agenda 4.10: Approval of pre-closure of ongoing exploration/ procurement project alongwith cost revision and time line extension (if any), recommended by TCC-2:

TCC-2 have recommended the pre-closure of 06 mineral exploration proposals for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee:-

S. No.	Block/Project	Agency	Approved on	Duration (in months)	Approved cost (Rs. in lakh)	Revised cost (Rs. in lakh)	Cost change (Rs. in lakh)	Time line extension	Remarks	Decision of PSC
1	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Phosphorite in Bijawar-Imiliya Area (95.67 sq.km.), Chhattarpur district, Madhya Pradesh [19th TCC-2] [20th TCC-2]	MPSMCL	32 nd EC (SO Issued on 12.12.2023)	12	126.86	28.87	(-) 97.99	From 11.06.2025 to 10.02.2026	Non- encouraging values of P ₂ O ₅ Timeline extension for GR submission	Approved
2	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Bauxite, Gallium, Vanadium, REE in Sandhan Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat [20th TCC-2]	Geo Marine Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	39 th EC (SO Issued on 10.02.2025)	14	203.14	81.06	(-) 122.08	-	Low CaO in calcareous sediments and very low REE content in clay samples	Approved
3	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Wollastonite in Bhadli Block, District- Banaskantha, Gujarat [20th TCC-2]	MECL	40 th EC (SO Issued on 05.03.2025)	10	160.76	53.50	(-) 107.26	From 04.01.2026 to 31.03.2026	Highly variable CaO–SiO ₂ values. Most wollastonite samples yielded values below industry requirements. Time extension for submission of GR	Approved
4	Preliminary Exploration (G-3) for Kyanite and Sillimanite in Malada Block, District- Bhandara and Gondia, Maharashtra [20th TCC-2]	MECL	41 st EC (SO Issued on 19.03.2025)	10	140.41	25.09	(-) 115.32	From 18.01.2026 to 31.03.2026	Results not encouraging for further exploration Time extension for submission of GR	Approved

5	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Iron, Manganese and Associated Minerals in Jauli-Sailwara Block, District- Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh [20th TCC-2]	MECL	38 th EC (SO Issued on 13.12.2024)	10	135.36	64.39	(-) 70.97		Integrated studies including mapping and sampling indicated mineralisation as low- to medium grade, discontinuous and restricted mainly to surface expressions only	Approved
6	Reconnaissance survey for Nickel, Cobalt and PGE in Botad area, Botad District, Gujarat. [13th TCC-2] [2nd PSC] [19th TCC-2] [20th TCC-2]	Critical Mineral Trackers	41 st EC (SO Issued on 23.03.2025)	10	128.25	46.44	(-) 81.81	From 22.01.2026 to 22.02.2026	The analytical values for Ni, Co and PGE not encouraging. Time extension for submission of GR	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved pre-closure of ongoing 06 exploration projects along with cost revision and timeline extension, if any, recommended by TCC-2.

Agenda 4.11: Approval of timeline extension of ongoing exploration/ procurement/ baseline data generation projects, recommended by TCC-2:

TCC-2 have recommended timeline extension of following 20 mineral exploration/procurement/baseline data generation projects, for approval of Project Sanctioning Committee :-

S. No	Block/Project	Agency	Scheduled date of completion	Required timeline (up to)	Remarks	Decision of PSC
1	Financial assistance from NMEDT funds to procure machinery/ laboratory equipment/ instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities. [19th TCC-2]	DGM Jammu and Kashmir	31.10.2025	31.05.2026	Revised tendering process required for completion of procurement	Approved
2	Preliminary Exploration (G3) for Graphite in Patimal Block, District Balangir, Odisha [19th TCC-2]	MECL	21.10.2025	20.06.2026	For completion of work and GR submission Delay due to local agitation	Approved
3	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for REE, Glauconite and Associated minerals in Devpur Area (138.52 sq. km), Kachchh District, Gujarat. [19th TCC-2]	MECL	18.01.2026	31.03.2026	For GR submission	Approved
4	Financial assistance from NMEDT funds to procure machinery/ laboratory equipment/ instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities. [20th TCC-2]	DGM Tripura	31.03.2025	31.03.2026	Delay in procurement	Approved
5	Financial assistance from NMEDT funds to procure machinery/ laboratory equipment/ instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities [20th TCC-2]	DGM Uttar Pradesh	31.12.2025	30.04.2026	Delay in procurement	Approved
6	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Limestone in Dhanokhar Nagod Limestone Block, Panna &	MPSMCL	27.07.2025	26.05.2026	For completion of work and	Approved

	Satna District, Madhya Pradesh [20th TCC-2]				GR submission	
7	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for REE and Phosphorite in Sumarsar Block, Kachchh District, Gujarat [20th TCC-2]	MECL	18.01.2026	30.04.2026	For GR submission	Approved
8	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for REE and Associated Minerals in Saiyedpar Block, District: Kachchh, Gujarat [20th TCC-2]	MECL	18.01.2026	17.04.2026	For GR submission	Approved
9	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for REE, RM, Glauconite and Phosphorite in Devisar Block, District: Kachchh, Gujarat [20th TCC-2]	MECL	18.01.2026	17.04.2026	For GR submission	Approved
10	Reconnaissance Survey for REE (G-4) Exploration in Bhuj Clay Prospect Block, Kachchh District Gujarat [20th TCC-2]	Geovale Services Pvt. Ltd.	30.06.2025	31.01.2026	For GR submission	Approved
11	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Mailar Base Metal–Gold Prospect Block in Mailar Area, Lalitpur District, Uttar Pradesh [20th TCC-2]	Geovale Services Pvt. Ltd.	31.10.2025	31.01.2026	For GR submission	Approved
12	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Graphite and Vanadium in Matena-Sirar Area, Almora District, Uttarakhand [20th TCC-2]	Geovale Services Pvt. Ltd.	20.08.2025	31.05.2026	For GR submission	Approved
13	Reconnaissance Survey (G-4) for Basemetal in Thal-Didihat Askot area, Pithoragarh district, Uttarakhand [20th TCC-2]	Geovale Services Pvt. Ltd.	31.10.2025	31.05.2026	For GR submission	Approved
14	Preliminary Exploration (G3) in Jhalauthar Phosphorite Block for Rock Phosphate, Bada Malehra Taluka, Chhatarpur District, Madhya Pradesh	Engeotech Consultant	29.10.2025	28.06.2026	For GR submission	Approved

	[13th TCC-2] [1st PSC]					
15	Financial assistance from NMEDT funds to procure machinery/ laboratory equipment/ instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities [18th TCC-2]	DTCI, Manipur	31.08.2025	31.01.2026	Delay due to revised tendering	Approved
16	Financial assistance from NMEDT funds to procure machinery/ laboratory equipment/ instruments etc. aimed at enhancing the exploration activities [18th TCC-2]	DMR Meghalaya	31.10.2025	31.03.2026	Delay due to re-tendering for microscope	Approved
17	Preliminary Exploration of Ion-Adsorption and Laterite Hosted Supergene Enriched REE Deposits in Sung Valley Block, East Khasi and West Jaintia Hills Districts, Meghalaya [18th TCC-2]	DMR Meghalaya	09.11.2025	31.03.2026	Delay in tender process for outsourced components	Approved
18	Reconnaissance Survey for REE and associated Minerals in Nokhaniya area, Kachchh District, Gujarat [18th TCC-2]	MECL	18.01.2026	31.03.2026	For completion of work	Approved
19	Preliminary Exploration for Copper, Lead, Zinc and Associated Metals in Salaiya Phatak Block, District: Katni, Madhya Pradesh [18th TCC-2]	MECL	30.11.2025	15.12.2025	For GR submission	Approved
20	Reconnaissance survey for manganese and associated minerals in Katori-Jhiriya block, District: Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh [18th TCC-2]	MECL	30.10.2025	15.12.2025	For GR submission	Approved

Decision of PSC: PSC approved timeline extension of 20 ongoing exploration/procurement/baseline data generation projects recommended by TCC-2.

Annexure-1**List of Participants**

Sl. No	Name of the person	Designation	Mode
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2	Shri N. K. Panda	Regional Director (SR), AMD	Online
3	Sh. Birendra Thakur	Director (Tech.), MoC	Online
4	Shri Anshoo Pandey	Director, NCMM	Physical
5	Smt. Geetika Sharma	Director – Projects, NMEDT & Member Secretary	Physical
6	Shri Alok Kumar	Dy. Secretary, IFD, Mines	Online
7	Shri Abhay Agrawal	Controller of Mines, IBM	Online
8	Shri Jayanta Kumar Naik	Director, NM-II, GSI, Nagpur	Online
9	Shri Ravi Dutt	Cost Accounts Officer	Physical
10	Shri Gopal Ram	Additional Director Geology (HQ), DMG, Rajasthan	Online
11	Shri Vinod Bagdey	Addl. Director, MRD, M.P., Govt. of Madhya Pradesh	Online
12	Shri S. P. Kadoo	Deputy Director, DGM Maharashtra Govt. of Maharashtra	Online
13	Ms. Deepa	Director, (Geology and Mining) Govt. of Tamil Nadu	Online
14	Dr. P Krishnamurthy	Technical Expert	Online
15	Shri Pankaj Satija	Technical Expert	Online
16	Shri Hanuma Prasad	Technical Expert	Online
17	Shri B P Raturi	Technical Expert	Online
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19	Shri Pradeep Singh	Dy. DG and Chairman, TCC-2	Online
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21	Shri Sanjay Singh	Director and Member Secretary, TCC-2	Online