

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES**



**100 DAYS AGENDA
STATUS REPORT**

16th September, 2009

100 Days Agenda of Ministry of Mines As on 16.09.09

Sl. No.	Action Point of 100 Days Agenda	Status as on 16.09.09	% Completion
1.	<p>New legislation will be prepared to give effect to the National Mineral Policy including aspects relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transparency and simplicity in the concession regime. - Regulatory environment. - Sustainable development framework. <p>⇒ Draft Legislation is being finalized, discussed with State Governments and other stakeholders and brought before Parliament in the Winter Session 2009.</p>	<p>New Legislation prepared and placed on Ministry's website on 22.7.2009. The Draft was discussed with State Governments, Central Ministries and CII and other Stakeholders. It is expected that the Legislation will be ready for introduction in the Winter Session.</p>	100%
2.	<p>Royalty system on minerals will be rationalized by adopting an ad-valorem principle wherever feasible, to make assessment and collection simpler and enhance royalty accruals to State Governments.</p> <p>The royalty rates on minerals were last revised in 2004. Since then there has been a huge expansion in mining activity particularly in relation to bulk minerals like iron ore and limestone.</p> <p>New royalty rates will be notified keeping the ad-valorem principle as the basis to the extent possible.</p>	<p>Notification revising the royalty rates issued on 13.8.09 and uploaded to Ministry's website. In keeping with Hoda Committee recommendations, rates for many minerals including Iron ore have been shifted to ad-valorem basis, meeting a long standing demand of the State Governments, whose revenues will go up substantially.</p>	100%

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3.	<p>Implementation of the overall agenda and framework of the National Mineral Policy 2008, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthening of GSI and implementation of High Powered Committee dated 31.3.09. - Strengthening of IBM. - Acquisition of high end equipment by GSI for Survey etc. - Hiring a Consultant with expertise and creditability for creating a Sustainable Development Framework (SDF). - Implementation strategy for reassessment of threshold values for industrial minerals including iron to improve the resource-cum-reserve base. - Pilot Project for creation of database to build a Mineral Resource Inventory and a Mining Tenement Registry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening of GSI commenced; GSI reconstituted with 5 Missions as recommended by High Powered Committee. • Committee set up for strengthening of IBM. • Helicopter System acquired; International consultant selected for deep sea vessel. • Other acquisitions fast tracked. <p>Proposals invited for Consultant and bids opened on 15.9.09. Selection likely by 25.09.09.</p> <p>IBM report under consideration. Values to be notified.</p> <p>Pilot Project initiated.</p>	<p>100%</p> <p>100%</p> <p>100%</p> <p>90%</p> <p>75%</p> <p>100%</p>

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4.	In order to develop a perspective plan for development of human resources for the Geoscientific sector, in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), a Study to be undertaken by an Independent Consultant, who is to submit a report within six months.	IMaCS has been approved as independent Consultant by CII to conduct study w.e.f. 1.8.09.	100%
5.	The first meeting of the Central Geological Programming Board, revamped in accordance with the requirements of the National Mineral Policy, will be held in September, 2009 to finalise exploration programmes and projects in consultation with all stakeholders in line with national goals and taking into account private sector activities.	All 12 Committees of CGPB have held meetings. CGPB meeting held on 11-12 September, 2009.	100%
6.	Capacity building of State Directorates of Mining and Geology will be started in collaboration with GSI who will provide free training on survey, exploration, geotechnical investigations and fundamental geoscience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry has issued instructions on 8.6.09 to GSI on free training. • Secretary (Mines) has written letter to all Chief Secretaries on 2.7.09 asking them to take steps for capacity building of DGMs. • Subject discussed in CGPB Agenda for meeting in September, and action initiated. 	100%
7.	Rationalisation of methodology for assessment of mineral resources:- The United Nations Framework Classification (UNFC) will be uniformly applied by IBM and GSI for all their work and GSI's Field Season mineral investigations from October, 2009 will be UNFC compliant.	GSI will be complying with effect from FS 2009-10 for its Field Season Programmes. IBM will be enforcing Mining Scheme on UNFC format.	95%

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8.	Creation of a Techno-economic Think-tank:- A small technoeconomic think-tank to provide policy inputs for decision making on mineral policy will be created in the Ministry within 60 days.	Meeting held to approve creation of think tank (to be called C-Tempo) , and papers sent for registration.	95%
9.	Recognising merit and rewarding excellence:- The 'National Mineral Award' will be replaced by a new 'National Geoscience Award ' from 2009 to recognize the diverse fields and disciplines of geoscientific achievements.	Scheme approved. Award Scheme being put up on website and applications invited in December, 2009.	100%
10.	<p>The mineral concession system must not only be simple and investor friendly, it must be transparent and quick. System transparency will be increased and Internet/Intranet applications is being enhanced for:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mineral concession processing approvals. - mining plan clearances. - progressive and final mine closures. processing and disposal of revision applications against grant or refusal of concessions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mineral Concession approval Software module developed. • Revision Software developed. <p>Implementation commencing by 25.9.09.</p>	90%

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11.	<p>Special attention to North-East:-</p> <p>Investors Meet & Conference for development of mineral resources and mineral based industry in the North-Eastern Region being organized in Guwahati jointly with Department of Development for North East Region (DONER), GSI, Governments of North-Eastern States, Federation of Indian Minerals Industries(FIMI), Federation of Industries of North-East Region (FINER) etc. to encourage investment in exploration and minerals exploitation in North Eastern States.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investors Meet fixed for 6-7 November, 2009 in Guwahati, in collaboration with DONER, FIMI, and FINER. State Government of Assam has agreed to host the meet and all NE States will be participating. 	100%
12.	<p>NALCO is already one of the lowest cost producers of Alumina in the world and was conferred Navratna Status in 2008. In the next 100 days, NALCO will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Formulate a Corporate Plan for the future keeping in view the new Vision Statement of the Company. ⇒ Endeavour to obtain mining lease for Pottangi (Orissa) and Gudem and KR Konda (Andhra Pradesh). ⇒ Complete second phase expansion of smelter and captive power plant and start- up. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Plan approved by NALCO Board in August,2009. • Secretary (Mines) has held discussion with State Governments, and prior approval for leases in Gudem and KR Konda has been accorded. • Physical completion likely by end of September, 2009. 	<p>100%</p> <p>100%</p> <p>90%</p>