

NOTE ON VISIT OF DR. K. RAJESWARA RAO, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF MINES, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO GSI, SU: MAHARASHTRA, PUNE

Dr. K. Rajeswara Rao, I.A.S., Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines visited the office of Geological Survey of India (GSI), SU: Maharashtra, Pune on 16th February 2019.

During his visit Dr. Rajeswara Rao inaugurated newly installed WD-XRF instrument that would boost the analytical capabilities of Pune office and reviewed the activities of the State Unit: Maharashtra. After inauguration and ribbon cutting a team headed by Shri Anirban Sur, Senior Chemist introduced the WD-XRF instrument to the Additional Secretary. Shri Abheek Sarkar, Sr. Chemist gave a brief demonstration about the principle and working of the instrument. He told that this technique is advanced than the other techniques as it can analyze 78 elements from Sodium (Na) to Uranium (U) in percentage to ppm concentration level. As far as precision is concerned, the instrument is highly precise one and it will give the same result for an analyte / sample irrespective of number of measurements done. The instrument is highly useful for the study of rocks in a non-destructive manner and without hazardous chemicals. Dr. K. Rajeswara Rao, Additional Secretary, also initiated a 1st analysis of a standard sample by clicking on measure button of the sample changer window.

Shri M. M. Powar, Deputy Director General, SU: Maharashtra welcomed Dr. K. Rajeswara Rao, I.A.S., Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines with floral bouquet and memento. In his opening remarks he described Additional Secretary as a man of commitment and of great vision in transforming GSI into a highly scientific, committed and vibrant organization who has inspired and motivated us to face the challenges in fast changing world by introducing VAQ, Bhuvismvad and improving camp facilities and in working pattern among the young geoscientist. He also informed that State Unit: Maharashtra is implementing all the programmes given by Ministry of Mines in true spirit in increasing Visibility, enhancing Activity and Quality. At the end, DDG, SU: Maharashtra assured for making every effort to follow the guideline given from Ministry of Mines and implement the programme at utmost possible way for obtaining the desired results as expected and visualized by Addl. Secretary of MOM. After that Deputy Director General, SU: Maharashtra gave presentation on activities of SU: Maharashtra under different Missions, Mineral Investigation status, Usage of OCBIS, status of Camp upgradation and progress of the current FSP. He also discussed on the mineral blocks referred for auctioning. Besides these, he discussed on the interactions with DGM and other Stake holders and modernization of laboratory in this office. He also underlined the activities carried out under VAQ and Bhuvismvad.

During the review of activity, Additional Secretary, MoM enquired about the frequency of interaction with Directorate of Geology and Mining, Maharashtra and advised to increase the interaction and invite officers of DGM to GSI Pune for interactive sessions. He enquired about the no. of items taken up under Mission-II during Field season 2019-20.

He advised all the lady officers must undergo a training course in self-defense and requested Dy. Director General to initiate proceedings on the same. On usage matrix in OCBIS he advised to involve the DDG IT and Accenture personnel for imparting suitable training in OCBIS to increase the usage matrix both technical and administrative. He asked to prepare a note on the status of the maps issued in the last six months. Saikat Roy, Geologist informed about the requirement of ArcGIS license for SU: Maharashtra, Pune. It was informed that 60 floating ArcGIS licenses have been purchased at CHQ but still it is difficult to get access to the programme. Additional Secretary informed that a note on ArcGIS should be presented to him.

Regarding Bhuvismvad, it was informed that the Supervisory officers and officers of State unit Maharashtra has given lectures in interdisciplinary workshops in three Universities, six lectures in colleges, eleven interactive sessions in schools and colleges and has conducted no of interactive programmes in high schools, colleges and Universities besides providing field trainings to post graduate geology students. Additional secretary instructed that when officers go to deliver a lecture in Bhuvismvad, they should go as a team of two or three members so that everybody has an idea of what is being talked about. Moreover, he advised to concentrate on colleges and talk more about Geology as a career opportunity.

Additional secretary enquired from the officers about the activities being carried out under VAQ. He advised senior officers to have more interactions with the young officers and give them further inputs regarding VAQ. He also instructed all officers to use letterheads while writing to outside agencies. He enquired about the improvement of basic camp facilities. The issue of rent for camp establishment was raised and the additional Secretary informed that a decision has been taken to increase the rent for camp establishment upto Rs. 10,000/- per month. He further stated that, life in the camp for the officers should be safe and comfortable.

He emphasized on the need to increase the Visibility, Activity and enhance Quality (VAQ parameters) of the work being carried out by GSI and stressed upon the need to make the organization more vibrant, people friendly and useful to the needs of the society in general and mineral industry in particular. The review meeting ended with vote of thanks to the dignitary.

Inauguration of WD-XRF Laboratory and ribbon cutting at GSI Pune by Dr. K. Rajeswara Rao, IAS, Addl. Secretary Ministry of Mines.



Review meeting on Activities of State Unit Maharashtra and interaction with officers by Dr. K. Rajeswara Rao, IAS, Addl. Secretary Ministry of Mines.

