

Record note of the review meeting on FSP implementation of GSI through Video-Conferencing taken by Dr. K. Rajeswara Rao, Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Mines on 11.2.2020 at 11:00AM

Dr K. Rajeswara Rao, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines [AS (Mines)] has took review meeting on the status of FSP implementation through video-conferencing on 11.2.2020 and was attended by Shri Alok Chandra, Economic Adviser, Shri Upendra C. Joshi, Joint Secretary, Shri Pradeep Singh, Director (Tech.) and Dr Deshraj Trivedi, Sr. Geologist. The officers from GSI has participated from their respective VC nodes.

All the Regions of GSI has presented the status of achievements made so far as per the agenda. Based on the deliberations following actionable points have been emerged for implementation in scheduled time:

1. It has been conveyed that in March'2020, 23 mineral exploration reports will be handed over to State Governments with resource value of about Rs. 1,00,000 Crores for auctioning of mineral concession. It has been decided that GSI should write to Chief Secretaries of the concerned States with copy to Principal Secretary, PS to Hon'ble Chief Minister, and DMGs of the State highlighting the resource value and commodity on the Geological Report of auctionable mineral block which are scheduled to be handed over in the ensuing CGPB. The cover page of the geological reports shall be uniformly developed.
2. AS (Mines) stressed that task forces are to be created with expertise from GSI for Copper, Gold, REE, and Platinum Group of elements etc. The task force will finalise booklet(s) incorporating the exploration activities implemented so far and finalise the strategies of exploration for these commodities in next 5 years. Shri D. Mohan Raj, ADG, NMH-II has been assigned to finalise the task force and take initiatives in consultation with DG, GSI. It was also decided that a good quality brochure highlighting the new exploration initiatives/ strategies of GSI be finalised and circulated during the ensuing CGPB.
3. The Bhuvisamvad is an initiative to promote interaction among the GSI professionals and student, researchers/faculty from universities/colleges. AS (Mines) stressed that all the officers of GSI at each level should ensure to conduct Bhuvisamvad interaction as part of mineral exploration and other activities. It has been decided that on 1st April'2020, names of all such officers who have not conducted Bhuvisamvad interaction will be displayed in GSI portal with appropriate captions. AS (Mines) desired that the publication on Bhuvisamvad be finalised so that it can be released in the CGPB.
4. Regarding the less number of field supervision days spent by the Supervisory Officers [SOs] during FS 2019-20 and FS 2018-19, AS (Mines) has expressed his displeasure and directed that all the SOs should ensure to make field visits and achieve the desired goals by March, 2020. The top officials of GSI should also actively participate in the field activities ensuring fruitful outcomes through exploration. List of officers who have not participated in field activities shall be displayed on the website.

5. The 36th IGC is scheduled to be held during 2nd to 8th March'2020 and GSI is the nodal agency, it is expected that officers from GSI should actively participate and extend their support for the grand success of the event.
6. The 59th Central Geological Programming Board (CGPB) meeting is expected to be held in second or third week of March'2020. It has been decided that two best performing officers [Geologist and Sr. Geologist] from each Region will be selected by respective ADGs and HoDs objectively to participate in the ensuing CGPB meeting with the approval of DG, GSI.
7. AS (Mines) desired that the best performing drilling personnel's be identified from the Regions and appreciated at appropriate levels. Further, it has been informed that he will be visiting GSI, CHQ, Kolkata on 21st April, 2020 and will be interacting with the officers involved in mineral exploration activities. GSI should select three best exploration teams on the basis of their performance, outcomes and achievement made by high achievers. The teams would be felicitated and incentivised during the visit of AS (Mines) and certificate of merit along with mementos will be issued to them under category of "Excellent Performers". Appropriate actions to be taken in this regard.
8. In continuation to the previous year's Annual Strategic Interaction Meet, it has been decided that the ASIM-2020 will be organised during the period from 15th to 30th April, 2020 to sensitise the highest echelons of the State Governments about the activities and benefits of the geoscience programs of GSI. The one page brochure may be updated by the nodal officer Shri P. C. Patra, DDG and submitted to this Ministry for perusal by 15.3.2020.
9. Regarding adoption of international standards for reporting of Exploration data and International reference i.e. ISO/IEC 17025:2017, for laboratories of GSI for calibration and testing GSI needs to finalise the strategy with timelines and submit detail report in this regard.
10. AS (Mines) expressed that GSI is trying to have convergence by having inter-departmental collaborations. He stressed that ADGs and HoDs should strive to have similar convergence and synergy within different divisions at Region and State Unit level. The convergence and synergy for internal resources and facilities of GSI be adopted for optimum utilisation of facilities of laboratories.
11. Complains of sexual harassment and unfavourable working environments in GSI shall be addressed at ADG/ DDG level effectively and a congenial atmosphere should be created in offices and dignity of employees at work place should be maintained. Such complains be addressed within the GSI at appropriate level.
12. The officials of GSI have been participating in the various meetings with other organisations and State Governments, it has been desired that the officers should efficiently and professionally represent the GSI. It is desired that the participating officer in such meeting should be well conversant on the subject matter and presentable in appearance and confident.
13. Regarding the status of outsourced drilling activities in GSI, it has been advised that proactive measures be taken so that the set targets be achieved in scheduled time.

14. As remarked that WhatsApp is a very effective platform for communication, it has been observed that some of the State Units/ Regions of GSI has not taken initiatives for creation and proper communication of WhatsApp groups for technical interactions with the field officers. ADG, AdSS to nominate an officer to monitor the effective utilisation of WhatsApp groups in GSI. DDG and RHM should also participate on WhatsApp group for professional exchange of information/ directions/ actions to be taken etc.
15. AS (Mines) desired that a field inspection note along with the considered comments of ADG & HOD be submitted to this Ministry through O/o DG, GSI by 18.2.2020 for the last two field visits of the following officers:
- (i) Dr. Rajesh Asthana, DDG & RMH-III, NR
 - (ii) Shri Chandan Kumar Sengupta, DDG & RMH-I, CR
 - (iii) Shri Asit Saha, DDG & RMH-IV, CR
 - (iv) Sri. S. N. Mohanty, DDG & RMH, M – IV, ER
 - (v) Dr. Sudipta Sarkar, DDG, SU: WB&AN, ER
16. In a recent interaction of AS (Mines) held on 7.2.2020 with the officers [Geologist/ Sr. Geologists] of GSI it has been observed that one of the officer posted in NLSM division of State Unit Jammu and Kashmir, did not have idea about the basic concept of the subject in which he is working for last two years. The matter have been viewed very seriously in the Ministry and AS (Mines) has expressed his displeasure for deployment of officer in a specialised division and directed that Shri D. V. Ganvir, DDG, SU: JK to submit explanation for deployment of such officer in specialised divisions without developing their basic skills in the subject and under-utilisation of manpower in the State Unit.
- The inspection note in respect of last two field inspection made by Shri D. V. Ganvir with the remarks of ADG and HoD on the duration of field visit, activities and output, value addition made by these visits be submitted to this Ministry by 18th Feb., 2020.
