

GSI, ER opined that the area of occurrence of "Pollucite", a Rare Metal in the world, was needed to be protected for conservation under Section 17A of MMDR Act by State since it was a State Property and possibility wastage by way of being mined out along with other minerals; It could be declared by the State as "Geo-Park" and thus would be protected under provision of Act.

The House, however, wanted the views of Atomic Mineral Directorate of DAE, a Special Invitee (absent), in this regard who had been directed by CGPB in its 51st meeting to take up an investigation programme and to report to CGPB. The ATR in this issue was not confirmed. It was directed that DMMWB should take up this issue with the ensuing CGPB meeting.

IBM opined that it should be considered as "Sub-grade Ore" which could be preserved for exploitation after de-notification with advent of future technology.

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