

purpose to cater the need of the Industrial Sector of Eastern Region including West Bengal.

GSI, as the pioneer Organization in this arena since long, is requested to take up an appropriate geoscientific investigation jointly with the Port Trust Authority to assess the cause and evaluate remedies thereof during F.S. 2015-16 to 2016-17.

(Suggestion : DMM, WB)

The issue had already been discussed under earlier Agenda Point.

ii) Issue of Additional Area of Tungsten Mineralization in Bankura District, West Bengal:

In a discussion on Tungsten mineralization, it was emerged that it was now of national importance and all the resources were to be intimated to DRDO for necessary follow-up process. It was also felt that the extension areas of Chhendapathar Tungsten mineralization need to be attended immediately by DMMWB and GSI, ER. It was suggested that a joint visit by DMMWB and GSI to be done in the area soon to appraise further scope of work.

(Action : DMMWB & GSI, ER)

iii) Issue of Reframing the West Bengal Minor Mineral Rules :

The Director, DMMWB briefly narrated that abiding by the verdict of Id. Supreme Court of India and complying guidelines of IBM and Ministry of Environment & Forest, GoI and almost abolishing the provisions of short-term lease/permit, the West Bengal Minor Mineral (Concession) Rules, 2014 is drafted.

It was further noted that time-consuming mandatory environmental clearance before execution of mining along with absence of short-term lease without environmental clearance, may lead to misappropriation of mineral resources and thereby causing loss to the prospective lease-holder and loss of revenue to the Government as well.