

Minutes of 40th Meeting of the State Geological Programming and Advisory Board, West Bengal held on the 24th January, 2011 at Kolkata

40.00.01 : List of the participants is enclosed in Annexure I.

40.01.01 : At the outset Shri Dipankar Mukhopadhyay, Additional Chief Secretary,

C&I Department and Chairman of the State Geological Programming and

Advisory Board, West Bengal made a hearty welcome to all the members

and their representatives attending the meeting. He also wished for a

fruitful discussion beneficial to the State of West Bengal.

40.01.02 : The Chairman introduced the members with Smt. M. Jha, the new Director of Mines and Minerals and the Member Secretary, SGPAB, WB.

He also gave introduction of Shri R. Mutsuddi, MD, WBMDTC Ltd. , Shri S.

Bhattacharjee, Jt. Secretary, C&I Deptt. and Dr. J. Chakroborty, Jt. Secretary, C&I Department to the participants attending the meeting.

On the request of the Chairman all the participants gave their introduction.

40.02.01 : Smt. M. Jha, Member Secretary has informed the house that the Minutes

Of 39th meeting of SGPAB has been circulated among the members in time.

Since there was no request for any addition/alteration in the said Minutes

from the members it was accepted to be confirmed.

39.03.01 : The Member Secretary briefed the house about the actions taken on the

Minutes of 39th meeting. Copy of the same has been distributed among the

Participants.

40.04.01 : On request of the Chairman, Shri M. Tiwari, Dy. D.G. of GSI, ER(OP: WB

& AN) briefed the house about the works carried out by different missions

Of GSI in West Bengal during F.S. 2010-11. He stated that proposed programme of F.S. 2010-12 have already been approved by CGPB in its

47th meeting. He also pointed out that their drilling operation in the area

around Panrkidih of Purulia district had been suffering from local problems raised by private landowners. He requested the Chairman to look into the matter for a suitable settlement; otherwise they would be forced to drop the operation temporarily. The Chairman requested him to inform the matter formally to the Addl. Chief Secretary, C&I Deptt. defining the specific location of the area of problem with a copy to the Secretary, Home Department, Government of West Bengal.

(Action : GSI and C&I Deptt.)

40.04.02 : Shri S. Chakraborty, Director, GSI, (Mission IIB) informed before the house about

bearing Their progress. On an enquiry of the Chairman he stated that the coal

Jharkhand to Gondwana formation was found continuous from Dumka district of

m. Suri of Birbhum district, WB. Coal seams there were available at 200-250

depth and the mineral was of power grid grade.

40.04.03 : Shri Bhattacharya of IBM, Shri B.N. Basu, Regional Director, ECL, Shri S.K. Samanta Scientist, CGWB and representatives of ESSAR Oil Ltd.

Narrated

Their works before the house.

40.04.04 : Shri R. Mutsuddi, MD, WBMDTC Ltd. Briefed on their progress in the coal blocks

existing allotted to them. He raised the point to take up a drilling programme at

Beldih apatite mines by DMM.

of B/H Shri P.K. Pal, Superintending Geologist, DMM stated that the georeferences

Points and a map together with details of B/H operation was a pre-requisite for

The purpose. In response, Shri B. Sen, Geologist, WBMDTC Ltd. Agreed to provide

the requirements shortly. IBM informed that the B/H points in concern were

provided in the approved surface geological map of Beldih apatite mine.

Shri Pal

raised the point of infrastructural support from the WBMDTC Ltd. specially for

deployment of casual labourers, provision of drilling accessories and camping

facility to take up drilling at Beldih. The Chairman confirmed that the matter

would be taken care of bilaterally by the DMM and the WBMDTC Ltd.

(Action : WBMDTC Ltd. and DMM, WB)

40.04.05 : Smt. M. Jha, DMM and the Member Secretary briefly narrated about the progress

of Directorate of Mines and Minerals in FS 2010-11 (up to November, 2010). On

her request the Superintending Geologist stated the reason of reducing the target

would of drilling for apatite at Kutni area, Purulia district. At present, the DMM

depth). It prove the apatite reserve up to a vertical depth of 50m (or 70 m inclined

requisite might be extended further downwards later on subject to availability of

in the infrastructural support. The reduced target for drilling had been approved

meeting.

40.04.06 : The Representative of GEEC Ltd. Briefed the house about their achievements. He

target of highlighted the production of 1.5 million cu.m. of gas till date against a

pointed out producing 3.5 million cu.m. of gas by end of 2012. Further to this, he

people that the progress was being hampered due to local problems caused by

involving and the Stay Order imposed by the Delhi High Court on the legal issues

assured that ECL, though GEEC had already invested Rs.800 Crores in this project. The Chairman requested ECL to provide a copy of the Stay Order and

The matter would be looked into and he would discuss the matter with the Advocate general.

40.04.07 : Shri D. Chakraborty, Chief Geologist, ONGC raised the matter of overlapping issue

him in of BAPL over CBM blocks. The Chairman referred to the meeting held by

appointed July, 2010 BAPL, ONGC etc. He also informed that TCE Ltd. Had been

about the By the WBIDC as the technical expert. Shri Chakraborty also enquired

the present status on this issue. The Chairman informed that he would request WBIDC to arrange a meeting with BAPL. ONGC-CIL to take a final view on

matter issue. The CMO, the nodal officer of the expert committee informed that the
case) (overlapping case of M/S Moira-Modhujhore Colliery, presently a subjudice
would be finalized in the meeting of the expert committee to be held on
25.01.2011.

40.05.01 : On the issue of taking up programme up to March,2012 as per advice of
MoM, GoI
DMM and (as a continuous work of current field season), the Chairman requested
the Other members to formulate their programme in similer way. Afterwords,
March investigation programme might be taken up considering field season April-
every year.

(Action : All mdmbers)

40.05.02 : On the issue of beneficiation study at IBM laboratory of five samples sent
by the WBMDTC Ltd., the representative of IBM requested for providing a copy of
the Letter, vide which the samples had been sent. This was to persuade the
case By IBM, Kolkata.

(Action : WBMDTC Ltd. & DMM)

40.05.03 : The issue of adapting the new process of lease application having inputs
of Satellite imagery data, DGPS, survey data and georeferenced demarcation
of Area of lease application as per advice MoM was raised by DMM. The
special representative of IBM was requested to comment on this issue with
and reference to the states which are still in the process of capacity building
by not prepared to handle the date base related to the new system right now.
Government In response, he informed that IBM requires georeferenced maps prepared
currently DGPS Survey for processing mining plans and schemes; since
the of West Bengal has not recognized any agency for the purpose, IBM is
later on Processing the mining plans on the strength of an undertaking produced by
Applicants certifying that the georeferenced maps etc. would be submitted

after carrying out the necessary works.

40.05.04 : Sri M. Tiwari, Dy. Director General, GSI (Op. WB-AN) on a request to take up the

investigation of low-grade iron ore in the next Five Year Plan period in a Collaborative mode with DMM, WB expressed that the matter was well

taken and

requested to raise the issue in due time.

grade The Representative of IBM opined that search for resources having <45% Fe

would be a wastage of time.

40.05.05 : The issue of providing database of GSI in 1:10000 scale or lower level to DMM,

programme WB was discussed to enable DMM for formulating site-specific future

database of In 1:4000 or larger scale in the areas having information gaps in the

DMM; such database of five districts which are relatively mineral rich of this State

Was sought to locate the areas of geological/economic significance and needs

further investigation to attract more investment in mineral sector. Sri Tiwari, Dy.

Director General, GSI (Op. WB-AN) welcomed the issue and requested Director,

DMM , WB to provide the co-ordinates of the areas to GSI the database of which

was sought.

(Action: DMM, WB and GSI, Op.

WB-AN)

40.06.01 : The chairman thanked the Representatives of all Member Organizations for a

fruitful discussion and for their valuable suggestions during the course of meeting.

The meeting ended with a Vote of thanks to the Chair.

Corrigendum to the Minutes of the 40th meeting of SGPAB,W.B. held at Kolkata on 24.01.2011.

The second part of para 40.05.04 should be read as

Shri M.G.Bhattacharya, representative of IBM opined that the IBM had fixed the threshold value of iron ore. Therefore, while estimating the resources of low grade iron ore, the threshold value of iron ore might be taken into consideration

In place of

The representative of IBM opined that search for resources having <45% Fe grade would be a wastage of time.

CHAIRMAN
SGPAB, WEST BENGAL