

**MINUTES OF 41ST MEETING OF THE STATE GEOLOGICAL
PROGRAMMING AND ADVISORY BOARD, WEST BENGAL HELD ON
17.08.2011 AT KOLKATA.**

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

41.01.01 : At the outset Sri Dipankar Mukhopadhyay, Additional chief Secretary, C&I Department and the Chairman, State Geological programming and Advisory Board gave a hearty welcome to all the participants present in the meeting.

41.02.01 : The Minutes of the 40th meeting with corrigendum issued on request of the IBM had been accepted by the members.

41.03.01: Smt. Malabika Jha, Director of Mines and Minerals, WB, and the Member Secretary, SGPAB, WB informed the house about the actions taken on the Minutes of the last meeting held on 24.01.2011.

41.03.02 : Representative of WBMDTC informed that they were going to engage agency for DGPS survey to locate the suggested drilling points at Beldih apatite mines. They would prepare DPR and then approach the DMM accordingly.

(Action: WBMDTC)

41.03.03 : Since IBM, Kolkata did not receive the copy of letter vide which 5 apatite samples were sent to IBM laboratory for beneficiation study, though sent by the DMM, a copy of the same would again be sent to them.

(Action: DMM)

41.04.01 : The Member Secretary briefed the house about the progress of work undertaken by the DMM,WB during FS 2010-11. She also informed that the work would continue to FS 2011-12(up to March, 2012) except two items. Sri P.K. Pal, Suptdg. Geologist, DMM elaborated the review work and the programme for next F.S. The Chairman advised the Suptdg. Geologist to intimate him time to time about the development of their progress of work in detail write up.

(Action: Suptdg. Geologist,DMM)

41.04.02 : Sri R. Mutsuddi, MD, WBMDTC informed the house in detail regarding their progress and proposed programme for the upcoming F.S. He also stated that WBMDTC needed the list of small patches of coal identified by the CMPDI to apply for ML. Sri B. Basu of ECL informed that CMPDI did not deal with identifying coal patches. The Chairman requested the CMO to look into the matter.

(Action: CMO,DMM)

WBMDTC also agreed upon to call a meeting on overlapping issue with ONGC-CIL Consortium.

(Action: WBMDTC)

41.04.03 : On an enquiry made by the Chairman, MD, WBMDTC informed that the West Bengal Project Ltd. , having leasehold of Mokdumnagar clay at Birbhum district had already been closed. Regarding the mining lease of granite Sri T. K. Bannerjee of DMM informed that the lessees were not working due to absence of approach road.

41.04.04 : Sri Srivastava, GSI, ER briefed the house about their review of work and future programme for F.S. 2010-12.

41.04.05 : Representatives from GSI, Mission IIB briefed the house about their review of work and future programme for F.S. 2010-12.

41.04.06 : Representative from ONGC-MBA Basin informed the house about the progress of work and proposal for future work plan.

41.04.07: Sri D. Chakraborty, ONGC-CIL Consortium raised the issue on overlapping problem as stated earlier and requested for a status note in this matter. The Chairman opined that the matter may be discussed in a separate forum.

(Action: C&I Deptt.)

41.04.08 : Representatives of CMPDI, CGWB and IBM briefed the house on their work.

41.04.09: Interaction had been made between the Chairman and GEEC Ltd. regarding the overlapping issue which was subjudice. The Chairman advised the CMO to prepare a report in this regard and to send it directly to him by next week after interacting with ECL.

(Action: CMO,DMM)

41.05.01 : Regarding chemical analysis of quartz and apatite samples generated by State Directorate, GSI, ER informed that they did not get any correspondence in this line from DMM. Member Secretary agreed to send copies of the letters again.

(Action: DMM)

41.05.02 : GSI opined that there was every possibility of presence of REE in the area of Kutni-Chirugora currently under investigation by

DMM. They suggested DMM to approach AMD for analysis of REE.

(Action: DMM)

41.05.03 : Regarding georeferences of limestone resources in Purulia district IBM stated that they would provide GSI,ER the data in that respect to examine for further scope of work on limestone in those areas, if there is any.

(Action: IBM and GSI,ER)

41.05.04 : Regarding development of Mineral Database of West Bengal, GSI, ER and DMM stated that preliminary discussion and exchange of exploration database had been made between the two agencies and interaction would be continued to a deeper level.

(Action: IBM and GSI,ER)

41.05.05 : Regarding investigation of low grade iron ore in parts of West Bengal GSI, ER and DMM agreed upon to take up joint preliminary inspections in the areas of interest. This was to formulate the collaborative investigation programme (G4) in F.S. 2012-13 & 2013-14 on the strength of acquired field data.

(Action: IBM and GSI,ER)

41.05.06: Regarding compliance with MoM instruction, vide, letter no. F10/75/2008-MV dated 23/12/2010 the CMO stated that the respective lessees had been asked to follow that accordingly.

(Action: DMM)

41.05.07 : Regarding execution of ML for 210 sq.km. of area for Raniganj (south) in favour of GEEC Ltd. the Chairman informed that the matter had been referred to the Ld. Advocate General for his valued opinion in this matter.

The meeting ended with Vote of thanks.

CHAIRMAN