

**Minutes of the meeting convened by the Dy. Director General & HOD, Mission – II,
on 29th october, 2009 at Natural Energy Resources (erstwhile Coal Wing),
Geological Survey of India, Kolkata**

A meeting was convened on 29th October, 2009, at Natural Energy Resources (M IIB), Geological Survey of India, Kolkata, under the Chairmanship of Sri K.K.K. Nair, Dy. Director General & HOD, Mission II, dealing with Assessment of Natural Resources. The meeting was attended by Sri B.K. Jena, Dy. Director General and technical officers of all streams of the Natural Energy Resources (M IIB).

At the outset, Sri Jena thanked Sri Nair for convening this meeting even having busy schedule. He also thanked all the participating officers. Sri Jena informed about the reconstitution of GSI in accordance with the report of the HPC, wherein the erstwhile Coal Wing has been re-designated as Natural Energy Resources under Mission II. He also informed about the present human and infra-structural resource status of this office

Welcoming all the participants, Sri Nair in opening remarks expressed his happiness for getting the opportunity to be associated with the coal and lignite exploration activities of GSI. He discussed in detail about the organizational set up of Mission II as per HPC report. Considering the energy security as the topmost agenda of the Government for sustainable growth as well as the role of the erstwhile Coal Wing as nodal agency for formulation and monitoring of the national programmes of coal and lignite exploration by all national and state agencies, under the aegis of the CGPB Committee on Energy Minerals and Resources, he hoped that the formulation and execution of most of the programmes will be continued from a single office as recommended in the draft resolution. He further reiterated that the Dy. Director General and the Director, Technical Coordination, Natural Energy Resources (M IIB) will respectively act as Convener and Member Secretary of the CGPB Committee V on Energy Minerals and Resources.

Sri G.Mukherji, Director (SG), Technical Coordination, initiated his deliberation by giving a brief account on the tectono-stratigraphic distribution of the coal and lignite bearing formations in India and discussed in this background on the major ongoing activities, particularly the laboratory based programmes. He further appraised the Chairman on the immediate requirement of JAG and STA / JTS level officers for

effective implementation of the assigned programmes. Immediate posting of at least eight geologist was requested.

Dr. S. Mukherjee (SG), Director, Coordination Technical (Op), gave an over view on the ongoing coal and lignite exploration programmes and the future perspectives. Considering the depth factor of the future exploration programmes, procurement process for deep capacity drilling machines (Five of 1000m capacity and One of 2000m capacity) have already been initiated.

Shri D. Kumar, Director (Drilling), brought to the notice of the Chairman about the average higher age group (>50 Years) of the drilling personnel and non availability of Officers (Gaz. Rank) to hold the charge of drilling units.

Sri R.N. Patra, Director (SG) & HOO appraised the Chairman on the present position and requirement of funds as well as logistics for smooth and successful management of the exploration programmes and other official activities. He emphasized that delay in release of funds and clearance of bills are causing serious hindrance to the smooth functioning of the exploration activities.

After the deliberations the Chairman gave following suggestions:

1. Issue of opening a 'Deposit Account' to be examined, so as to enable to deposit the fund made available from time to time by MoC for the service rendered (by CW) for their promotional work.
2. Publication and Information Division to identify and list documents / plates which have already been scanned so that no work is duplicated
3. Head of Office to try and obtain a directive from the Chief Controller of Accounts to PAO for timely processing of bills and thereby facilitating the regular release of funds.
4. The existing methodology of submission of technical report / return to be continued till further instructions.
5. Priority should be accorded for uploading for case study and photographs as well as outsourcing work pertaining to portal
6. Priority should be given to circulate all Pending Progress report
7. Pricing of geological reports to be taken up as regular practice

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all the participants.