

Government of India
Ministry of Mines

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To

The Director General
Geological Survey of India
27, J.L. Nehru Road
Kolkata-700 016.

Subject: - Waiving off of the training course fee / training charges for Officers of the State Governments and Central Governments organizations.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.02/OPIRHR/GSITI/2009 dated 13.4.09 on the above mentioned subject and to say that the proposal has been examined in this Ministry.

2. It needs no reiteration that one of the primary objectives stated in National Mineral Policy 2008 is to encourage private sector participation by ensuring that regional and detailed exploration is carried out systematically in the entire geologically conducive mineral bearing area of the country; and GSI, IBM and State Directorates of Mining and Geology need to be strengthened for the purpose.

3. The State Governments are the owners of the minerals and interventions of the Central Government in the sector therefore need to be guided by public interest. In this context, the High Powered Committee on the functioning of GSI in its report of 31.3.09 has strongly recommended that GSI develop partnerships with State and Central institutions for long term benefit of the sector. In particular, it states that the concept of partnership has now to pervade all the GSI's missions in tune with its Vision. Partnerships in geoscientific areas is not only desirable for its own sake; given the federal structure, it is necessary for GSI to partner with State level geoscientific organizations, particularly to enable the best use of natural resource assessments, ensure that multidisciplinary applied geoscience and special studies address local needs effectively, and geoscientific information is available for a variety of developmental purposes. This will not only enable capacity building, knowledge transfer, sharing of

GSI's resources etc. in the long run it will improve GSI's ability to focus on new and emerging areas by transferring many responsibilities to State levels. It will also increase GSI's outreach through project-specific partnerships.'

4. In the context of Training, in accordance with the principle of geoscientific partnerships, the High Power Committee has recommended that since training, capacity building and knowledge sharing is part of the core activity of GSI, these must be full funded by the Government. The purpose of such activities is sectoral development, and all training, other than international courses, and courses for private or commercial organizations must be provided by GSI free of cost to the Central and State Government institutions, and as far as possible stay arrangements should be made in the GSI TI/Regional Institute premises, with only the expenses on account of food and stay being charged on a 'no-profit no-loss basis.'

5. In the light of the above, the approval of this Ministry is conveyed for exemption from training course fee / training charges for officers of the State Governments and Central Governments in all training courses organized by GSI in its Training Institute / Regional Institution / FTCs . Only lodging and boarding costs would need to be paid by the trainees and TA / DA would be borne by State Governments as heretofore. Trainees nominated by Universities, Central / State PSU's and other organizations would however continue to pay the charges as before.

6. These instruction issue with concurrence of IF Division vide Dy.No.289(A) dated 29.5.09 and come into force with immediate effect.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-

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