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Subject: Setting up of Sub-Group-I on Mineral Exploration and Development (other than coal and lignite) for Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17)

It has been decided to constitute Sub-Group-I on Mineral Exploration and Development (other than coal and lignite) for the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17). Sub-Group-I deals with the matters relating to mineral exploration, technological gaps in exploration of deep seated deposits, private sector participation in exploration, Mining Tenement System, resource inventorisation, and development of offshore mining.

2. The composition and Terms of Reference of the Sub-Group-I would be as follows:

**Composition**

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3. Terms of Reference

(i) To assess the reserves and resources of all ores/minerals (excluding fuel minerals) as per United Nations Framework Classification (UNFC) system.
(ii) To review the National Mineral Inventory for identifying gap areas and to suggest corrective measures to improve the quality and standard of information and to assess the balance life of mineral inventory based on consumption pattern of various ores, minerals and evolving a strategy for development and conservation in a perspective of 10 to 15 years.

(iii) To assess possibilities of zonation or prioritization of mineral resource bearing areas as ‘mineral belts’ for speedy exploitation of proven and economically viable mineral deposits.

(iv) To identify technological gaps in mineral exploration (with special emphasis on deep seated deposit) and suggest measures for filling up the gaps and to draw up an exploration strategy for regional and detailed exploration of ores/minerals keeping in view the national priorities demand, (domestic and global), and availability of resources, particularly minerals of strategic importance.

(v) To suggest strategies for facilitating private sector exploration through provision of easy access to pre-competitive geological and exploration data, including GIS based information and Mining Tenement information.

(vi) To review the present role of various State and Central Institutions like GSI, IBM and State Directorates of Geology & Mining etc. and suggest enhancements in their role so that these institutions become more effective in facilitating growth of the mining industry in the country through geo-scientific partnership.

(vii) To suggest promotional role of both the Central and State Government agencies in the context of National Mineral Policy, 2008 for mineral exploration particularly for those minerals in which the resource base is poor and for the development of which private sector may be reluctant to invest.

(viii) To suggest measures to encourage and facilitate offshore mining in the national interest and geo-scientific activities.

(ix) To assess and indicate investment that would be required to be made by the Central and State Governments for promotional exploration in the XII Plan, if deemed necessary to be carried out as a matter of national policy.

4. The Chairman of the working group may co-opt other officials or non-officials as Members, if considered necessary, as per Order No.I&M-3(24)/2010 dated 23.02.2011 of Planning Commission. The sub groups may submit proposal for co-
opting official member or non-official members for the approval of the Chairman of the working group.

5. The expenditure on TA/DA of official members in connection for attending meetings of the Sub Group will be borne by the respective parent Department/Ministry to which they belong as per the rules applicable to them. Non-official members of the Group will be paid TA/DA by the Planning Commission as per SR 190(a) as admissible to Grade-I officers of the Government of India as per Order No.I&M-3(24)/2010 dated 23.02.2011 of Planning Commission.

6. The Sub Group will submit its report by 15th May, 2011.

7. The nodal officer in Planning Commission concerned with the Working Group is Shri L.P. Sonkar, Consultant (Minerals), Planning Commission (Tel:23096547) and any further correspondence/query in this regard may please be made with him.

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