GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IMPORTANT EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2016

1. Joining of two Assistant Secretaries

After completion of Phase – II training at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoori, two IAS officers {(**Mr. Dhaval Jain (WB) & Mr. Johny Tom Varghese (TN)**} of 2014 Batch has joined as Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Mines for a period of 3 months from 01.08.2016 to 31.10.2016 on Central Deputation basis in terms of DoP&T Office Memorandum Number 31/18/2016-EO (MM-I) dated 18.07.2016.

2. Vision 2030 Document

A meeting to solicit suggestions / inputs on the Vision 2030 of the mining sector was held on 02.08.2016 at 4:30 P.M. under the chairmanship of Secretary (Mines) with the stakeholders.

3. Signing of MoU

As per guidelines issued by Department of Public Enterprises, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the year 2016-17 between Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL and Ministry of Mines has been signed on 2nd August, 2016.

4. Coordination-cum-Empowerment Committee (CCEC) Meeting

Central Coordination-cum-Empowered Committee (CCEC) meeting was held on 5th August, 2016 at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Union Secretary (Mines), Shri Balvinder Kumar.

5. Consultative Committee Meeting

The Meeting of the Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Mines was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Coal, Power, New & Renewable Energy and Mines on the subject "Steps to Expand/Promote Mining Sector".

6. 5th Meeting of India-Russia Sub-Group on Mining

The 5th Meeting of India-Russia Sub-Group on Mining was held on 16th August, 2016 in the premises of Federation House, Tansen Marg, New Delhi. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Nikunja B. Dhal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Mines from the Indian side and Mr. Eugeny V. Muratov, Deputy Director of the Department of Machine Tool, Industry and Investment Engineering, Ministry of Trade of the Russian Federation from the Russian side. Before beginning of the meeting Secretary (Mines), briefly met and welcomed the Russian delegation for the 5thmeeting of the India-Russia Sub-Group on Mining, in his chamber at Shastri Bhavan,

New Delhi on 16.08.2016. At the end of Sub-Group meeting a Protocol for cooperation in mining sector was signed.

7. Launching of Web Portal for Star rating of major mineral Mines and Meeting with Industries Representatives on 18.08.2016.

Ministry launched a Scheme of Star Rating of Mines/ mining leases for implementation of Sustainable Development Framework (SDF) vide notification dated 23.5.2016. The web portal for Star Rating of Major Mineral Mines was launched by Shri Piyush Goyal, the Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent charge) for Mines on 18th August, 2016 to facilitate smooth flow of information pertaining to the mining sector of India The portal also contains a framework for rating mines, a step aimed at miners to adopt sustainable practices for a higher rating.

Hon'ble Minister also held discussions with the Industry / Mining Associations {Federation of Indian Mining Industries (FIMI), Indian Electrical and Electronics Manufacturers Association (IEEMA), Metal Recycling Association of India (MRAI) and Aluminium Association of India (AAI)}.

8. Review meeting of Roof Top Solar Power Project

The Nodal Officer for roof-top solar power projects held a review meeting with the field organizations of the Ministry on 23.08.2016 to review the progress made by them. GSI has signed PPA for 1061 KW and IBM for 78 KW. NALCO has already commissioned 260 KW of roof top solar plant. MECL has installed 30 KW, and JNARDDC 260 KW.

9. Public Grievances

At the end of August, 2016, 113 Public Grievances have been disposed of.