

Union Minister Shri G. Kishan Reddy Launched 2nd Tranche of Exploration Licence Blocks

Structured & Transparent Exploration Model Key to Viksit Bharat 2047: Shri G. Kishan Reddy

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Union Minister for Coal and Mines Shri G. Kishan Reddy today launched the 2nd tranche of auction of Exploration Licence (EL) blocks in New Delhi, marking another significant step towards strengthening India's mineral exploration ecosystem.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister underscored the need to reduce India's dependence on mineral imports by accelerating domestic exploration and encouraging greater participation of the private sector alongside government agencies. He reiterated that the Government is committed to building a structured, transparent and technology-driven exploration framework to unlock the country's untapped mineral potential.



Emphasizing the strategic importance of critical minerals, Shri Reddy stated that a robust and efficient exploration regime will play a pivotal role in achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 and enhancing self-reliance in the mineral sector. Shri Reddy further remarked that the Government of India is undertaking reforms across sectors in pursuit of the vision of Viksit Bharat. "These are not mere reforms, but a reform express," he said, adding that the mining sector is also witnessing transformative changes aimed at enhancing transparency, efficiency and investment.

During the event, the Union Minister also launched the Geological Survey of India's (GSI) Next-Generation (NG) Portal — a cloud-enabled platform integrating data acquisition, analysis, visualization and dissemination. Equipped with AI/ML-based tools and interoperable with the National Geoscience Data Repository (NGDR), the portal is expected to significantly enhance transparency, efficiency and data-driven decision-making in mineral exploration. The Launch and Roadshow of Tranche-II was graced by Shri Piyush Goyal, Secretary, Ministry of Mines, and Shri Sanjay Lohia, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines

In his address, Shri Piyush Goyal, Secretary, Ministry of Mines, stated that Tranche-II marks a significant step towards accelerating growth in the mineral sector. Following the encouraging response to Tranche-I, the new tranche comprises 11 blocks of critical and deep-seated minerals spread across eight States. He highlighted that the Exploration Licence regime introduced under the MMDR Amendment Act, 2023, along with the Mineral (Auction) Amendment Rules, 2023, has strengthened transparency, improved ease of doing business, and expanded opportunities for participation by both private and public sector players.



Presentations were made on “Exploration Licence Blocks under Tranche-II” by GSI; “Exploration Licence Regime and Rules” by SBICAPS; “Mineral Auction Process and Tender Document” by SBICAPS; “Mineral e-Auction Process on MSTC Portal” by MSTC; and “Scheme for Partial Reimbursement of Exploration Expenses for Holders of Exploration Licences” by NMET.

The list of the blocks:

No.	Name of the Block	Mineral	State	District	Area (sq. km)	Celing Price (%)
Fresh/First-attempt block						
1.	Shergarh Diamond Exploration Block	Diamond	Madhya Pradesh	Shivpuri	208.06	40%
2.	Kurkheda Diamond Exploration Block	Diamond	Maharashtra	Gadchiroli	212.40	40%
3.	Amdabera-Rangamatia Vanadium Titanium Exploration block	Titanium and Vanadium	Odisha	Mayurbhanj	181.51	40%
4.	Mushanal-Dumrimunda REE Exploration block	Rare Earth Elements	Odisha	Kalahandi	209.55	40%
5.	Khandap-Sewali REE Exploration Block	Rare Earth Elements	Rajasthan	Balotra	200.00	40%
6.	Chinna Kodur REE Exploration Block	REE	Telangana	Siddipet	219.89	40%
7.	Kondagattu REE Exploration Block	REE	Telangana	Rajanna Sircilla and Jagtial	202.29	40%
8.	Momanpet REE, Vanadium and Titanium Exploration Block	REE	Telangana	Vikarabad and Sangareddy	203.00	40%
9.	Devkigalol - Jetpur, Vanadium and associated Mineralization Block	Vanadium and associated mineralization	Gujarat	Rajkot (parts of the block also falls in Junagadh and Amreli districts)	169.57%	40%
Second Attempt Block as per Rule 19E(12) of Auction Rules						
10.	Shergaon Lead-Zinc Exploration Block	Lead-Zinc	Arunachal Pradesh	West Kameng	206.86	29 %
11.	Harpalpur-Mahobkanth Zirconium Exploration Block	Zirconium	Uttar Pradesh	Jhansi and Mahoba	216.87	34%

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