

Summary of recommendations

For augmentation of the mining receipts, efficient revenue collection and check against illegal excavation, we feel that following actions are required:

❖ **Non-observance of conservation rules**

- The Government may consider stacking of non-saleable or sub-grade minerals in such a manner so that they can be retrieved easily in future and also ensuring zero waste as envisaged in the National Mineral Policy, 2008.

(Paragraph 2.3)

❖ **Irreparable damages to environment**

- A provision may be made for recovery of damages caused to environment and reclamation of the area due to illegal excavation of minerals.

(Paragraph 2.4)

❖ **Arrears of revenue**

- A strong mechanism should be developed to ensure speedy recovery of sums due to Government.
- Efforts may be made for augmenting revenue of Mining sector and for recovery of old dues.

(Paragraphs 3.3)

❖ **Internal audit**

- Internal audit may be conducted on regular basis for detecting malfunctioning of the system, leakage of the revenue and compliance of rules and provisions of the Act.

(Paragraph 3.4)

❖ **Grant of leases**

- The Government may create an effective co-ordination mechanism among various departments.
- The Government may specify a time frame for disposal of applications for grant of mining leases.
- Guidelines may be issued for granting fresh leases in case of surrendered and cancelled leases. A system of receiving no objection certificates from different departments of Central/State Government for timely execution of sanctioned leases may be evolved.

(Paragraph 4.2)

❖ **Non-adherence of Government instructions**

- The Government may consider inclusion of contract damage clause in the tender notices.

(Paragraph 4.4)

❖ **Non/short recovery of royalty**

- The Government may consider instituting a mechanism of surveys to ensure that royalty is charged as per rules.
- The Government may consider instituting a periodical monitoring system in the Department to watch pending royalty assessment cases and recoverable royalty amount and to verify the actual despatch of mineral as per pit measurement.

(Paragraphs 5.4 and 5.5)

❖ **Unexplained source of royalty payment**

- The issue of excess royalty collection contracts should be examined in depth and proper policies are framed to secure ecology and wealth of the State.

(Paragraph 6.4)

❖ **Lack of control on issue of *rawannas***

- The Government may evolve a procedure to eliminate misuse of *rawannas* and timely recovery of cost of minerals.
- The Government may consider doing away with the committee intervention and put in place an appropriate departmental mechanism to decide upon cases of illegal mining.

(Paragraphs 6.5 and 6.6)

❖ **Illegal excavation and despatch of minerals**

- The Government may evolve a concrete system to recover all pending royalty/cost of minerals used in works before final payments to contractors. For this purpose strong co-ordination is required to be developed between Works Department and Mining Department.

(Paragraph 6.12)

❖ **Lacunae in rules**

- The Government may clearly define the rate of royalty to be recovered in cases of despatch of minerals more than 10 *per cent* but upto 25 *per cent* over and above the quantities authorised in short term permit.

(Paragraph 6.14)

❖ **Delay in approval of cost of illegally excavated minerals**

- The Government may consider preparation of *panchnamas* in prescribed format and setting a time frame for approval of cost of illegal despatches of minerals.

(Paragraph 7.3)

❖ **Delay in disposal of appeals**

- The Government may consider setting a time frame for disposal of pending appeal cases.

(Paragraph 7.4)

❖ **Pending laboratory samples**

- The Government may take effective steps for equipping the laboratory adequately to expedite the analysing/testing of the samples received in laboratory or alternatively consider outsourcing this activity.

(Paragraph 7.7)

❖ **Non/short recovery of prospecting expenses**

- The Government may consider maintaining systematic and authentic records of expenses incurred on prospecting the areas and recovery made from lease holders.

(Paragraph 7.9)