

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20.1.2012 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF DGPS SURVEY WORK IN RESPECT OF IRON AND MANGANESE ORE MINES IN ODISHA.

The review meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary.

The List of officers present in the meeting is given at **Annexure – A.**

2. Initiating the discussion, the Chief Secretary desired to know the status of DGPS survey work in respect of iron and manganese ore mines in the State and compliance of the decision taken in the meeting held on 26.12.2011.
3. The minutes of the meeting held on 26.12.2011 has been communicated to the concerned quarters in Steel & Mines Department letter No.10360, dtd.31.12,2011 In the meeting held on 26.12.2011, it has been decided to take all steps to complete the entire exercise for completion of DGPS survey by 31st January 2012 and accordingly instructions have been issued to the concerned quarters. As per decisions taken earlier, survey is being undertaken in the field for identification of reference points. The Deputy Director of Survey and Map Publication, Odisha has deputed the traverse party to Keonjhar district for identification of reference points in the field. List of villages where reference points are to be identified, has already been furnished by the Director of Mines to the Deputy Director of Survey and Map Publication for sending his survey team accordingly. Local survey teams have been constituted in Keonjhar and Sundargarh district for the purpose of identification of the reference points in the field following due procedure of survey.
4. The Director of Mines has submitted a report indicating the status of DGPS survey work in respect of iron and manganese ore mines in the State as on 19.1.2012. The information furnished by the Director of Mines was discussed in the meeting.

Sri T. Mohanta, Joint Director Geology-cum-Nodal Officer for Digitization of lease boundary gave a Power Point presentation on the matter. The status of DGPS survey work as on 19.1.2012 is as follows:

Circle	No. of Iron & Mn Leases	No. of leasehold maps handed over to ORSAC	No of leasehold maps to be handed over to ORSAC	No of boundary descriptions received	No of Reference points identified	No of leases applied for DGPS Survey	No. of leases yet to apply for DGPS Survey	No of DGPS Survey completed	DGPS Survey not completed	No. of lease maps digitized
Koira	65	64	1	60	31	63	2	57	6	50
Joda	98	93	5	96	45	83	15	78	5	66
Keonjhar	5	5	0	5	5	5	0	4	1	5 under progress
Baripada	11	9	2	9	8	9	2	4	5	6 under progress
Jajpur Road	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	
Koraput	5	5	0	5	3	0	5	0	0	
Bolangir	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Total	186	178	8	177	94	161	25	143	18	116

5. Participating in the discussion, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, brought to the notice of the Chief Secretary the contents of the letter dtd. 17.1.2012 received from the Registrar to Shri Justice M.B.Shah Commission of Enquiry. Commissioner-cum-Secretary informed that on slow progress of DGPS survey works in Koira Circle, the Registrar to Hon'ble Commission has requested to bring the fact to the notice of the Chief Secretary. Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Steel & Mines asked the Collector, Sundargarh to apprise on the status of survey work in respect of iron and manganese mines in Sundargarh district and expedite the same in the field so as to get the exercise completed by the date line.

6. Participating in the discussion, Collector, Sundargarh informed that survey teams have been constituted for identification of reference points in respect of different iron and manganese lease in Koira mining circle. So far, 31 reference points, in respect of 42 leases in Koira circle in Sundargarh district have been identified in the field. Field survey is under progress for identification of reference points in respect of the remaining leases in Koira circle.

Participating in the discussion, DDM, Joda informed that reference point in respect of 45 leases out of total 98 leases in Joda Circle has been identified in the field and field survey is under progress for identification of the reference point of the remaining leases.

During discussion, it transpired that despite all efforts, the survey parties engaged in the field are taking more time than expected to identify the reference points in the field owing to inaccessible terrain and intermittent bad weather condition,

7. After threadbare discussion, the following decisions were taken.

- i. Lease map in respect of 178 leases have been handed over to ORSAC and ORSAC has already digitized 116 maps and digitization of lease map in respect of Keonjhar and Baripada circles are under progress. It was decided that ORSAC will make necessary arrangements to complete digitization of all lease maps within next 7 days.

(Action: ORSAC)

- ii. 94 reference points have since been identified in the field and DGPS reading of these points are to be taken by ORSAC. For taking DGPS reading of the identified points, it was decided that the concerned DDM will depute personnel from the mining circle office who are acquainted with the exact location of the reference points of the field, to show the same to the ORSAC party, who will take DGPS reading. It was decided that ORSAC will deploy teams to Koira area exclusively for recording DGPS reading of these points besides engaging other teams in Keonjhar district. Adequate number to teams may be deployed as per requirement.

(Action: DDM, Koira/Joda/ORSAC)

- iii. Some reference points are yet to be identified in the field in Koira and Joda mining circles of Sundargarh and Keonjhar district respectively. It was decided that the concerned district administration and the DDM will make necessary arrangement for

identification of the remaining reference points at the earliest in the field following due procedure of survey.

(Action: Collector, Keonjhar/Sundargarh, DDM, Joda/Koira)

In view of the importance of the matter, the Chief Secretary instructed all concerned to make all out efforts to get the entire exercise completed by the date line.

8. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all participants.


Chief Secretary,

MEMBERS PRESENT IN THE MEETING HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF CHIEF SECRETARY, ODISHA IN THE 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE HALL OF ODISHA SECRETARIAT ON 20.01.2012 AT 4.00 PM TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF DGPS SURVEY WORK.

Sl. No	Name	Designation	Signature
1	Shri R K Sharma, IAS	Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, Revenue & DM Department	
2	Shri Manoj Ahuja, IAS	Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, Steel & Mines Department	
3	Roopa R Sahoo, IAS	Collector, Sundargarh	
4	Shri D.V.Swamy, IAS	Collector, Keonjhar	
5	Shri T.K.Rath	Regional Controller of Mines, IBM	
6	Shri M R Pattanaik	Addl. Secretary to Govt., Steel and Mines Department	
7	Shri A.Rath	Addl. Secretary to Govt., Steel and Mines Department	
8	Shri G.C.Sethy	Addl. Secretary to Govt., Steel and Mines Department	
9	Smt. M. Pattnaik	Director of Mines, Odisha	
10	Shri T Mohanta	Joint Director of Geology	
11	Shri A K Mohapatra	Chief Executive, ORSAC	
12	Shri P K Tripathy	Scientist, ORSAC	
13	Shri Umesh Ch. Jena	Dy. Director of Mines, Joda	