

## Proceedings of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Hon'ble Oversight Authority held on Dt. 02.02.2023 at 12:00 noon at Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru

The meeting was chaired by Justice B. Sudershan Reddy, Hon'ble Oversight Authority (KMERC)

List of participants is attached as **Annexure-1**.

At the outset, Managing Director (MD), KMERC welcomed Justice Sudershan Reddy, the Hon'ble Oversight Authority, Shri. R. K. Singh, PCCF (HoFF), Forest Department, Shri Pankaj Kumar Pandey, Secretary to the Government, Commerce & Industries Deptt. (MSME & Mines), Shri T. K. Anil Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Government, Health & Family Welfare Deptt., Dr. Bagadi Gautham, Director, Mines & Geology Deptt., Smt. Salma Fahim, Secretary to the Government, Animal Husbandry & Fisheries Development Deptt., Shri. Shanthkumar, Additional Secretary, Public Works Deptt., Smt. Shobha H.B., Joint Director of Agriculture, Watershed Development Deptt., Dr. Selvaraj Joint Director (I/C), Planning, Health deptt, Shri. V. Govindraj, Chief Engineer, Public Works Deptt., C & B (S), Shri. Ramacharya, Director of Fisheries, Shri. Thippeswamy. D., Additional Director & Nodal Officer, Fisheries Department, Shri. Shanthipriya. H.D., Deputy Director of Fisheries, Shri. N. S. Chidananda, Deputy Director, Backward Classes & Minorities Welfare Deptt., and Smt. Savita, Chief Engineer (I/C), PRED, RDPR, and other Officers present, to the meeting.

MD, KMERC then provided a brief of the agenda for the meeting and initiated the discussion.

### **Agenda 1.**

## **Confirmation of the Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Hon'ble Oversight Authority held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

The minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Hon'ble Oversight Authority held on 16.11.2022 was discussed and there being no reason for any modification, it was confirmed.

### **Agenda 2.**

#### **Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 6th Meeting of Hon'ble Oversight Authority held on 16th November 2022**

MD, KMERC informed the Hon'ble Oversight Authority that approval of the 57 projects of value Rs. 944.61 Cr. approved in the last meeting held on Dt. 16.11.2022, have been communicated to the concerned departments, post 15 days of uploading the details of projects in the public domain. He also informed that no comments/ observations/ suggestions were received from any stakeholders on the approved projects in the said 15 days of uploading the details of projects in the public domain.

Action taken report on the previous meeting proceedings was noted.

Subsequently, MD,KMERC provided a brief on the project-proposals being put forth for approval in the meeting with Agenda no. 3.

### **Agenda 3.**

#### **Project Proposals received and being put-up for OA approval**

MD, KMERC informed that a total of 203 project-proposals of combined value Rs. 3554.87 Cr. were received by KMERC for consideration in the months of November 2022 to January 2023; out of which 102 nos. of project-proposals of combined value Rs. 1892.23 Cr. have been sent back seeking additional information/ corrections/ revisions after holding detailed discussions with Officers of the concerned Line Departments.

The remaining 101 nos. of project-proposals of combined value Rs. 1662.64 Cr. are being put-up for kind consideration in the 7th meeting of the Hon'ble Oversight Authority.

Thereafter, MD provided a Department-wise brief on the abstract of projects being put-up for OA Approval in the 7th Meeting and initiated the discussion on individual project proposals with Agenda no.13 on the 18 nos. of projects proposed by Karnataka Forest Department under Eco-Restoration (Forestry) sector.

### **Agenda 13.**

#### **Approval of projects proposed by Karnataka Forest Department under Eco-Restoration (Forestry) sector (18 nos.)**

MD, KMERC informed that 18 projects of value Rs. 189.40 Cr. pertaining to Hospete, Hadagali and Kudligi talukas of Vijayanagar District are proposed by Forest Department.

With regard to the discussions on the previous day as to which are mining-affected areas and which are not, MD, KMERC submitted that as per the CEC recommendation based on which the Hon'ble Supreme Court has accorded approval, the entire District are to be considered for Forestry projects under CEPMIZ and the same is not restricted to only mining affected Talukas. The MD further added that the Forest Department has been asked to prioritize mining-affected Talukas for proposing Eco-restoration projects.

He further informed that 2 Eco-restoration projects of the department were approved earlier for Hospete Taluka of Vijayanagar District, where currently mining is being carried out.

The Hon'ble OA sought to know whether entire Taluka area is considered as mining-affected, even though some areas in such Talukas may not be directly affected. He also enquired whether the Supreme Court was seized of the matter and the CEC was cognizant of this aspect.

In response, the Secretary to the Government, Commerce & Industries Deptt. (MSME & Mines) pointed out that the villages and areas which were badly affected by mining because of their proximity to Mines and areas which have been impacted due to illegal mining have been identified. This was done for providing more relief and support to the people directly affected by mining. However, the impact of illegal and unscientific mining was felt throughout the district because of the illegal mining and transportation of ore throughout the District. Also, since there are certain facilities like District hospitals and other centralized facilities which are used by people from all over the District, including people from villages directly affected by mining, therefore such facilities also need to be supported from the CEPMIZ funds. He also pointed out that the same principle is followed for use of District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT) funds.

Thereafter, PCCF (HoFF) provided a brief of the 18 projects proposed by the Forest Department, including a short description of the kind of works involved such as :

- Boundary consolidation works such as Boundary Stone Pillars, Stone Walls, etc.
- Forest Protection Works like Fire protection, Anti-poaching Camps, maintenance of Forest roads, etc.
- Habitat Improvement / Afforestation works including Natural Regeneration, Plantation, construction of Water holes, etc.
- Soil-Moisture Conservation Works, and,
- Awareness and Publicity Programmes

MD further stated that, as suggested during last meeting, the Department has been communicated for planting of only native plants. Hon'ble Oversight Authority was apprised of the same by mentioning that for long life & sustenance, native long duration plants are required.

Hon'ble OA mentioned that he shall look forward to getting more information on follow-up action, including details of plantations, their survival/ regeneration etc.

Further, MD, KMERC informed that 17 of the proposed 18 projects are of similar type and one project for restoration of Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary, is different and primarily related to improvement of Wildlife. Providing a brief on the said project, the MD highlighted that this project is for the purpose of Wildlife Management and therefore, activities such as afforestation / plantation are

limited/ absent. PCCF (HoFF) highlighted that following activities are proposed in such projects:

1. Forest Protection works such as Anti-poaching camps / Forest Protection camps, Watch Towers, Solar powered Bore well, Camera trap, etc.
2. Improvement of Wildlife habitat such as creation/ desilting of Waterholes, Grassland/ fodder plot development, Soil-Moisture Conservation activities, etc.
3. Awareness and Publicity Programmes
4. Eco-tourism activities such as Trekking paths, Bird trail, etc.

Finally, Secretary to the Government, Commerce & Industries Deptt. (MSME & Mines) informed the Hon'ble Oversight Authority and PCCF, Forest Department, that special wooden toys – “Koppal Toys” - are manufactured in Koppal region using a light-weight wood, which is often found to be short in supply in the region and requested if the related trees can be taken-up / encouraged for growing under eco-restoration (forestry) sector related projects in the surrounding areas.

MD, KMERC acknowledged that it is an important suggestion and assured that the matter will be looked into it.

**Decision: 18 Projects of value Rs. 189.40 Cr. are approved.**

## **Agenda 8 & 9.**

**Approval of 4 projects proposed by Health & Family Welfare Department and 1 project proposed by Indian Red Cross Society under Health Sector**

The Hon'ble OA emphasized that in addition to Eco-restoration sector, projects related to sectors such as Health, Education, Development of Vulnerable Sections, Approach Roads/ By-passes, etc. in the mining affected villages, are to be taken-up on priority for approval and implementation under CEPMIZ and enquired whether any projects for these sectors are put-up for consideration.

MD, KMERC responded by mentioning that 4 projects for Vijayanagar District have been proposed by Health & Family Welfare Department and 1 project has been proposed by Indian Red Cross Society for Ballari District under Health Sector. He further added that the projects proposed for Vijayanagar District are mainly focussed on strengthening the Primary Healthcare system in the villages across the District, in addition to providing equipment and HR to Taluka Hospitals at Hospet and Hadagali Talukas. The Hon'ble OA sought to know the reason for proposing Taluka / District-level hospitals instead of completely focussing on strengthening health facilities at the village-level. The Principal Secretary, Health Dept. responded saying that the State Government's current policy for development of Health sector focusses on improving the Primary Healthcare by strengthening the Primary and Community Healthcare Centres (PHCs and CHCs), and the same principle is being followed for proposing projects under CEPMIZ, since Primary Healthcare is not in a good shape in the mining-affected areas. He further informed that while making District CEPMIZ plans, the Health Department focused on first fully saturating the Primary Healthcare as per relevant norms and national standards, before considering major projects at the district level.

Principal Secretary, Health Dept. also pointed out that there are few severe diseases/ illnesses (such as respiratory disorders) caused due to mining

activities that are common in these regions and therefore are best treated in centralized manner such as in Taluka / District hospitals, where special equipment and facilities required to treat such diseases are/ can be made available with required manpower.

MD, KMERC mentioned that, as informed by the Deputy Commissioner, Ballari, there are clusters of several mines within 4 to 5 kms distance from Ballari City limits, where residents of Ballari city work and transportation of mined ore also takes place through Ballari City. As such, Ballari City is also directly affected by mining. However, KMERC shall follow the principle of prioritizing Primary and Secondary Healthcare related projects over Tertiary Healthcare projects.

Hon'ble Oversight Authority again sought to know what is meant by "directly affected by mining" and "indirectly affected by mining". In response, the Secretary to the Government, Commerce & Industries Deptt. (MSME & Mines) mentioned that the same has been defined under the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) to be implemented by District Mineral Foundations (DMFs) as below:

*"Directly affected areas – where direct mining-related operations such as excavation, mining, blasting, beneficiation and waste disposal (overburdened dumps, tailing ponds, transport corridors etc.), etc. are located.*

*a) Villages and gram panchayats within which the mines are situated and are operational. Such mining areas may extend to neighbouring village, block or district or even state.*

- b) An area within such radius from a mine or cluster of mines as may be specified by the State Government, irrespective of whether this falls within the district concerned or adjacent district.*
- c) Villages in which families displaced by mines have resettled/rehabilitated by the project authorities.*
- d) Villages that significantly depend on the mining areas for meeting their economic needs and have usufruct and traditional rights over the project areas, for instance, for grazing, collection of minor forest produce etc. should be considered as directly affected areas.*

***Indirectly affected areas*** –*Those areas where local population is adversely affected on account of economic, social, and environmental consequences due to mining-related operations. The major negative impacts of mining could be by way of deterioration of water, soil and air quality, reduction in stream flows and depletion of ground water, congestion, and pollution due to mining operations, transportation of minerals, increased burden on existing infrastructure and resources.”*

Hon’ble Oversight Authority noted the statutory provisions and agreed that same need to be followed for CEPMIZ projects, unless decided otherwise by Hon’ble Supreme Court.

MD KMERC submitted that Hon’ble Supreme Court while giving in-principle approval to the CEPMIZ vide its order dated 21.04.2022 has ordered as follows:

*“v. The amounts as collected in terms of the order passed by this Court in the present matter shall be utilized by the KMERD under the Supervision of the Oversight Authority in the mining affected districts of Ballari (including new district of Vijaynagar carved out from Ballari district, vide notification dated 08.02.2021), Chitradurga and Tumkur.”*

So the boundary set by the Hon'ble Court order is very clear. However, in terms of the CEC Recommendations and objectives of the CEPMZ, the project approvals are being prioritized for directly affected areas and thereafter projects covering areas in the districts, which are indirectly affected are being considered based on outlay provided in the district CEPMZ, approved in-principle by Hon'ble Court.

Thereafter, MD, KMERD proceeded to describe individual projects proposed under Health sector as follows:

- 1) Creation of new PHC (7 nos) with HR and strengthening of PHC staff quarters (4 nos) in mining affected Vijayanagara district
- 2) Establishing new Sub-centres (15 nos) with HR and providing own building for Sub-centres (7 Nos), which are run on rental basis.
- 3) Repair & Renovation of CHC staff quarters at Ittigi of Hadagali Taluk
- 4) Provision of Equipment for Paediatric ICU at MCH (Mother & Child Hospital), Hospete and Equipment along with HR for Blood Bank at Taluk hospital, Hadagali.
- 5) Construction of Blood Bank, Disaster Management Centre with Disability Centre and Auditorium.

The Hon'ble Oversight Authority noted that objections might be raised about constructing new buildings such as Staff Quarters. In response, it was

pointed out by Principal Secretary, Health department that unless Doctors and medical Staff have Quarters to reside in proximity of PHCs & Sub-centres, these will not be able to provide regular services to the local people.

Hon'ble Oversight Authority agreed to the same and provided approval for the 4 Health sector projects for Vijayanagar district. The Department was asked to ensure that projects proposed for Health sector shall prioritize strengthening of Primary and Secondary healthcare in mining-affected villages on saturation basis, before taking up major projects at the District HQs, and that, operations and maintenance of the facilities at their full capacity shall be fully supported by the Department, post project implementation.

**Decision: 4 projects proposed by Health & Family Welfare Department of value Rs. 68.12 Cr. are approved, and one project proposed by Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) of value Rs. 6.52 Cr. is deferred.**

## **Agenda 6.**

### **Approval of projects proposed by Fisheries Department under Agriculture & Allied Sector (8 Nos.)**

MD, KMERC welcomed Secretary to the Government for Animal Husbandry & Fisheries Department for discussion on Project proposals on Fisheries development and emphasized on the importance of Animal Husbandry & Fisheries development projects, as they are completely people-centric projects. As such, the MD requested the Secretary to closely review the DPR preparation for the Animal Husbandry Department's projects already approved by the Hon'ble OA earlier.

Thereafter, MD, KMERC provided a brief on the projects proposed for Fisheries development being put up for consideration in this meeting (as below) and emphasized on their people-centric nature.

- 1) Capacity building of fishermen/Fish Farmers/Fisheries Entrepreneur in mining affected areas of Ballari District
- 2) Supporting fish farmers with Advanced fingerlings, Aerators, Fishery requisites and Transport facility
- 3) Construction of Hatchery and Rearing farm at Daroji and upgradation of Moka fish farm
- 4) Improving hygienic fish marketing in the Ballari District
- 5) Construction of amenities for FCS such as Auction Hall cum Offices
- 6) Construction of 20 Metric Tonnes Cold Storage and Ice Plant
- 7) Establishment of Water, Soil and Microbiological testing laboratory
- 8) Restoration and Extension of Fishery Activities in Mining-affected villages of Chikkanayakanhalli, Tiptur and Gubbi Taluks of Tumkur District

The Hon'ble OA sought to know the proposed locations of these projects to which MD,KMERC responded that these projects are proposed to be undertaken across mining affected taluks of the Districts of Ballari and Tumkur. The MD and the Secretary to the Government emphasized that creation of such hygienic Storage and Marketing facilities for Fish is crucial for the development of Fisheries and for supporting fish-farmers.

MD, KMERC sought to know whether any Federation or FPO shall be running the proposed Cold Storage and Ice Plant (item no.6 above). He suggested that construction can be done by the Department, but operations and maintenance should be done by a Fisheries Federation to ensure sustainability. The Director, Fisheries mentioned that there is a Fisheries Federation in Bagalkot which can be empowered to run the facility. The MD, KMERC requested the Department to further examine the feasibility, since Bagalkote is quite far.

The Hon'ble OA asked the Department to provide more information, including a blueprint for the same and decided to defer the approval of the project.

Thereafter, the Hon'ble OA sought to know why the Water, Soil and Micro-biological testing laboratory (item no.7 above) is proposed to be established in Ballari city and if it can be established in some other Taluka/ place where it is easy for fish-farmer to access it. MD, KMERC also sought to know as to how this laboratory will be run and if any staff is already sanctioned for the same.

The Secretary AH&Fisheries responded saying that other places can be examined for setting up the proposed laboratory and sanction has to be obtained from the Government for the corresponding staff posts.

The Hon'ble OA asked the Department to do the needful accordingly and decided to defer the approval for the project.

**Decision: 6 Projects of value Rs. 63.85 Cr. are approved and 2 Projects of value Rs. 2.61 Cr. are deferred.**

#### **Agenda 4.**

#### **Approval of projects proposed by Water Resources Department under Irrigation Sector (2 Nos.)**

MD, KMERC provided a brief on the 2 projects proposed by Water Resources Department under Irrigation Sector.

However, since more information was required regarding the proposed projects and there was no representation from the said Department, the Hon'ble Oversight Authority decided to defer the approval for the proposed projects.

**Decision: 2 Projects of value Rs. 68.99 Cr. are deferred.**

#### **Agenda 7.**

#### **Approval of project proposed by Mines and Geology Department under Skill Development Sector (1 No.)**

MD, KMERC provided a brief on the project – “Establishment of new Mineralogical and Chemical laboratory in Hospet Taluka, Vijayanagar district” proposed by Mines and Geology Department under Skill Development Sector, which will build the capacity of students for mining sector.

After a brief discussion on the same, Hon'ble Oversight Authority approved the project.

**Decision: One Project of value Rs. 2.27 Cr. is approved.**

## Agenda 5.

### Approval of projects proposed by Department of Watershed Development under Agriculture & Allied Sector (26 Nos.)

MD, KMERC presented a summary of the Project proposals submitted by Watershed Development Department for Ballari, Chitradurga and Vijayanagar districts. He informed that due to mining and dust, the land productivity has gone down considerably, and agriculture has suffered badly. Through these projects, interventions like soil and moisture conservation, agro-forestry and various income generation / livelihood activities are to be carried out with the involvement of local community for comprehensive development of affected watersheds and would be beneficial for the affected people.

The process of design and implementation of Watershed projects , as per guidelines of PMKSY-WDC 2.0 issued recently by DoLR Gol, was also explained in brief. The Hon'ble OA sought to know as to who the beneficiaries of such projects are, to which MD, KMERC responded saying that farmers of the region are the main beneficiaries whose lands have been adversely affected by mining. The Joint Director, Watershed Development Department, added that even landless people living in the villages comprising these watersheds will also be benefitted. The Hon'ble OA sought to know the number of landless people and farmers who will be benefitted across the villages, where the project works are proposed to be undertaken, to which the Joint Director, Watershed Development Department, responded that the same will be available after the respective surveys are done by the selected NGO(s), as part of planning for the DPR preparation.

The Hon'ble OA instructed the Department to make such information available for each Village/ Taluka for the proposed projects, as well as any projects to be proposed in the future, before starting the implementation.

The Secretary to the Government, Commerce & Industries Deptt. (MSME & Mines) mentioned that the Centre of e-Governance (CeG) has built a comprehensive database by combining data from all the Departments and suggested that KMERC can collaborate with CeG to obtain all beneficiary-related data for CEPMIZ districts and explore how this data can be made use for improving the targeting of CEPMIZ projects for mining- affected people. MD, KMERC agreed with the suggestion and assured to do the needful.

**Decision: 26 Projects of value Rs. 494.44 Cr. for treating 2.01 Lakh Ha. Of Watershed areas in mining affected taluks of Ballari district (7 projects over 53,091.73 Ha in Sandur & Ballari taluks), Vijaynagar district (7 projects over 49,393.66 Ha in Hospete 5 projects and one each in Kudligi and H.B.Halli taluks) and Chitradurga district ( 12 Projects over 98,718.54 Ha. in Chitradurga, Holalkere and Hosdurga taluks) are approved.**

## **Agenda 10.**

### **Approval of projects proposed by Public Works Department under Roads & Communication Sector (32 Nos.)**

MD, KMERC provided a brief of the Project proposals pertaining to Public Works Department (PWD), to which the Hon'ble OA sought to know why such road project cannot be taken up by the PWD with its own budgetary allocation.

CE, PWD, said that roads in the mining affected areas are to be specially built to bear the larger tonnage as against the normal roads.

The Secretary to the Government, Commerce & Industries Deptt. (MSME & Mines) pointed out that PWD allocates funds only on the basis of the road-

length and not on the basis of tonnage of haul and since the roads in mining-affected areas are damaged because of the excessive loading of mining-related transportation, such roads need more intensive strengthening and therefore, more intensive funding which is proposed to be sourced from CEPMIZ. The Director, Mines added that if PWD has to take up these roads as part of their regular work, then budget has to be disproportionately allocated for these roads due to the heavy damage they take. As such the budget would also have to be allocated for the related talukas and this would inappropriately skew the Departmental budget allocation to specific areas.

Further, MD, KMERC mentioned that since these roads are badly damaged because of mining-related transportation, the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in its order of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018, had asked to make separate plan for road infrastructure required under CEPMIZ. Accordingly, such roads were identified and submitted to the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the CEC had provided an upper limit on expenditure on road infrastructure under CEPMIZ. Accordingly, these plans have been approved in-principle by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. He further added that all these roads are proposed only in mining-affected talukas and only CC roads are proposed (no BT roads), which will last for at least 20-30 years. It was also pointed out that FIMI (Federation of Indian Mineral Industries) has also requested that these roads be strengthened on priority, as are badly damaged and mining-transportation are forced to use village-roads, further degrading the village environment.

Subsequently, the Hon'ble Oversight Authority agreed to accord approval for all the 32 projects proposed by the PWD.

**Decision: 32 Projects of value Rs. 557.12 Cr. are approved.**

## **Agenda 11.**

### **Approval of projects proposed by Panchayat Raj Engineering Department (PRED) under Rural Roads Sector (07 Nos.)**

MD, KMERC briefed about the 07 projects proposed by Panchayat Raj Engineering Department (PRED) under Rural Roads Sector for Tumkur district and mentioned that these roads (along with drainage) are all proposed in villages directly affected by mining.

Describing the projects further, the Chief Engineer from PRED added that two of the seven projects are for construction of new village roads and the rest 5 projects are strengthening of the existing roads.

The Hon'ble Oversight Authority agreed to accord approval for all the 07 projects proposed by the PRED for mining affected villages in Tumkur district.

**Decision: 07 Projects of value Rs. 189.31 Cr. are approved.**

## **Agenda 12.**

### **Approval of project proposed by the Backward Classes Welfare Department under Development of Vulnerable Sections sector (2 Nos.)**

MD, KMERC briefed about the 02 projects proposed for Strengthening of infrastructure of Pre-Metric and Post-Metric Boys and Girls Hostels in Tumkur district by the Backward Classes Welfare Department under Development of Vulnerable Sections sector and sought to know from the Department Representative how these projects will help the people affected by mining. The

Department Representative responded that the proposed projects shall improve the higher education prospects of students belonging to Backward Class in the mining affected areas of the district.

The Hon'ble OA pointed out that it is the mandate of the Government to accomplish the said purpose and CEPMIZ funds cannot be provided for works which do not address the adverse effects of mining. As such, it was decided to defer the approval of the said 02 projects and the Department was asked to re-examine the proposals and provide more information as to how the projects will directly benefit the local students / people affected by mining.

**Decision: 2 Projects of value Rs. 20.00 Cr. are deferred.**

#### **Agenda 14. Progress of DPR submission of Approved Projects**

The Hon'ble OA expressed his wish to discuss DPR preparation under CEPMIZ in the next meeting.

#### **Agenda 15. Administrative Approval of Project DPRs**

The Hon'ble OA opined that this discussion can also be had as part of the next meeting, since both are interconnected matters.

## Agenda 16.

### Update on KMERC's Financial Management

MD, KMERC mentioned that as on 31-01-2023, the Monitoring Committee has totally transferred Rs. 22,907.09 Cr., out of which, Rs. 22,888.73 Cr. is invested in RBI Treasury Bills, and KMERC has repaid the loan of Rs. 1 crore to Government of Karnataka out of the balance amount.

Further, the MD also added that:

- i. KMERC has paid Rs. 3.20 Crores to KRIDL towards office renovation work at Khanija Bhavan.
- ii. Rs. 1 Crore is invested in Union Bank of India term deposit of Rs.50 lakhs each for a period of 91days and 46 days respectively, and,
- iii. Rs. 10.62 Cr. is retained in the P.D.Account of KMERC for release towards Project expenditure/DPR preparation cost.
- iv. The remaining amount of Rs. 72.25 Lakh is in the admin account of KMERC.

Regarding Fund flow mechanism to line departments, MD, KMERC informed that Canara Bank has been identified as the Nodal Bank to release the funds to the implementing agencies through Mother and Child account concept. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been executed with Canara Bank and Project Account is opened for release of funds to the Project Implementing Officers.

## **Agenda 17.**

### **Submission of Quarterly Progress Report of KMERC for the Third Quarter (Q3): October 2022 - December 2022.**

The 3rd Quarterly Performance Report for the period from October 2022 to December 2022 placed before the Hon'ble Oversight Authority was noted.

## **Agenda 18.**

### **Any other matter with the permission of the Chair**

MD-KMERC briefed about the activities carried out since last meeting including

- The progress in development of IT platform for project implementation monitoring & financial management,
- The submission of the revised financial proposal from M/s RITES Ltd. for undertaking Socio-Economic Survey of mining-affected villages/ habitations for collecting baseline data, and,
- the new office of KMERC being readied for use at Khanija Bhawan, which were noted.

The MD urged all the Departments present to promptly initiate, closely monitor and expedite the preparation and submission of DPRs as per extant guidelines (available on the KMERC website) for approved projects, which shall be published in the KMERC website for 15 days before officially communicating the same to the Departments.

The Meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair and all the Officers present

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**Justice B. Sudershan Reddy**  
**Hon'ble Oversight Authority**

**Annexure – 1: List of participants**

Sl. No.	Name of the Officer	Designation / Organization
1.	Hon'ble Justice B. Sudershan Reddy	Hon'ble Oversight Authority, KMERC
2.	Shri. R. K. Singh, IFS	PCCF (HoFF), Forest Department
3.	Shri Pankaj Kumar Pandey, IAS	Secretary to the Government, Commerce & Industries Deptt. (MSME & Mines)
4.	Shri T. K. Anil Kumar	Principal Secretary to the Government, Health & Family Welfare Deptt.
5.	Shri. Prabhash Chandra Ray, IFS	Managing Director, KMERC
6.	Shri. Bagadi Gautham, IAS	Director, Mines & Geology Deptt.
7.	Smt. Salma Fahim, IAS	Secretary to the Government, Animal Husbandry & Fisheries Development Deptt.
8.	Shri. Shanthkumar	Additional Secretary, Public Works Deptt.
9.	Smt. Shobha H.B.	Joint Director of Agriculture, Watershed Development Deptt.
10.	Dr. Selvaraj	Joint Director (I/C), Planning
11.	Shri. V. Govindraj	Chief Engineer, Public Works Deptt., C & B(S)
12.	Shri. Ramacharya	Director of Fisheries
13.	Shri. Thippeswamy. D.	Additional Director & Nodal Officer, Fisheries Department
14.	Shri. Shanthipriya. H.D.	Deputy Director of Fisheries
15.	Shri. N. S. Chidananda	Deputy Director, Backward Classes & Minorities Welfare Deptt.
16.	Smt. Savita	Chief Engineer (I/C), PRED, RDPR
17.	Shri. R. Dayananda	Executive Engineer, PRED, Madhugiri
18.	Shri. Harish S.R.	Executive Engineer, PRED, Tumkur