

About DMFT Dhanbad

District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT) is a trust set up as a non-profit body, in those districts like Dhanbad that are affected by the mining works. This has been set up to work for the interest and benefit of persons and areas affected by mining related operations. It is funded through the royalty contributions from mining companies. It has been mandated through the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act, (MMDRA) 2015. In this regard, DMFT Dhanbad was registered on 04/02/2016 and has been working for the developmental needs of people affected by various mining operations.

Further, DMFT Dhanbad is implementing Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY). The overall objective of PMKKKY scheme is to implement various developmental and welfare projects/programs pertaining to health, education, drinking water and sanitation, physical infrastructure, energy and watershed development, welfare of vulnerable groups (aged and disabled) etc. in mining affected areas. In this manner, DMFT Dhanbad is working continuously for minimizing the adverse impacts of mining on directly and indirectly affected people of the district.

Thus, it will work to ensure long-term sustainable livelihoods, needed infrastructure and quality environment for the affected people in mining areas of the coal capital of India.

OUR OBJECTIVE

- To implement various developmental and welfare projects/programs in mining affected areas that complement the existing ongoing schemes/projects of State and Central Government.
- To minimize/mitigate the adverse impacts, during and after mining, on the environment, health and socioeconomics of people in mining districts
- To ensure long-term sustainable livelihoods for the affected people in mining areas.

Care has been taken to include all aspects of living, to ensure substantial improvement in the quality of life. High priority areas like drinking water supply, health care, sanitation, education, skill development, women and childcare, welfare of aged and disabled people, skill development and environment conservation will get at least 60 % share of the funds. For creating a supportive and conducive living environment, balance funds will be spent on making roads, bridges, railways, waterways projects, irrigation and alternative energy sources. This way, government is facilitating mainstreaming of the people from lower strata of society, tribal's and forest-dwellers who have no wherewithal and are affected the most from mining activities.

How PMKKKY will be implemented:

- It will be implemented by the funds generated by District Mineral Foundation.
- At least 60% the fund will be utilized for "High Priority Areas" like:
 - Drinking water supply
 - Environment preservation & pollution control measure
 - Health care
 - Education

- Welfare of women and children
 - Welfare of aged & disabled people
 - Skill development
 - Sanitation
- Rest of the fund will be utilized for "Other Priority Areas"
 - Physical infrastructure,
 - Irrigation
 - Energy & watershed development
 - Measures for enhancing environmental quality

Legal Provisions:

- Section 9B of Mine and Minerals Development Regulation (MMDR) Amendment Act 2015 stipulates that any district affected by mining related operations, the State Government shall, by notification, establish a trust, as a non-profit body, to be called the District Mineral Foundation.
- Central Government issued directions on 16.09.2015 to the all-State Governments to incorporate PMKKKY into the rules framed by them for the District Mineral Foundation under section 20A of MMDR Amendment Act 2015.
- In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 15(4) and Section 15A of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (as amended in 2015), the Government of Jharkhand issued Jharkhand DMF (Trust) Rules-2016 incorporating PMKKKY and notified on 23rd March 2016.