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NATIONAL MINERAL AWARDS – 2002

The National Mineral Awards Scheme has been instituted by the Ministry of Coal and Mines, Department of Mines, Government of India, with the purpose of honouring individual scientists and teams of scientists for their extraordinary achievements and contributions in fundamental or applied geosciences and, thus, to provide an incentive for striving towards excellence.

National Mineral Award for Excellence: This special single Award for Excellence is made to an outstanding scientist/technologist of very high attainments for his/her sustained and significant contributions in any field(s) of Geosciences and related areas. The award carries a cash prize of Rs.300,000/-, a certificate, a citation and a trophy.

National Mineral Awards: Thirteen awards are given to scientist(s)/technologist(s) individually or to team(s) in recognition of meritorious contribution in any of the field of Earth Sciences. Each award carries a cash prize of Rs.100,000/- a certificate, a citation and a trophy. In case of team award the award money is shared equally by the team members subject to a minimum of Rs.40,000/- each.

Eligibility: Any citizen of India, engaged in studies/activities in the field of Earth Sciences, is eligible for the Award for Excellence and the National Mineral Awards.

Nominations: The nominations for the Award for Excellence - 2002 and the National Mineral Awards - 2002 are invited from scientific organizations dealing with Earth Sciences as indicated in the Regulations Governing National Mineral Awards.

The last date of receipt of nominations is 31st March 2003. For further information, please contact: Shri N.S. Bohra, Advisor, Technical Planning and Policy Committee, Department of Mines, Ministry of Coal and Mines, Block No.11, 5th Floor, C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003. **Telefax:** 011-2436 3199; **Email:** tppc_mom@rediffmail.com