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Why is in news? Keonjhar finalises beneficiaries 7 years after DMF scheme

Odisha's Keonjhar district is India's highest recipient of funds under the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) scheme, and has spent ₹3,000 crore under the scheme over the past seven years, but the district has only recently finalised who the real beneficiaries are.

As per the **Mine and Minerals Development Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2015**, in every 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.

DMFT Funds: Mining companies contribute **10-30% on the royalty amount** that they pay to the government to DMF Trust in the district they are operating in.

Objective: The idea behind the contribution is that **local mining-affected communities**, mostly tribal and among the poorest in the country, also have the **right to benefit from natural resources extracted from where they live**.

The functioning of the DMF trusts and the fund use governed by states' DMF Rules incorporate the mandates of a central guideline, **Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY)** that specifies high priority areas of investments.

Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana:

PMKKKY is a scheme by the **Ministry of Mines** for the **welfare of people & affected areas** by using the funds accrued under District Mineral Foundation (DMF).

Objectives: 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 socio-economics of people in mining districts.

To ensure long-term sustainable livelihoods for the affected people in mining areas.

At least 60% the fund will be utilized for "High Priority Areas" like Drinking water supply, Environment preservation & pollution control measure, Health care, Education, etc.

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