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District Mineral Foundation (DMF), Instituted to work for the persons affected by Mining related operations has largely failed to accomplish its goals. Critically examine what hampers DMFs from fulfilling its objectives and suggest measures to improve the situations.

District Mineral Foundation (DMF) is formed by the state governments in the districts involving in Mining activities. And DMF work in the interest and benefits of persons in area affected by mining related operations.

According to the Mines and Mineral (Development & Regulation) Act 1957 the DMF should be formed on the basis of Article 244, Panchayats, and Municipalities. But the DMF are dominated by Government officials and political representatives

As per the law Investments should be made on the recommendations of the people but the people of the affected areas are left out in the decision Making process. The people are also supposed to identify beneficiaries and Monitor the Implementation of projects. None of the DMF are planning the projects from the

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The major reason hampering the DMF from fulfilling its objectives is lack of political will to enforce the DMF and increase the public representation in DMF.

In order to solve this problem state government should be made more transparent in terms of formation and implementation of DMF and centers grants to the states in respect of mining should be in proportion to the requirements met by DMF in accordance to the law.

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