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Government of India
Ministry of Coal
Nominated Authority

120 -F, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Date: 13.05.2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of Meeting chaired by Additional Secretary & Nominated Authority (AS&NA), Ministry of Coal on 03.05.2024 at 12:00 PM to review the status of partially / Regionally Explored Coal Blocks.

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The undersigned is directed to refer the subject mentioned above and to forward herewith the minutes of meeting held on 03.05.2024 at 12:00 PM under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary & Nominated Authority (AS&NA), to review the status of partially / Regionally Explored Coal Blocks.



(Rishan Rytathiang)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

To,

1. The Secretary (Mines), (Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Odisha, West Bengal)
2. The Director (Mines), (Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Odisha, West Bengal)
3. CMD, CMPDI, Ranchi
4. Allottees of coal blocks as per meeting notice dated 29.04.2024

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1. PPS to Additional Secretary & NA
2. Director (NA)/ Director (Tech/NA)
3. Concerned staff of O/o NA

Minutes of meeting chaired by Additional Secretary & Nominated Authority (AS&NA), Ministry of Coal, on 03.05.24 at 11:00 AM to review the status of Partially / Regionally Explored Coal Blocks.

The list of participants is at Annexure I.

At the outset, AS & NA (Coal) welcomed all the participants. He stated that ministry has observed that there has been abnormal delay in completion of exploration and preparation of GR. This has pushed back the operationalization by a few months and in some cases even by a few years. He stated that the meeting has been convened to find out the difficulty they are facing in completion of this milestone and what is the way forward and how ministry can help them.

A mine wise presentation was made, and the progress was discussed.

1. Jhigador, M/s CG Natural Resources Limited

The mine was allotted on 18.11.21 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 18.05.27. The mine is yet to receive PL cum ML.

The allottee informed that an application was submitted to DMG, GoCG on 25.11.21, with a follow up letter being sent to Secretary, MRD, GoCG on 04.02.23. The representative of GoCG stated that the delay was due to section 6(1) of MMDR act which limits the grant of PL to block areas less than 25 Sq Kms, and now that it is relaxed to 90 Sq Kms, a decision to grant PL will be taken post general election of Lok Sabha.

The allottee further mentioned that they have applied for NOC for drilling in Forest Area on 20.07.22 and the application is currently with PCCF, Raipur. They will carry out the exploration themselves as a group company is an accredited agency.

2. Khargaon, M/s CG Natural Resources Limited

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3. Barra, M/s BALCO

The mine was allotted on 12.12.22 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 12.06.28.

PL cum ML was granted on 15.03.24, however, execution is pending due to Model Code of Conduct. The allottee informed that they have received NOC for drilling in forest area on 30.01.24, however drilling is yet to begin for want of PL cum ML. They mentioned that they can start drilling within a few days of receiving the PL cum ML as they have mobilized 16 rigs for the same. AS & NA advised GoCG to ensure that PL cum ML gets executed as soon as the general election ends.

4. Purunga, M/s CG Natural Resources Limited

The mine was allotted on 08.06.23 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 08.12.28. The mine is yet to complete exploration.

The allottee informed that they submitted an application for PL cum ML on 04.08.23 to DMO, Raigarh. The application has been with DMG, GoCG since 26.03.24. They further informed that the proposal for NOC for drilling in forest area is pending with project screening committee -II. The representative of GoCG stated that the delay is due to Model Code of Conduct, and they will take a decision on PL cum ML by July, 2024. They will carry out the exploration themselves as a group company is an accredited agency

5. Sherband, M/s Nilkanth Coal Mining Private Limited

The mine was allotted on 14.12.23 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 14.06.29. The mine is yet to receive PL cum ML.

The allottee informed that the land survey is in process and that the PL cum ML application will be submitted after the land documents are finalized. They highlighted that the land issue is due to an increase in forest land area, from 176 ha to 310 ha, post DGPS survey. The allottee also mentioned that an application for field verification was submitted to Revenue and Forest Departments on 29.04.24 which will take 2 weeks to complete. As for exploration, the allottee informed that an agency has already been finalized and a work order has already been given.

6. Bankhui, M/s Yazdani Steel and Power Limited

The mine was allotted on 10.10.22 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 10.04.28. The mine is yet to receive PL cum ML.

The allottee informed that an application was submitted for PL cum ML on 05.12.22 to DC, Angul. The application was forwarded to Director (Mines) on 06.01.23 who sought clarifications regarding DGPS survey along with the

boundary description and land schedule. The allottee submitted the clarifications on 30.12.23 and 19.02.24, and the application is currently with the Steel and Mines Department since 30.04.24. The allottee further informed that they are yet to apply for NOC for drilling in Forest Area. The representative of Odisha govt informed that the application was received 2 days before in Steel & Mines dept and they will process it after moral code of conduct is over.

7. Alaknanda, M/s Rungta Sons Private Limited

The mine was allotted on 12.12.22 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 12.06.28. PL cum ML was granted on 25.08.2023 and executed on 02.09.2023 .The GR is under preparation.

They further informed that NOC for drilling in forest area was obtained on 20.10.23, and drilling and exploration started on 03.11.23. They mentioned that 51 out of 60 boreholes have already been drilled, and they expect exploration to be completed by the end of May. As for GR,the allottee mentioned it is being prepared by Natural Resource Division, Tata Steel, and will be prepared by early September.

8. Chendipada (Revised), M/s Rungta Sons Private Limited

The mine was allotted on 08.06.23 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 08.12.28.

The allottee mentioned that the mine has received PL cum ML on 15.03.24, however, execution is pending due to Model Code of Conduct. If 90 days is lapsed ,the proposal will once again go back to Principal Secretary for approval.

9. Sakhigopal – B Kankili, M/s Rungta Sons Private Limited

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10. Meenakshi West, M/s Hindalco Industries Limited

The mine was allotted on 14.12.23 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 15.06.29.The mine is yet to receive PL cum ML.

The allottee informed that an application was submitted for PL cum ML on 02.03.24, however the application did not contain land details. They further mentioned that an inspection has been done by DFO, Rourkela, for the same. They also informed that NOC for drilling in Forest Area will be submitted after finalization of land schedule. As for exploration, a revised

exploration scheme is under preparation, and they expect to complete the GR by March, 2025.

11. Saharpur Jamarpani, M/s Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited

The mine was allotted on 13.08.15 and the scheduled date of operationalization was 12.02.21. The mine is yet to complete exploration.

PL cum ML was issued to the allottee under Section 4(1) of CBA (A&D) Act on 27.05.2022. Application of NOC for drilling in forest area was submitted on 10.10.18 and reply to the queries was submitted on 03.04.24 to DFO, Dumka. Tender for MDO selection has been initiated several times, however, it received no response.

AS & NA stated that the issue was discussed just two weeks before and ministry has observed that no progress has taken place in the mine from the time of allocation. Also, no progress is visualized for future.

12. Urma Parhitola, M/s Auro Coal Mining Private Limited

The mine was allotted on 03.03.21 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 02.12.26. The mine has received PL cum ML and the exploration is in progress.

The allottee informed that PL cum ML was granted on 25.01.23, and executed on 11.04.23 in Dumka district, and on 24.04.23 in Pakur district. They further informed that NOC for drilling in forest area was obtained on 03.09.22 for Pakur district, and on 16.09.22 for Dumka district. Exploration work started on 05.06.23, and 58 out of 64 boreholes have been drilled and only 6 boreholes are remaining. It will take 2 more months for preparation of GR and they will submit GR by end of July for approval.

13. Rauta Closed Mine, M/s Shreesatya Mines Private Limited

The mine was allotted on 18.11.21 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 17.05.27. The mine is yet to receive PL cum ML.

The allottee informed that they submitted an application for PL cum ML on 06.01.22 to DMO, Raigarh. The application was forwarded to Director (Mines), and a query was raised by DMG, GoJH on 14.08.23 for submission of recertified land schedule. They further informed that DGPS survey is pending, however, land records have been recertified by both CO, Mandwa and DMO, Ramgarh but the submission is still pending due to missing records of 3 plots. Regarding, NOC for drilling in forest area, the allottee informed that it has already been received, and they have approached MECL for exploration.

14. Jogeshwar and Khas Jogeshwar, M/s Southwest Pinnacle Exploration Limited

The mine was allotted on 18.11.21 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 17.05.27. The mine is yet to receive PL cum ML.

The allottee informed that they submitted an application for PL cum ML to DMO, Ramgarh and DMO, Bokaro on 15.01.22. The application has been forwarded to Secretary (Mines), GoJH on 28.12.23. The proposal is in process for cabinet approval since then. AS & NA observed that lots of time are taken at state level in processing the proposal of PL cum ML.

15. & 16. Brahmini and Chichro Patsimal, M/s Eastern Coalfields Limited

The mine was allotted on 24.01.19 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 23.01.25. The drilling and exploration has not yet started in the mine.

The allottee stated that due to resistance of villagers, drilling/exploration have become very difficult. Work order has been given to MECL for drilling/exploration. MECL has mobilized equipment for exploration, however villager agitation has made it difficult. They further informed that they are meeting with district authority regularly. They have undertaken CSR activities, such as installing hand pumps, and making smart classes available in schools to build cordial relationships with the local villagers, on the advice of DC, Dumka.

AS & NA stated that advise has been given to ECL in previous meeting for activities to be initiated as part of CSR and they are supposed to comply it.

17. Amarkonda Murgadangal, M/s Eastern Coalfields Limited

The mine was allotted on 24.01.19 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 23.01.25. The drilling and exploration has not yet started in the mine.

The allottee explained that they have undertaken CSR activities, such as installing hand pumps, and making smart classes available in schools to build cordial relationships with the local villagers and ease villager agitation, on the advice of DC, Dumka. Earlier, they entrusted CMPDIL for exploration and preparation of GR but it failed to do due to resistance of villagers. Now they have decided to go for MDO mode.

18. Basantpur, M/s Gangaramchak Mining Private Limited

The mine was allotted on 12.12.22 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 11.06.28. The mine is yet to receive PL cum ML.

The allotted informed that they submitted an application for PL cum ML on 30.08.23 to DMO, Ramgarh. The application have been processed and

reached to Secretary (Mines), GoJH on 22.02.24. It is expected that the PL cum ML will be granted after model code of conduct is over.

19. Binja, M/s Assam Mineral Development Corporation Limited

The mine was allotted on 08.06.23 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 08.12.28. The mine is yet to receive PL cum ML.

The allottee informed that they submitted an application for PL cum ML on 14.12.23 to DMO, Ramgarh. DMO, Ramgarh sought some clarifications regarding land on 16.12.23. As the mine falls in two districts – Ramgarh and Ranchi, the clarifications need to be submitted to both DMO Ranchi and DMO Ramgarh. As for Exploration, the allottee informed that they have awarded IMPCOM the task of exploration and GR preparation. Additionally, Maheshwari Mining will be assisting with drilling operations.

20. Kalyanpura Badalpara, M/s Haryana Power Generation Company Limited

The mine was allotted on 24.02.16 and the scheduled date of operationalization was 30.03.21. The mine is yet to complete exploration and preparation of Geological Report.

The allottee informed that tender was floated for selection of MDO on 11.08.2023 and again it was initiated on 20.02.24, and the bid opening date is 14.06.24. They have initiated tender for MDO for whole mining work in the mine.

21. Gondbehera Ujheni East, M/s MP Natural Resources Private Limited

The mine was allotted on 10.10.22 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 10.04.28. The mine is yet to complete exploration.

The allottee informed that PL cum ML was granted on 03.05.23 and executed on 19.05.23. They further informed that NOC for drilling in forest area was submitted on 06.06.23 and the application has been with DFO, Singrauli since 18.04.24. The allottee expects to receive NOC for drilling in forest area in another fifteen days. They also mentioned that 30 boreholes have been drilled in the non-forest area, and they expect to complete drilling and exploration by end of July.

22. Beheraband North Extension, M/s Auro Coal Mining Private Limited

The mine was allotted on 10.10.22 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 10.04.28. The mine is yet to complete exploration.

The allottee informed that PL cum ML was granted on 05.10.23 and was executed on 06.10.23. NOC for drilling in forest area was submitted on 06.07.23 and the application is pending with DFO, Annupur, since

14.02.24. They further informed that exploration started on 27.10.23 and 20 boreholes have been drilled in the non-forest area.

23. Maiki North, M/s Maiki South Mining Private Limited

The mine was allotted on 12.12.22 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 12.06.28. The mine is yet to receive PL cum ML.

The allottee informed that they submitted an application for PL cum ML on 29.12.22 to DC, Shahdol. However, the land falls under Schedule V for which NOC from Gram-Sabha is a pre-requisite. They are pushing for Gram Sabah and expect to conduct the Gram Sabha and receive NOC within 6 weeks. Initially they thought that it was not needed.

Regarding exploration in forest area, they have received permission of DFO about 2 months earlier.

24. Bandha North, M/s Jaiprakash Power Ventures Limited

The mine was allotted on 12.12.22 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 12.06.28. The mine is yet to complete exploration.

The allottee informed that PL cum ML was granted on 01.08.23 and was executed on 11.08.23. NOC for drilling in forest area was submitted on 02.06.23. The application is currently with IRO, Bhopal since 23.04.24. The drilling has been completed in non-forest area. Once, they get permission for drilling/exploration in forest area, it will be completed in 3 months time and GR will be prepared in another 2 months.

25. Arjuni West, M/s Ganga Khanij Private Limited

The mine was allotted on 08.06.23 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 08.12.28. The mine is yet to receive PL cum ML.

The allottee informed that they submitted an application for PL cum ML on 23.06.23, and the application is currently with Secretary, Mineral Resources Department, GoMP. They further informed that NOC for drilling in forest area was submitted on 29.06.23, and the application is currently with PCCF, Bhopal since 16.04.24. The allottee stated that the delay in getting NOC to the block is due to reason that the block is near the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve.

26. Pathora East, M/s Bajrang Power and Ispat Limited

The mine was allotted on 14.12.23 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 14.06.29.

The allottee informed that they submitted an application for PL cum ML on 28.12.23 to DMO, Umaria. The exploration scheme for drilling 25 no. of boreholes was approved by CMPDIL on 19.1.2024. The application is currently with DMO, Umaria. They further informed that application for NOC for drilling in forest area was submitted on 28.12.23 and is currently

pending with Member Secretary for PSC I since 05.04.24. The allottee also mentioned that a work order has been issued to a drilling agency for exploration.

27. Kalambi Kalmeshwar, M/s Samlok Industries Private Limited

The mine was allotted on 16.06.23 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 15.12.28. The mine is yet to receive PL cum ML.

The allottee informed that they submitted an application for PL cum ML on 05.07.23 to DMO, Nagpur. The application is currently with the Office of Mine Minister, GoMH since 02.04.24. DGPS survey has been completed in November 2023. They further mentioned that the drilling is yet to start, however they have already invited quotations from interested companies for drilling/exploration work.

28. North West of Madheri, M/s MH Natural Resources Private Limited

The mine was allotted on 08.06.23 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 08.12.28. The mine is yet to receive PL cum ML.

The allottee informed that there was an error in the name of the district the mine falls under, which was later corrected by Office of Nominated Authority, Ministry of Coal. The allottee submitted a revised application for PL cum ML to DMO, Wardha on 14.03.24 and it is under process. Director (Mines) ,Maharashtra stated that they have received the application from DMO and in 3 days it will be sent to Secretary(Mines). They are yet to apply for NOC for drilling in forest area.

29. Deocha Pachami Dewanganj Harsingha, M/s West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited

The mine was allotted on 16.12.19 and the scheduled date of operationalization is 15.06.25.

The allottee informed that GR has been prepared. Three conceptual reports have been prepared by CMPDIL and these were presented to WBPDCCL. It is observed that extractable reserve is only 130 MT and coal lies below 300 meter depth. Again CMPDIL requested for another scientific study to find out the possible mining method for the block. IIT ,Khagpur has been requested to conduct scientific study and it is likely to be completed by the end of May 2024. Thereafter DPR will be prepared by CMPDIL.

Annexure 1

1. List of Participants from Ministry of Coal

S. No	Name	Designation
1.	Shri. M. Nagaraju	Additional Secretary & Nominated Authority
2.	Shri Ajitesh Kumar	Director, O/o NA
3.	Shri. V Marapally	Director (Technical)/NA
4.	Shri. Jitendra Kumar	Chief Manager (Mining)
5.	Shri Prince Kumar	Executive Engineer, O/o NA
6.	Shri. Harishchand	Manager, O/o NA
7.	Shri. Komirineni	Additional Manager, O/o NA
8.	Ms. Harpreet Kaur	Manager, O/o NA
9.	Shri. Jaibant Kishore Dev Varma	Deputy Chief Manager, O/o NA
10.	Shri. Arvind Mehta	Deputy Manager, O/o NA
11.	PMU Team	

2. List of State Government Officials

S. No	Name of Attendees	Designation
Jharkhand		
1.	Shri. Sanjeev Kumar	Director (Mines & Geology), Jharkhand
Chhattisgarh		
1.	Shri. Anurag Diwan	Joint Director (Mines & Geology), Chhattisgarh
Odisha		
1.	Shri. S. K. Behra	Joint Director (Mines), Odisha
Madhya Pradesh		
1.	Shri. Anurag Chaudhary	Mineral Resource Dept. MP
2.	Shri. Anup Mishra	Director Mines, M
Maharashtra		
1.	Shri. T. R. K. Rao	Director General, Mines Department, Maharashtra

3. List of Mine Allottees

Sr. No.	Name of Mine	Name of Allottee	Name of Attendees
1.	Jhigador	CG Natural Resources Ltd.	Shri. Shanto Mukherjee, Corporate Consultant Shri. Sudhakar Lolla, Head (UG Mining)

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2.	Khargaon		Shri. Katla Sudheer, Site Head Shri. Manoj Kumar, Site Head Shri. Rajkumar Kanthasamy, DGM Contracts Shri. Akshit Dhamecha, DGM Contracts Shri. Sampath Kumar, GM Mine Operations
3.	Barra	BALCO	Ajit Sahu, Head Exploration
4.	Purunga	CG Natural Resources Ltd.	Shri. Shanto Mukherjee, Corporate Consultant Shri. Sudhakar Lolla, Head (UG Mining) Shri. Katla Sudheer, Site Head Shri. Manoj Kumar, Site Head Shri. Rajkumar Kanthasamy, DGM Contracts Shri. Akshit Dhamecha, DGM Contracts Shri. Sampath Kumar, GM Mine Operations
5.	Sherband	Nilkanth Coal Mining Pvt. Ltd.	Shri. Ranjan P. Sah, GM (Mining) Shri. Dhimant Chauhan, Corporate Coordinator
6.	Bankhui	Yazdani Steel and Power Ltd.	Shri. Ashok K. Pani, VP
7.	Alaknanda		
8.	Chendipada (Revised)	Rungta Sons Pvt. Ltd.	Shri. Braj Kishore Jha Shri. Krishna Kumar Kaushik
9.	Sakhigopal - B Kankili		
10.	Meenakshi West	Hindalco Industries Ltd.	Shri. Mukesh Jha, VP Shri. Mirajul Haque, VP Ms. Sumita, GM Shri. Rahul Mitra, Manager
11.	Saharpur Jamarpani	Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd.	Shri. S. K. Dutta, Director Shri. D. V. Singh, CE
12.	Urma Parhitola	Auro Coal Mining Pvt. Ltd.	Shri M Gopal Reddy, GM Shri Satya Narayan Meena, Head Strategy Mining
13.	Rauta Closed Mine	Shreesatya Mines Pvt. Ltd.	Shri. Mrigank Shekhar, VP
14.	Jogeshwar and	Southwest	Mr. Vikas Jain, CMD

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	Khas Jogeshwar	Pinnacle Exploration Ltd.	Mr. Manik Jain, Exe. Vice President Mr. Govind Aggarwal, DM-BusinessDevelopment
15&16.	Brahmini and Chichro Patsimal	Easten Coalfields Ltd.	
17.	Amarkonda Murgadangal	Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	
18.	Basantpur	Gangaramchak Mining Pvt. Ltd.	Shri Uttam Biswas AGM, Operations Shri. Gora Koley
19.	Binja	Assam Mineral Development Corporation Ltd.	Shri. N. Anand, IFS, Director
20.	Kalyanpura Badalpara	Haryana Power Generation Company Ltd.	Shri. Amodh Jindal, CE (Fuel) Shri. Vinay K. Gautam, SE (Fuel) Shri. Deepak Verma, XEN (Fuel)
21.	Gondbehera Ujheni East	MP Natural Resources Ltd.	Shri. Shanto Mukherjee, Corporate Consultant Shri. Sudhakar Lolla, Head UG Mining Shri. Katla Sudheer, Site Head Shri. Manoj Kumar, Site Head Shri. Rajkumar Kanthasamy, DGM Contracts Shri. Akshit Dhamecha, DGM Contracts Shri. Sampath Kumar, GM Mine operation
22.	Beheraband North Extn.	Auro Coal Mining Pvt. Ltd.	Shri. Sanjay Vinod Mishra, VP Shri. Satya Narayan Meena, DGM
23.	Maiki North	Maiki South Mining Pvt. Ltd.	Shri. Nilay Ghosh, GM
24.	Bandha North	Jaiprakash Power Ventures Ltd.	Shri. Ajeet Kumar Chaudhary, Joint President Shri. S. N. Chawla, DGM
25.	Arjuni West	Ganga Khanij Pvt. Ltd.	Shri. A. K. Chaturvedi, Director
26.	Pathora East	Bajrang Power and Ispat Ltd.	Shri. S. K. Goyal, Director Shri. S. D. Dwivedi, GM Shri. D. K. Mahanta, GM
27.	Kalambi Kalmeshwar	Samlok Industries Pvt.	Shri. Rajesh Deoliya, SVP

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28.	North West of Madheri	MH Natural Resources Pvt. Ltd.	Shri. Shanto Mukherjee, Corporate Consultant Shri. Sudhakar Lolla, Head UG Mining Shri. Katla Sudheer, Site Head Shri. Manoj Kumar, Site Head Shri. Rajkumar Kanthasamy, DGM Contracts Shri. Akshit Dhamecha, DGM Contracts.
29.	Deocha Pachami Dewanganj Harsingha	West Bengal Power Development Corporation Ltd.	Shri. Chanchal Goswamy, Director (Mining) Shri. Amlesh Kumar, Advisor (Mining)