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Government of India
Ministry of Coal
Nominated Authority

120 -F, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of meeting chaired by Additional Secretary & Nominated Authority (AS&NA), Ministry of Coal, on 22.01.2024 at 03:30 PM to review the non-operational coal mines allocated by Ministry of Coal.

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The undersigned is directed to refer the subject mentioned above and to forward herewith the minutes of meeting held on 22.01.2024 at 03:30 PM under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary & Nominated Authority (AS&NA), to review the non-operational coal mines allocated by Ministry of Coal.



(Alok Verma)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
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To,

1. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Jharkhand & West Bengal.
2. Secretary, MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi- with request to depute an officer for attending the meeting.
3. Principal Secretary, Steel & Mines department, Govt. of WB.
4. Secretary, Department of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand.
5. PCCF, Forest, Govt. of Jharkhand & WB.
6. Coal Controller, Coal Controller Organization, 5th Floor, Core-2, Scope Minar, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi - 110092.
7. CMD, CMPDIL, Gondwana Place, Kanke Road, Ranchi.
8. Coal Block Allocated as per Annexure

Copy to:-

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 22.01.24 at 3:30 PM to review the status of Non-Operational Coal blocks of Jharkhand and West Bengal States.

The list of participants is at Annexure I.

At the outset, AS & NA welcomed all the participants. A mine wise presentation was made, and progress and development of individual coal blocks were discussed.

1. Badam, M/s NTPC Limited

The allottee stated that FC-II proposal was forwarded by GoJ to MoEF&CC on 5.12.2023. An EDS was raised by MoEF&CC and reply submitted to DFO, Hazaribagh on 10.1.2024 and the proposal is presently with CF, Hazaribagh is pending with MoEF & CC since December 1, 2023.

Regarding Private Land, the state government has not yet finalized land rates for 313 acres despite multiple meetings. Regarding Government Land, payment has been made for the transfer of 140 acres, but only 100 acres are ready for transfer as GM Land. The decision on the remaining 40 acres is pending with the State govt.

The allottee further stated that the MDO is in place, and they can start mining operations immediately if the land is made available to them.

2. Moitra, M/s JSW Steel Limited

The allottee informed that despite numerous follow-ups, progress has not happened in respect of execution of mining lease.

3. Tokisud North, M/s NMDC Limited

The allottee stated that MoC has informed that only 321 ha area which lies inside the geological block can be transferred to them under CBA Act, however, about 290 ha additional area lying outside the block boundary is required as per the approved mining plan. To resolve the issue, a meeting was held with Secretary (Coal) in October 2023 and he assured to hold a meeting with all stakeholders. AS & NA stated that the decision on CBA land acquisition issue has already been communicated to them and asked to work accordingly. He asked them to do it expeditiously as the progress in mine is not satisfactory.

4. Rohne, M/s NMDC Limited

The allottee informed that notification under section 4 of CBA Act has been issued on 12.12.2023 and they are in process of verification of land records. Regarding the modification of Forest Clearance conditions, PCCF has recommended the proposal of FC-II to Secretary (Forest), GoJ on 19.12.2023. As presently, the post of Secretary (Forest), GoJ is vacant, the proposal is pending thereby. MoEF&CC has interlinked the compliance of FC-I along with the forest diversion proposal of total 789.88 ha forest area. They requested for delinking the compliance of FC- I with ML for partially explored area. . The MoEF&CC official assured that they would look into the issue.

NMDC has also issued LOI to MECL for exploratory drilling and exploration for partially explored 402.91 ha area and expect that exploration work will be completed soon.

5. Lohari, M/s Arannya Mines Pvt. Ltd.

The allottee informed that CNT permission is pending due to delay in updating of the revisional survey record under section 87 of the CNT Act. GoJ has approved the proposal for updating of land records and the Director (Revenue) has issued a letter to NIC for updating, however, it is still pending. Due to this, land acquisition process is paused. The Allottee also stated that due to a recent change in stamp duty calculations by the government, stamp duty has been increased by as much as 100 times the previous rates. Though the ML has been executed on 30.12.2022, however, DMO Palamu has raised demand note for additional stamp duty on premium amount.

AS & NA stated that the issue of stamp duty has been taken up with state government and again he will write to GoJ for resolving the issue.

6. Kotre Basantpur & Pachamo, M/s Central Coalfields Ltd.

The Allottee stated that they have all permissions in place except FC Stage II. They have submitted the reply on 21.12.2023 to PCCF against the EDS raised by MoEF&CC. PCCF has recommended the proposal of FC-II to Secretary (Forest), GoJ on 24.12.2023. As presently, the post of Secretary (Forest), GoJ is vacant, the proposal is pending thereby .

7. Rajbar E&D, M/s TVNL

The allottee provided an update, stating that they have selected an agency for the preparation of the EIA / EMP reports and it is expected EIA/EMP report will be completed by the end of February. Regarding FC, they mentioned that the Tree Enumeration has been completed and submitted for verification to DFO, Latehar. Gram sabha has been completed in two villages while some objection has been raised in three villages.

Regarding private land acquisition, the issue of discrepancies in land record has been resolved and revised documents submitted to DLAO ,Latehar on 15.12.2023 for further processing.

However, AS & NA pointed out they took about nine months just to appoint an agency for the EIA/EMP report and the response to the EDS for FC is still pending, He stated that the operationalisation of the mine is too late and TVNL has to expedite it.

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

The allottee informed that a tender for MDO for exploration and GR preparation has been floated and all queries raised by prospective bidders have been replied to. Nine prospective bidders have shown interest in the MDO tender.. The timeline for bid submissions has been extended till 22.02.2024.

9. Banhardih, M/s Patratu Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited

Regarding EC, the allottee informed that a new agency has been appointed and in about 10 days the EIA/EMP report will be submitted. Regarding FC stage-I, they informed that Gram Sabha of all 9 villages have been completed , however, they have obtained NOC for only two villages as objections have been raised by villagers in other villages. They also clarified that all necessary permissions for FC are in place except for the NOC of 7 villages. Regarding Land Acquisition, the allottee stated that state government has

raised demand note for government land at commercial rate and requested for some relaxation in land rate. Regarding MDO appointment, allottee informed that tender has been floated and pre-bid meeting was very successful.

AS & NA stated that he has taken up the issue of commercial rate with state government and asked allottee to pursue with them.

10. Sugia Closed Mine, M/s JSMDCL

The Allottee was absent.

11. Brahmdiha, M/s APMDCL

The allottee stated that they have paid Rs 28 crores towards government land, however, land rates have been revised as per commercial rates by the revenue department and the new amount works out to Rs 53 crores. They will make the payment soon under protest. They further mentioned that they have got ML and already applied for CTE on 29th December.

12. Meral, M/s Trimula Industries Limited

The allottee informed that the preparation of mining plan for entire area is in progress and it will be submitted to CCO by end of February for approval. They further informed that an application for acquisition of 278 hectares of government land has been submitted. . Negotiations are underway with villagers for private land acquisition. Their application for the diversion of a nallah is awaiting approval from the Chief Engineer, WRD.

13. Chakla, M/s Hindalco Industries

The allottee stated that out of the required 1230 acres of CA land, they have obtained suitability certificates for 1175 acres. They have arranged the remaining CA land and applied for suitability certificate to DFO, Simdega, however, it is pending due to the vacancy in the DFO position. They assured that if this is resolved, they will apply for FC I by the first week of February.

Regarding Private Land, the allottee mentioned that out of the 600 acres of CNT land, 112 acres have been registered and taken into possession. They further informed that the land requirement for the first three years of mining will be completed by March, 2024 and they plan to commence operations by September 2024.

14. Rajhara North (Central & Eastern), M/s Fairmine Carbons Pvt Ltd

Regarding mining lease, the allottee explained that the proposal for grant of ML is with Secretary (mines). A small clerical query was raised by Secretary (mines) for a line to be added to the draft cabinet note and now it is resolved. He also drew the attention regarding a circular dated 24.11.2023 by GoJH for commercial rates to be applied to GM Land in stamp duty calculation. They sought the intervention of AS & NA for the same.

AS &NA assured that the issue of application of commercial rate in calculation of stamp duty will be taken with the Jharkhand Govt.

15. Gondulpara, M/s Adani Enterprises

The allottee informed that they have submitted the Mining Plan and the compliance to the observation of the committee will be submitted tomorrow and it is expected that Mine plan will be approved soon. Regarding Coal evacuation, the allottee informed that JSW Steel has agreed to the proposed evacuation route, however NTPC had a few reservations. They have requested the intervention of MoC to help reach an agreement with NTPC regarding evacuation route. Regarding FC, the allottee stated that the proposal has reached to PCCF, Ranchi on 8.1.2024 and it is expected that it will be sent to MoEF&CC soon. Regarding Nallah diversion, a policy formulation is underway in the state government.

16. Urma Pahritola, M/s ARIPL

Allottee informed that PL was granted on 10.1.2023 and drilling/exploration started from 5.6.2023. Regarding drilling and exploration, the allottee informed that the villagers issue has been resolved. As the mine falls in 2 districts, consent from villages in both Dumka and Pakur districts is needed. By March 2024, drilling /exploration in Dumka district will be completed as presently only 10 boreholes drilling are pending. Consent from all villages in Pakur district has been received and will be submitted to district administration in a week's time. In the next 4-5 months, GR is expected to be obtained.

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

The allottee informed that a few queries regarding their PL cum ML proposal was received from state mining department due to which the proposal is back to recertification of land schedule. The matter currently rests at CO Office for final approval and is expected any day now.

AS & NA asked the allottee to share the CMPDIL certification of boundary with DMO Office.

18. Burakhap Small Patch, M/s Shreesatya Mines Private Limited

The allottee informed that Mine Plan presentation before the committee has been completed and a few clarifications has been sought from them. The compliance will be submitted in a week time. The allottee further said that there is passage of national highway through the block and due to this a part of coal reserve is sterilized. Therefore, a recalculation of workable reserve is required to be done by CMPDIL.

19. Amarkonda Murgadangal, M/s ECL

The allottee informed that they have decided to do the drilling/exploration of the mine through MDO route. A discussion with CMDIL has taken place and the tender for drilling/exploration will be floated by end of March, 2024.

20. Brahmini & Chichro Patsimal, M/s ECL

The allottee informed that they have decided to do the drilling/exploration by CMPDIL. Due to resistance by villagers, CMPDIL is not able to mobilize machinery for exploration. Several meetings have been held with district administration and villagers for confidence building and recently a meeting has taken place on 10th January. CMD has also met Hon'ble Chief Minister and it is expected that some progress will take place.

AS& NA stated that ECL is required to pay much attention as the future of ECL is dependent on the working of this mine along with that of Amarkonda Murgadangal mines.

21. Brinda & Sasai, M/s Dalmia (Bharat) Cement

Allottee mentioned that out of 80 acres of land that was vested, mutation has been done for 61 acres. Regarding FC, EDS was raised for submission of revised mining plan. The reply to EDS along with revised mining plan was submitted on 18.7.2023. Again EDS was raised by PCCF and reply to this EDS submitted to DFO, Hazaribagh on 4.1.2024. The allottee also informed that MDO has already been appointed.

22. Jogeshwar & Khas Jogeshwar, M/s SouthWest Pinnacle Exploration Ltd.

The Allottee informed that file for approval of PL cum ML is currently with Secretary (Mines), GoJH for approval. State Govt. official mentioned that certain clerical changes have been suggested by ACS (Mines) and after this correction, the proposal will be send to CMO in a couple of days.

23. Jitpur, M/s Terri Mining Pvt. Ltd.

The allottee informed that application for EC transfer submitted on 13.6.2023 in the Parivesh portal. It is pending for want of FC stage-I. For FC, 54 ha CA land has been identified and they applied for suitability certificate. Suitability of 30 ha CA land has been obtained and it is in process for the remaining CA land. Site Inspection is going on for acquisition of Private Land. .

24. Basantpur, M/s Gangramchak Mining Pvt. Ltd.

The allottee mentioned that application for PL cum ML is pending with Director of Mines, GoJH. Official from the Office of DMO informed that certain certifications were needed which they have received last week, and the file will be put up for consideration soon. They further mentioned CMPDIL has been hired for preparation of GR, and that DGPS survey completed and verified by CMPDIL will be submitted to office of NA.

25. Tokisud Block II, M/s Twenty First Century Mining Pvt. Ltd.

The allottee highlighted the issue of the notification of government land by GoJH at commercial rate for stamp duty calculation and the vacant post of DFO, Simdhega has affected them severely. Further, they mentioned that the application for grant of ToR was re-submitted to MoEFCC on 21st December, 2023. MoEFCC had raised an EDS on 10th January, 2024, and the reply to the query was submitted to MoEFCC on 12th January. For FC, the allottee explained that they have run into issues regarding some additional point's w.r.t CA land.

The allottee was suggested to submit the issue they are having in writing to the office of NA.

26. Sitanla, M/s JSW Steel

The Allottee was not present during the meeting.

27. Parbatpur Central, M/s JSW Steel

The Allottee was not present during the meeting.

28. Kalyanpur Badalpara, M/s HPGCL

The allottee informed that a consultant has been engaged for preparation of tender document for appointment of MDO. It is expected that the tender document will be ready in one month time.

29. Pacchwara South, M/s Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Limited

The allottee informed that EAC has recommended EC for the mine subject to FC stage- I. Regarding FC stage-I proposal , the proposal has been forwarded to PCCF ,Ranchi on 23.12.2023. Regarding land acquisition, the allottee stated that they have started making payments and they have submitted the security deposit for Railway Siding to Eastern Railway. They have sought the help of State authorities to expedite the process of FC.

30. Gourangdih ABC, M/s WBMDCL

The allottee informed that since the last meeting, they have got 100 acre government land. Purchase of private land is also underway and they are directly negotiating with the private land owners and soon they will have 30 acre land. Regarding FC, the allottee attributed the delay to a revision in the approved mining plan, and informed that they are preparing a fresh application for grant of Stage 1 Clearance. They also highlighted some issues they are facing with uploading of document on the Parivesh Portal.

31. Jagannathpur B, M/s PowerPlus Traders Pvt. Ltd.

The allottee mentioned that it is a UG mine and about 100 meters of incline drivage has been made till date. The CTE was obtained on 10.10.2022 and in few days they will apply for CTO after completion of certain compliances. Such as CSR, Water Treatment Plant etc. They expect CTO to be applied by End of February, 2024.

32. East of Damogoria, M/s BCCL

The allottee informed that after the boundary issue was resolved by the MoC, the project report has been agreed in principle on 2nd December 2023. The issue of land owners for no man's land has also been resolved and it has been taken over by BCCL. A joint committee with SAIL has also been formed to expedite the process.

33. Kasta East, M/s Jitusol Developers

The allottee informed that revised mine plan following the exclusion of Jharkhand portion was submitted on 11th November, 2023. Multiple queries were raised, and all have been replied. The allottee mentioned that once approval of revised mining plan is given, they will move forward for ToR and EC. They also apprised that 120 acres of land has been acquired through direct purchases.

34. Kagra Joydev, M/s Odisha Metallurgical Industry Private Limited

The allottee mentioned that certain queries were raised by MoEF&CC regarding transfer of EC. In the queries it was suggested that the allottee either revise the mine plan, or get the mining lease extended for additional area so that it becomes co-terminus with the project area. The allottee stated they are in the process of getting ML for additional area.

35. Deocha Pachami Dewanganj Harinsingha, M/s WBPDCCL

The allottee informed that the GR was finalized in July, 2023 and it was evident from the GR that the 80% of the coal source of the mine was at least 300 meters below the ground. To find the most suitable method of evacuation, CMPDIL was asked to prepare a conceptual report. Further, a scientific study was conducted by IIT KGP. The study has been completed and a meeting will be held to discuss the findings in the next few days. On the basis of the findings, they will decide about the way to proceed in this mine.

Annexure I

1. List of participants from Ministry of Coal

S. No	Name	Designation
1.	Shri. M. Nagaraju	Additional Secretary & Nominated Authority
2.	Shri. Jitendra Kumar	Chief Manager (Mining)
3.	Shri Prince Kumar	Executive Engineer, O/o NA
4.	Shri. Harishchand	Manager, O/o NA
5.	PMU Team	

2. List of participants from MoEF&CC

S. No	Name	Designation
1.	Mr. Amit Vasishtha	

3. List of participants from State officials

S. No	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Manoj Topo	Mines department, GoJ

4. List of participants from CMPDI

S. No	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Chiranjib Patra	GM

5. List of participants representing coal mines

Sr. No.	Name of Mine	Name of Allottee	Allottee
Jharkhand			
1	Badam	NTPC	1. Shri. P. A. Pandey, Project Head 2. Shri. Shrikant Sinha, DGM
2	Saharpur Jamarpani	UPRVUNL	1. Shri. S. K. Dutta, Director (P&C) 2. Shri. Mahendra Kumar, Chief Engineer
3	Chakla	Hindalco Industries Ltd.	1. Shri. Deepak Lenka, Unit Head 2. Ms. Sumita Singh, GM
4	Banhardih	PVUNL	1. Shri. Rajeev Ranjan, AGM 2. Shri. Jibanendu Mohapatra, DGM (Mining)
5	Lohari	Aranya Mines Pvt Ltd	1. Shri. G. S. Bhati, Project Head (Coal) 2. Shri. D.K. Pandey, GM legal 3. Shri. Subhash K. Sinha, GM Mines 4. Shri. Dr. Arvind Kumar (Director)
6	Rauta Closed	Shreesatya Mines Pvt. Ltd. (SMPL)	1. Shri. Mrigank Shekhar, Business Head 2. Shri. Bhim Ray, GM
7	Burakhap Small Patch	Shreesatya Mines Pvt. Ltd. (SMPL)	
8	Meral	TIL	1. Shri. Anand Mohan Prasad,

Sr. No.	Name of Mine	Name of Allottee	Allottee
			Vice President
9	Moitra	JSW Steel Ltd	1. Shri. Sachindra Kumar singh, Head coal strategy,
10	Sitanala	JSW Steel Ltd	2. Shri. Rajeev Raman, Project Head
11	Parbatpur Central	JSW Steel Ltd	
12	Tokisud North	NMDC	1. Shri. A. K. Prajapati, ED (Coal) 2. Shri. D. K. kundu, GM (Mining)
13	Rohne		3. Shri. Swaminathan S., AGM (Geology) 4. Shri. Sudhir R. Kumar, DGM
14	Rajbar E & D	TVNL	1. Shri. Anil Kumar Sharma, MD 2. Shri. Rajesh Ranjan, SE
15	Jitpur	Terri Mining Private Limited	1. Shri. Deba Samal, Head operationals 2. Shri. Ritesh Tiwari, Site Head
16	Sugia Closed	JSDMCL	1. Shri. Abhinesh Kumar Singh, Incharge Coal, JSDMCL 2. Shri. Sanju Sinha, Incharge Survey, JSDMCL
17	Rajhara North (Central & Eastern)	Fairmine Carbons Pvt. Ltd.	1. Shri. Rajeev Singh, Director
18	Gondulpara	Adani Enterprises Ltd.	1. Mr. Afroz, Cluster Head
19	Jogeshwar & Khas Jogeshwar	South West Pinnacle Exploration Limited	1. Shri. Vikas Jain, CMD 2. Shri. Manik Jain, Exe. Vice President 3. Shri. Govind Aggarwal, DM-Business Development
20	Urma Paharitola	Aurobindo Realty and infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. (ARIPL)	1. Shri. Gopal Reddy, GM 2. Shri. Satya Narayan Meena, AGM
21	Basantpur	Gangaramchak Mining Pvt Ltd	1. Shri. Gore Koley, Senior Advisor 2. Shri. Ajay Shaw, CGM Corporate
22	Brahmadiha	The Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (APMDCL)	1. Shri. Vipin Kumar, Vice Presedent 2. Shri. M. V. Satyanarayana, GM
23	Tokisud Block II	Twenty First Century Mining Private Limited	1. Shri. Jayant A. Tiwari, ED 2. Shri. Rewati Raman Srivastava, CEO 3. Shri. Aurindam Dey, President
24-25	Brinda & Sisai	Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited	1. Shiv Shankar Mahato, AED & Project Head 2. Shri. Mukesh Kumar, DGM
26-27	Kotre Basantpur & Pachmo	CCL	1. Shri Rajib Hui, GM 2. Shri. B. Sairam, Director
28	Amarkonda Murgadangal	ECL	1. Shri. N. K. Singh (DT P&P)

Sr. No.	Name of Mine	Name of Allottee	Allottee
29-30	Brahmini & Chichro Patsimal	ECL	2. Niladri Roy DT (OP)
31	Kalyanpur Badalpara	Haryana Power Generation Co. Ltd. (HPGCL)	-
32	Pachhwara South	NUPPL	1. Shri. Surajit Das, CGM
West Bengal			
33	Gourangdih ABC	WBMDCL	1. Shri. Arun Acharya, GM 2. Shri. Gourav Podder, Adviser
34	Jagannathpur B	Power Plus Traders Pvt. Ltd.	1. Shri. K. S. Rao, CEO
35	East of Damagoria	BCCL	1. Shri. S. Rangachari, DT (P & P)
36	Kasta East	Jitusol Developers Pvt. Ltd.	1. Shri. Anup Rai, VP 2. Shri. Sanjeev Bera, Director
37	Kagra Joydev	Odisha Metallurgical Industry Private Limited	
37	Deocha Pachami Dewanganj Harinsingha	WBPDC	1. Shri. Chanchal Goswami, Director Mining 2. Shri. Amalesh Kumar, Advisor