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Government of India
Ministry of Coal
O/o Nominated Authority

120-F, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 29.07.2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Minutes of the meeting taken by Additional Secretary (Coal) / Nominated Authority on 14.07.2021 at 11 am in regard to review coal mines allocated under CM(SP)Act, 2015.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to forward the record note of meeting chaired by Additional Secretary/Nominated Authority (NA) on 14th July 2021 at 11 am to address the issue pertaining to operationalization of the coal blocks allotted to CIL under CM(SP) Act. and other coal blocks located in the State of Jharkhand with allocation under CM(SP) Act,2015.

Encl: as above



(Manish Uniyal)

Under Secretary to Government of India

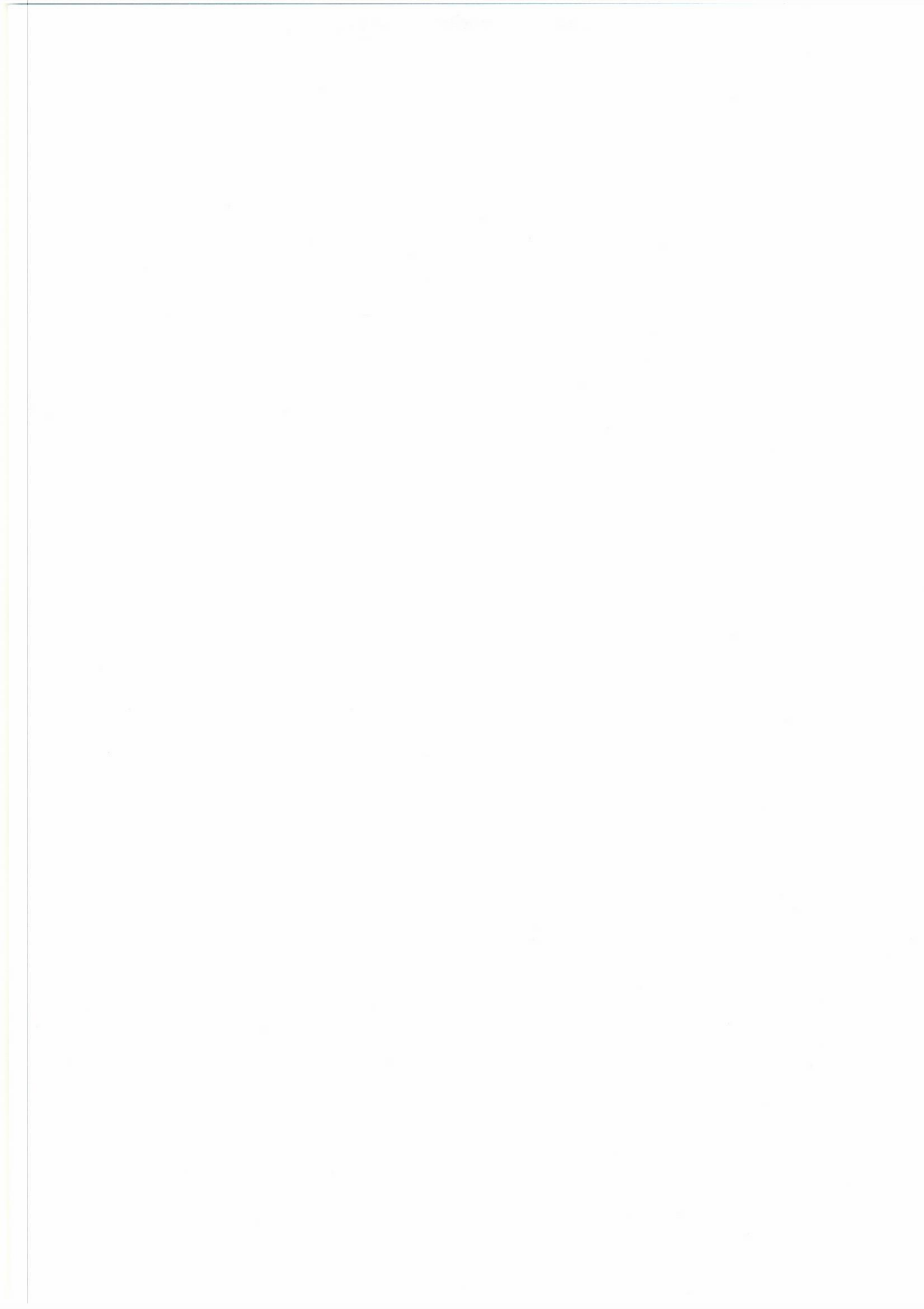
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To,

1. Chief Secretary, Government of Jharkhand
2. Participants as annexed

Copy to :-

1. PSO to Secretary (Coal)
2. PPS to AS (MN)



Minutes of the Meeting chaired by Additional Secretary/Nominated Authority (NA), Ministry of Coal, Govt. of India on 14th July 2021 at 11:00 AM review status of operationalization of coal blocks.

The list of participants is at Annexure A.

At the outset, Nominated Authority (NA) welcomed all the participants. Mine wise developments of coal blocks were discussed.

1 DUMRI (Hindalco Industries Limited)

FC Stage II Approval:

- Allottee informed that they have met APCCF, Forest Department, GoJ on 08 July 2021 and discussed the issue of 14 Ha CA land and expect that the CA land issue will be resolved soon and proposal will be forwarded to ACS, Forest, GoJ.
- On being inquired by Nominated Authority about arrangement of fresh CA land, allottee informed that they will arrange fresh CA land if the earlier identified CA land is not accepted by forest department.
- The discussions were also held on the status of payment of Integrated Wildlife Conservation Management Plan (IWLMP). Allottee informed that IWLMP payment will be made once the CA issue is resolved.
- Director, Mines & Geology, GoJ informed that they are tracking the development of all coal blocks in the State of Jharkhand and will address and resolve all issues.

2 BADAM (NTPC Limited)

FC Stage II and Mining Lease Approval:

- Allottee informed that FC Stage II proposal is under examination at the office of Chief Minister, GoJ since 12.12.2020. Without Forest clearance, the Mining Lease will not be granted.
- For Mining lease, Director, Mines & Geology, GoJ informed that Mining Lease application is with DMO, Hazaribagh and they have discussed the matter with DC, Hazaribagh. After submission of all the requisite approvals, the proposal will be forwarded to Head Quarter for final appraisal.

Land Acquisition:

It was informed by allottee that transfer of Government land and fixation of private land rates are pending with district administration. It was further informed that they are continuously requesting district administration for expediting these matters. GoJ was requested to expedite the matter.

Revisions of Milestone:

Allottee requested for revisions of zero date & milestones as the block was transferred to them through Deed of Adherence from Bihar State Power Generation Company Ltd. in September 2019 only. NA intimated that the matter will be examined.

3 TUBED (DVC)

FC Stage II Approval:

- Allottee informed that they have submitted the compliance on 07 June 2021 on 8 points queries raised by MoEF&CC on 25 May 2021 to DFO and the reply was further forwarded by Nodal Officer and HoF to ACS, Forest, GoJ on 05 July 2021 for further process.
- ACS, Forest, GoJ informed that they have received the reply and it will be forwarded to MoEF&CC at the earliest.

4 LOHARI (Araanya Mines Private Limited)

Mining Lease:

- Allottee informed that a meeting was held with Secretary, Mines & Geology, GoJ on 07 July 2021 for resolving the issue of mining lease where it was informed that area of the mine is 405 Ha while mining lease application has been made for only 126 Ha and sought clarification regarding the reduced area.
- Director, Mines, GoJ informed that a letter has been sent to NA Office, MoC for clarification and mining lease will be granted after receipt of clarification.
- Further, allottee submitted that clarifications regarding the reduced mining lease area were also sought during EC appraisal and MoC provided the required clarification to MoEF&CC and MoC's clarification were also submitted to mines department, GoJ, however they are seeking separate clarification from MoC on this issue.
- MoC may send the clarification to GoJ.

5 MOITRA (JSW Steel Limited)

Mining Lease Execution:

- Allottee informed that they are making all out efforts for execution of mining lease and various representations were submitted and meetings held with mines department, GoJ
- Director, Mines, GoJ informed that the proposal for extension of time period of mining lease execution has been sent to state cabinet as it has been observed that the allottee has not purchased required stamp papers within scheduled time limit and fresh demand note will be issued for execution of Mining Lease immediately after getting the cabinet approval.

6 & 7 KOTRE BASANTPUR & PACHMO (CCL)

Environment Clearance:

- Allottee informed that revised mining Plan is required for further processing of EC and it is likely to be received from CMPDIL soon.

FC Stage I Clearance:

- Allottee informed that villagers are resisting tree enumeration study in JJ land; however, they are working on it through negotiation with the villagers. It was also informed that they are getting full support of Jharkhand Government and state officials have assured to issue NOC for JJ land.
- It was also informed that suitability certificate for CA land is expected by end of this month.

MDO:

- On being inquired by NA regarding status of MDO appointment, it was informed by allottee that MDO has been appointed and it has opened its office in Ramgarh & Ranchi and is likely to open its office at coal block soon. MDO is also facilitating in tree enumeration.

8 BANHARDIH (Patratu Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited)

- Allottee informed that mining plan has been approved on 05 July 2021 and draft EIA/ EMP report will be submitted to JSPCB by end of this month for scheduling of public hearing and application for diversion of forest land application will be submitted to forest department, GoJ by 25 July 2021.
- Allottee further informed that section 11 has already been notified and application has been submitted to district administration for fixation of land rates for land acquisition.
- Discussions were held regarding tentative operationalization date of the coal block. Allottee informed that they are expecting to start mining operation by first quarter of Year 2024. Allottee stated that scheduled time for mine opening permission is July 2020, however they received GR in July 2019 and the matter was also deliberated in Scrutiny committee meetings. NA advised allottee to make all-out efforts for acquiring requisite approvals at the earliest so that penalization could be avoided in future.

9 MERAL (Trimula Industries Limited)

Mine Plan:

- Allottee informed that they have submitted mining plan for approval and applied for surrendering of 74.01 Ha of land to MoC. Both the matters are under examination with MoC. It was informed by NA that the issue of surrendering of part area of a mine is a policy matter and due deliberation is going on in the ministry.

10 RAJBAR E&D (Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Limited (TVNL)

FC Stage I:

- Allottee informed that they have received some queries from DFO, Latehar on 28.06.2021 and reply is under process and will be submitted soon. The major concern is identification / arrangement of CA land as total CA land requirement is 1288.32 acre and suitability certificate is available for 62.22 acre only presently. It was requested to State Government to extend assistance in identification / arrangement of balance CA land.
- ACS, Forest, GoJ assured that the CA land issue will be addressed and resolved at the earliest.

11, 12 & 13 Amarkonda Murgadanga, Brahmini, Chichro & Patsimal (ECL)

- Allottee informed that NIT for MDO published on 04 June 2021 and pre-bid meeting is scheduled on 15 July 2021 and it is expected that 3-4 bidders may attend the pre-bid meeting.
- It was also informed by allottee that all works like exploration/ GR, statutory clearances/ approvals and operationalization of the coal block will be under the scope of MDO.

14 Saharpur Jamarpani (UP Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd)

- Allottee informed that NLCIL has been appointed as consultant for selection of MDO, LOI has been issued and NLCIL & allottee's team will visit the site on 16 July 2021. On being

inquired by NA, it was informed that the MDO appointment will be done in 9 months. NA expressed his surprise over such a long period being taken for selection of MDO only and advised to reduce this timeline. Allottee assured that they will try to decrease the timeline as advised.

15 Pachwara Central (PSPCL)

- Allottee informed that due to litigation of MDO appointment issue, the mine is still non-operational.
- Allottee informed that they have lost the case against the previous MDO in Punjab High Court in January 2019 and against this order, they have filed an appeal in Hon'ble Supreme Court in the month of April 2019. Three hearings have taken place but still the matter is sub-judice. The matter was placed on 03 May 2021, but hearing could not happen, and hearing is again scheduled on 23 July 2021.
- NA stated that 35 MT coal could have been produced from this mine in last 05 years and the state would have been benefited in the form of revenue and employment generation and advised M/s PSPCL and State Government for taking effective decisions to resolve this long pending issue. Allottee informed that they are hopeful to get favorable verdict in Supreme Court and operationalization of coal block will happen within 03 months of verdict.

16 Tokisud – North (NMDC)

- Allottee informed that Mining lease is pending with Secretary, Mines & Geology, GoJ since March 2021 and land mutation issue of GM land is pending with DC, Hazaribagh/ Ramgarh since October 2020. Allottee also informed that they have also applied for mutation of private land on 26 June 2021 and it is pending with district authorities. It was also informed that Lol will be issued for MDO appointment by the end of this month and final order for MDO may be issued after one month.
- Further allottee mentioned that prior allottee has not provided any document to them and due to this they are facing difficulty in R&R.
- Allottee requested help in mutation of private and GM land and to this, Director, Revenue, GoJ assured that all support will be provided to allottee in this matter.

17 Sugia – Closed (JSMDCL)

- Allottee informed that the co-ordinates mentioned in approved Mine plan and Allotment Letter are different. The area mentioned in the administrative approval is 16 Ha whereas, in approved Mine plan and Environment clearance, area is 40 Ha.
- Allottee had requested for amendment in allotment order on 19 March 2021. In response, on 31 May 2021, NA office, MoC replied that the bounding co-ordinates are in accordance with the available block boundary as per GIS file with CMPDIL. Therefore, no corrigendum is required presently. However, for more accuracy, allottee approached CMPDIL to conduct DGPS survey. The reply is awaited yet.
- Due to this discrepancy, they are unable to process the application of forest clearance and this may also delay in obtaining other milestones in time .

18 East of Damogoria (BCCL)

The allottee was absent in the meeting. NA was not happy with this and directed NA office to find the reason why they have not attended the meeting.

19 & 20 ChattiBariatu, ChattiBariatu South(NTPC Limited)

- Allottee informed that all approvals including mine opening permission have been received and coal production will start after appointment of MDO. The contract of earlier MDO was terminated due to CBI case. The MDO appointment process has been started again and price bids for MDO tender have been opened and negotiation with L1 bidder is under way due to higher prices quoted by them.
- In reply to the query from NA, NTPC informed that mining operation will start by March 2022.

21 Kathautia (Hindalco Industries Limited)

- Allottee informed that due to JJ land issue mine is not operational at full capacity as JJ lands scattered all over the property in small patches and FC is not available for these area.
- Allottee further informed that out of 166 HaGM Land, proposal for 51 Ha has been sent for cabinet approval.
- Allottee also informed that there are encroachments over the private land within the mine boundary and they are trying to resolve the issues with the help of DC, Palamau. Allottee sought help from State Government for GM land allotment and for eviction of encroached areas. Director, Revenue, GoJ assured to resolve the issues.

22 Kerendari (NTPC Limited)

NTPC apprised the following issues and informed that these issues were also discussed in a meeting with Revenue cum Forest Secretary, GoJ on 28 June 2021:

- Proposal for transfer of forest land and permission for tree cutting are pending with Forest Department of State Government since September 2019.
- Resettlement and shifting of 385 families are required before starting of mining operations. Valuation has been completed for 210 houses and remaining is under process with district administration. NTPC has started payment for these assets and have already disbursed payment for 170 houses (out of 210).
- Allottee informed that there is encroachment over Government land, forest land and conveyer corridor area where construction works by M/s L&T is getting hampered. Allottee requested help from District administration in eviction of encroached areas.
- Section 19 Notification issued on 31 May 2021 for OB dump area.
- It was requested to appoint dedicated DLAO, exclusively for this block and it was assured by Revenue Department, GoJ that all needed support will be provided.
- Allottee informed that the NIT has been floated on 28 June 2021. Bids will be opened on 27 July 2021.
- In reply to the query of NA, NTPC informed that coal production is likely to be started in FY 2022-23.
- Revenue Secretary, GoJ informed that in the meeting held on 28 June 2021 with allottee, these issues were deliberated and are under process with Forest and Land Acquisition departments and eviction of encroachment shall be done.
- NA asked GoJ to expedite the processes related to Forest and Land Acquisition Department and frame timeline in association with NTPC to resolve the pending issues.

23 Pachwara North (WBPDC):

The allottee was absent in the meeting. NA was not happy with this and directed NA office to find the reason why they have not attended the meeting.

In the end, Nominated Authority (NA) stated that the status of operationalization of coal blocks in State of Jharkhand is very slow in comparison to other states and State of Jharkhand needs to address and resolve these issues in time bound manner. Operationalization of coal block will help the state in generation of more revenue and provide employment.

Meeting ended with thanks.

List of attendees

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1	Mr. M. Nagaraju, Additional Secretary (NA), MoC
2	Mr. Ajitesh Kumar, Deputy Secretary, MoC
3	Mr. Jitendra Kumar, Chief Manager, MoC
4	Mr. Manish Uniyal, Under Secretary, MoC
5	Mr. Mahesh Pimpramule, Team Leader, PMU, MoC
6	Dr. Anal Sinha, SME, PMU, MoC
7	Mr. Nimesh Taneja, PMU Team Member, MoC
8	Mr. Rohit Sharma, SME, PMU, MoC
9	Miss Subhanita Mukherjee, PMU Team Member, MoC
10	Mr. J L Kiangte (ACS Forest and Land), GoJ
11	Mr. Karan Satyarthi, Director – Land, GoJ
12	Mr. Shankar Sinha, Director -Mines, GoJ
13	Mr. Vivek Mishra, Hindalco Industries Ltd
14	Mr. Partha Muzumdar, Executive Director, NTPC
15	Mr. Jagesh Mandiye, DVC
16	Mr. D Pandey, AMPL
17	Mr. Arindam Sinha, JSW
18	Mr. Girish Rathore, GM, CCL
19	Mr. Faiz Taiyab, GM, PVNL
20	Mr. A M Prasad, TIL
21	Mr. Rajesh Ranjan, TVNL
22	Mr. Bhaskar Bhattacharya, ECL
23	Mr. D V Singh, UPVRNL
24	Mr. Anil Vij, CE, PSCPCL
25	Mr. Swaminathan, Sr. Manager, NMDC
26	Mr. Uttam Biswas, JSMDCL