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Government of India  
Ministry of Coal  
O/o Nominated Authority  
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120-F, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 21.09.2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Minutes of the meeting chaired by Secretary (Coal), Government of India on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 04:00 pm to address the issues pertaining to operationalization of coal blocks allocated under CM(SP) Act, 2015 and located in the State of Chhattisgarh and Odisha.

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The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to forward the record note of meeting chaired by Secretary (Coal) on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 4 pm to address the issue pertaining to operationalization of the coal blocks allotted under CM(SP) Act, 2015 and located in the state of Chhattisgarh and Odisha. The action taken report may kindly be submitted to this office within fifteen days.

Encl: as above



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Under Secretary to Government of India

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To,

1. Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh
2. Chief Secretary, Government of Odisha
3. Participants as annexed

Copy to :-

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

**Minutes of the meeting chaired by Secretary (Coal), Government of India on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 04:00 PM to address the issues pertaining to operationalization of coal blocks allocated under CM(SP) Act, 2015 and located in the State of Chhattisgarh and Odisha.**

**The list of participants is at Annexure I.**

At the outset, Secretary (Coal) welcomed all the participants and mentioned that a lot of cooperation from both the States is being received to the mines located there. He requested Secretary (Mines) Chhattisgarh to resolve the Lemru Elephant Reserve issue and accordingly requested for the long pending notification so that the affected coal mines can be operationalized without further delay. Secretary (Coal) made a request to Chhattisgarh and Odisha Government for taking up the issues of the coal mines whose operationalization has been delayed due to issues stuck up with the State Government.

A detailed discussion regarding the issues of the non-operational coal mines located in State of Chhattisgarh and Odisha took place. The brief of the discussions are as under:-

**Coal mines located in the State of Chhattisgarh.**

**1-2.Durgapur II /Taraimar& Durgapur II/Saria  
Allottee: M/s Karnataka Power Corporation Limited**

APCCF (Govt of Chhattisgarh) mentioned that for Durgapur-II /Taraimar, user agency is yet to submit the DGPS survey report of CA land which is pending since May 2021 and for Durgapur II/Saria, a fresh 44 points application for FC is to be submitted by the Allottee which is still pending. Secretary (Coal) directed Allottee to comply with all the conditions of Forest Clearance-I for transfer of Stage-II Forest Clearance from MoEF& CC and submit the pending DGPS survey report for Durgapur II/Taraimar coal block. Further, for Durgapur II/Saria, he directed Allottee to apply afresh for Forest Clearance without further delay.

**Action to be taken:** Allottee

**3. Madanpur South  
Allottee: M/s APMDCL**

Nominated Authority briefed that during the review meeting held in the month of January 2021, Chhattisgarh Government promised that they will issue the Lemru Elephant Reserve Notification within four weeks but till date the issue has not been resolved due to which public hearing, Environment Clearance, Wildlife Conservation Plan, Forest Clearance Stage-I, Land Acquisition Section-8 (pending with CCO) are also pending. Secretary (Forest), GoCG informed that it is currently under examination at highest levels and would be finalized at the earliest.

Secretary (Coal) mentioned that mine has been allotted to State PSU of Andhra Government and they do not have any coal reserve. He requested Government of Chhattisgarh to consider the scarce coal situation and find out ways or issue notification for granting the clearances so that coal mine can be operationalized as early as possible.

**Action to be taken:** State Government of Chhattisgarh

#### **4. Parsa**

##### **Allottee: Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited**

Secretary (Forest), Government of Chhattisgarh mentioned that interim Biodiversity Assessment Report has been sent to Hon'ble State Minister for his directions and consideration.

Nominated Authority briefed that the Bio- Diversity report is holding operationalization of other coal mines located in Chhattisgarh too, so Government of Chhattisgarh should issue it without further delay. Secretary Coal requested Secretary Forest (GoCG) to request the Hon'ble Minister in the matter.

**Action to be taken:** State Government of Chhattisgarh

#### **5-6.Gidhmuri&Paturia**

##### **Allottee- CSPGCL**

Due to pending Lemru Elephant Reserve Notification all the clearances are stuck up at Collector Korba office and State Government level. Secretary (Coal) requested Government of Chhattisgarh for issuance of Lemru Elephant Reserve Notification so that this coal mine can be operationalized soon.

**Action to be taken:** State Government of Chhattisgarh

#### **7.Gare Palma Sector-II**

##### **Allottee: Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Limited.**

Allottee briefed that they have submitted the proposal for village wise land acquisition to Collector (Raigarh) and Collector (Raigarh) has issued notification for stopping illegal construction but despite of this, the construction has not stopped. Allottee further mentioned that since the construction work is going on the site therefore they cannot proceed with the development work in the coal block.

Secretary (Mines), Government of Chhattisgarh mentioned that he will discuss the issue with Collector Raigarh and get it resolved.

**Action to be taken:** State Government of Chhattisgarh

#### **8.GarePalma Sector-I**

##### **Allottee: Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Limited**

Allottee has submitted the application for surrender of coal block on 31st July 2021.

#### **9. GarePalma-IV/1**

##### **Allocattee: Jindal Power Limited**

Allocattee briefed that they have already submitted application for Mining Lease and if the Mining lease is executed early than they can start mining operations on the coal block.

**Action to be taken:** State Government of Chhattisgarh

#### **10. GarePalma -IV/7**

##### **Allocattee: M/s Sarda Energy and Minerals Limited**

Allocattee briefed that the clearance pending for operationalisation of coal mine is transfer of Mining Lease for which the application has been submitted by them in the month of May 2021. Secretary (Mines), Government of Chhattisgarh mentioned that they are in the process of issuing it.

Secretary (Coal) thanked Government of Chhattisgarh mentioning that the meeting will yield some good results leading to operationalization of coal blocks stuck up due to various clearances to be granted by State Government of Chhattisgarh.

**Action to be taken:** State Government of Chhattisgarh

#### **Coal mines located in the State of Odisha**

##### **11. Naini**

##### **Allottee: Singareni Collieries Company Limited**

Allottee informed that Environment Clearance approval is expected by November 2021 and Forest Clearance-II is expected by October 2021. Private land acquisition is also in the process and will be completed by December 2021. Allottee also mentioned that they are hopeful of getting the mine opening permission by February 2022. Since the MCRL is being delayed and may take three to four years therefore Allottee has also requested for road transport to State Government of Odisha.

AS&NA stated that matter has been discussed with Chief Secretary Odisha who has agreed for widening the road so that the coal can be transported till the corridor is finished and advised the Allottee to meet Chief Secretary (Odisha) and also the Principal Secretary (Mining) in this regard.

**Action to be taken:** State Government of Odisha/ Allottee

##### **12. Jamkhani**

##### **Allocattee: M/s Vedanta Limited**

Allocattee briefed that they have applied for Environment Clearance and Forest Clearance and the application is pending with MoEF& CC.

Special Secretary (Government of Odisha) mentioned that they are executing the issue for transferring the clearances and are in continuous touch with the Allocattee for this.

Secretary (Coal) directed O/o Nominated Authority for a meeting with MoEF& CC and to take up all the issues pending with MoEF& CC pertaining to CM (SP) blocks.

**Action to be taken:** MoEF&CC/Allottee

### **13. Mandakini**

**Allottee: M/s Karnataka Power Corporation Limited**

Allottee briefed that they have submitted an application to MoEF& CC for transfer of Forest Clearance and then MoEF& CC sought some clarifications from ECS Forest. The clarifications were sent from State and after that, once again MoEF& CC has asked for some more clarifications from ECS. For clarifications / reply to the comments, the issue is pending with DFO and RCCF.

Secretary (Coal) requested Special Secretary (Government of Odisha) to expedite the reply to be sent to MoEF& CC from State Government of Odisha.

**Action to be taken:** State Government of Odisha

### **14. New Patrapara**

**Allottee: Singareni Collieries Company Limited**

Allottee informed drilling operation in progress and out of 420 bore holes 150 bore holes have been drilled. Prospecting license has been obtained and Mining Plan will be submitted by November 2021. Allottee informed that for EC and FC application all the preparatory work has been done.

Secretary (Coal) appreciated the efforts made by the Allottee.

**Action to be taken:** Allottee

### **15. Baitarni West**

**Allottee: Odisha Mining Corporation Limited**

The Allottee informed that they have submitted the Mining Plan in the month of June 2021 and the grant of Mining Plan is awaited from CCO office. DS(NA) mentioned that internal committee has approved the revised Mining Plan and the approval will be conveyed to the Allottee in a weeks' time.

**Action to be taken:** CCO

### **16. Radhikapur East**

**Allocattee: EMIL Mines and Mineral Resources Limited**

#### **Mining Plan and Mine Closure Plan:**

Allocattee mentioned that Mining Plan has to be revised on account of inclusion of final mine closure plan for which the mining lease boundary has to be modified. Allottee further mentioned that CMPDI has already agreed to this modification in the boundary.

DS (NA) apprised that some block area was not included at the time of allocation which was allocated to prior allottee and this issue has been forwarded to CMPDIL for examination.

Secretary (Coal) directed O/o Nominated Authority to get this issue examined thoroughly.

**Action to be taken:** O/o NA/ CMPDIL

### **Environment Clearance:**

Allocattee briefed that Environment Clearance was applied by the previous allottee but it was not granted by MoEF& CC because Stage-I Forest Clearance was not granted to them. Therefore the Allocattee has approached MoEF& CC and has requested them to give exemption from holding fresh EIA and public hearing for Radhikapur (East) coal block.

To this Secretary (Coal) has directed O/o NA to take this issue up in the meeting with MoEF& CC, and the same to be held at MoC for all the issues pending with MoEF& CC of CM(SP) blocks.

**Action to be taken:** Allocattee/ MoEF &CC

### **17.Radhikapur West**

#### **Allocattee: M/s Vedanta Limited**

Allocattee mentioned that for EC and FC the prior allottee forwarded their application for grant of these clearances (presently vested to the M/s Vedanta Limited) and accordingly Allocattee has applied for transfer of the same in their name but has been told by MoEF& CC that fresh application is required for both the clearances.

Secretary (Coal) directed to take this issue in the meeting with MoEF& CC.

**Action to be taken:** Allocattee/ MoEF&CC

Secretary (Coal) mentioned that in about four weeks' time the issues pending with these two states for operationalisation of coal blocks will be reviewed again.

Meeting ended with thanks.

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**List of participants from MoC**

Sl. No.	Name
1.	Dr. Anil Kumar Jain, Secretary
2.	Shri. M. Nagaraju, Additional Secretary and Nominated Authority
3.	Shri Ajitesh Kumar, Deputy Secretary
4.	Shri. Jitendra Kumar, Chief Manager(Mining)
5.	Shri Manish Uniyal, Under Secretary
6.	Smt Swati, Manager
7.	Shri. Mahesh Pimpramule, Team Leader, PMU
8.	Dr. Anal Sinha, SME, PMU
9.	Ms. Subhanita Mukherjee, PMU
10.	SmtReshma, Office of NA
11.	Smt Uma, Office of NA

**List of participants from CMPDIL**

Sl. No.	Name
1.	Shri Manoj Kumar, General Manager (CMPDIL)
2.	Shri C.Patra, General Manager (UMD)

**List of participants from State Government of Chhattisgarh and Odisha**

Sl. No.	Name
1.	Shri Sidharth Pardesi, Secretary Mining, Chhattisgarh
2.	Shri Prem Kumar, Secretary Forest, Chhattisgarh
3.	Shri Jai Prakash, Director Mining, Chhattisgarh
4.	Shri Jay Prakash More, DGM-CG
5.	Shri Sunil Mishra, APCCF- CG
6.	Shri Anurag Diwan, JD
7.	Shri S K Swain, Sp. Secretary, Mining Department, Odisha

**List of participants representing coal mines**

Sl. No.	Name
1.	Shri Gaurav Bhandari
2.	Shri Himanshu Singh
3.	Shri KanshajitBhowmick, AVP, KPCL
4.	Shri S Khandare, MD, MAHAGENCO
5.	Shri Kapil Dhajat
6.	Shri P Jadhav, Director Mining, MAHAGENCO
7.	Shri Satya Prakash, Head, Essel
8.	Shri J P Pathak
9.	Shri Mrinal Sachdev

<b>10.</b>	MD, GSECL
<b>11.</b>	GM, Naini, SCCL, Odisha
<b>12.</b>	MD, CSPGCL
<b>13.</b>	Director OP, SCCL
<b>14.</b>	Shri T Ramana Rao
<b>15.</b>	Shri Rewati Raman Shrivastava, MDO RVNL
<b>16.</b>	Representative from OMC
<b>17.</b>	Shri Shiva Shankar Mahto, Essel Mining
<b>18.</b>	Representative from Singareni Corporate
<b>19.</b>	Representative from AMPDC-HO
<b>20.</b>	Representative from KPCL, Delhi
<b>21.</b>	Representative from RRVUNL
<b>22.</b>	Representative from MAHAGENCO