

F.No. NA-410/4/2018-NA
Government of India
Ministry of Coal
O/o Nominated Authority

120-F, Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi Dated: 03.08.2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Minutes of the meeting taken by Additional Secretary (Coal) / Nominated Authority on 23.07.2021 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 23rd July, 2021 at 11 am to address the issue pertaining to operationalization of the coal blocks allocated under CM(SP) Act, 2015 and located in the State of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.

Encl: as above



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To,

1. Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh
2. Chief Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh
3. 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, Gol on 23rd July 2021 at 11:00 AM to address the issue pertaining to operationalization of Coal Blocks allocated under CM(SP) Act, 2015 and located in the State of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.

The list of participants is at Annexure 1.

At the outset, Additional Secretary & Nominated Authority (NA) welcomed all the participants. A detailed presentation was made, and progress & development of individual coal blocks were discussed. The brief of the discussion is as under:

Chhattisgarh

1 Parsa (RRVUNL)

FC Stage II

Allottee informed that ICFRE, Dehradun has submitted the final draft for Biodiversity Assessment Study report to State Government on 15 July 2021. The report is under examination of Forest Department, GoCG and MoEF&CC. Secretary, Mines, GoCG assured that he will expedite the matter with Forest Department for grant of FC Stage II permission by MoEF & CC.

2 Madanpur South (APMDCL) &

3 Gidhmuri & Paturia (CSPGCL)

Secretary, Mines, GoCG informed that the long pending decision on notification of Lemru Elephant Reserve area has been taken by State cabinet on 20 July 2021 and notification is expected within a week. He further informed that a part of Madanpur South and Gidhmuri & Paturia coal mine is expected to fall within the notified elephant reserve area.

4 Gare Palma Sector II (MAHAGENCO)

FC Stage I

Allottee informed that suitability certificate for CA land has been obtained and compliances of queries raised on FC Stage-I application will be submitted after its approval in the Board of Director (BoD) meeting of MAHEGENCO scheduled on 23.07.2021.

Land Acquisition

Allottee informed that the application for land acquisition submitted to Collector, Raigarh on 30 June, 2021 and Collector has directed SDM, Ghargoda for surveying and measurement of land on 19 July, 2021. NA advised Secretary, Mines, GoCG to issue necessary directives to Collector to expedite the land acquisition process. Secretary, Mines, GoCG assured that the matter will be expedited in consultation with Collector, Raigarh.

5 Gare Palma Sector I (GSECL)

Allottee informed that they have put all-out efforts to operationalize the mine however they were not successful and meanwhile, Gujrat Government has decided to **surrender the block**. NA

advised them to submit the request letter for surrendering the coal block to MoC at the earliest so that action can be taken for further reallocation.

6 Gare Palma IV/ 4 (HIL)

Allottee informed that due to non-availability of surface right for mining over 8.41 Ha (CSIDC land), coal production was affected. It was also informed by allottee that on his request, NA has written to Principal Secretary, Commerce & Industry, GoCG on 29 June 2021 to expedite grant of surface right over this CSIDC land. The issue is under examination with State Government and allottee is likely to obtain surface right over this CSIDC land soon and this will help in achieving scheduled coal production from opencast part of the mine. Regarding underground mining, it was informed that coal extraction through "development method" is complete and further coal extraction is not possible.

7 Chotia (BALCO)

It was informed that allottee has applied for surrendering of mine on 20 June, 2021.

8 Gare Palma IV/ 8 (Ambuja Cement Ltd)

It was observed that there is shortage in coal production from the targeted production in the current year as well as in previous year. Allottee informed that due to COVID-19 and non-availability of transit permit for transportation of coal, they were not able to achieve the targeted production. However, Allottee informed that they have received the transit permit in April, 2021 and opencast mining has been resumed and scheduled production will be achieved in current year.

Allottee further informed that a public transport road passes through the mine and it requires diversion and in absence of its diversion, there will be loss of about 0.8 million ton coal and shortage of dumping space. Application has been submitted to transport department, GoCG, along with an affidavit that M/s Ambuja Cement Ltd is ready to bear the cost involved in diversion and preparation of alternate public road. However, the matter is still pending with State Government.

9 Talaipalli (NTPC Ltd)

Allottee informed that scheduled production has not been achieved in FY 2020-21 due to unresolved MDO issue. It was informed that they have appointed MDO in August 2020 but MDO has challenged the approved Mine Plan and filed case in court of law. In this connection, CMPDIL has been appointed for reviewing the approved Mine plan and the issue will be resolved in one month.

Allottee further informed that 240 acre land is falling within mine boundary was acquired under CBA Act and at the time of acquisition it was unsurveyed and uncategorized and its details is not found either in records of forest department or of revenue department. Survey work has been completed in year 2017 itself. This patch of land is required from 3rd year of mining operation. Various meetings and communications were done with district and state administration but the matter is still unresolved.

10 Durgapur II/Taraimar & Durgapur II/ Saria (KPCL)

Allottee informed that a lot of time has been consumed in transfer of EC & FC approval and still these approvals have not been transferred to them. The Forest Clearance of Durgapur

II/Taraimar is pending with Principal Secretary, Forest, Chhattisgarh. Secretary, Mines, GoCG assured that the matter will be discussed with APCCF and the issues will be resolved for early transfer of Forest Clearance.

Allottee further informed that MoEF&CC has revoked the FC I & II of Durgapur II/ Saria coal block granted to previous allottee and directed them to apply afresh.

At the end of review of Chhattisgarh mines, Joint Director, MRD, Chhattisgarh informed that they are receiving the surrender applications from various allottees directly. During processing of their applications, it was observed that comments of NA office and Coal Controller is required with respect to compliances of terms & conditions under CMDPA and progressive mine closure plan before deciding on request for surrendering of mines. He further informed that the letter regarding letter for surrender of Gare Palma IV/ 5 has been sent to NA and Coal Controller and their comments on the issue is awaited.

NA informed that the comments on the issue will be communicated shortly.

Madhya Pradesh

1 Suliyari (APMDCL)

Allottee informed that they have received all approvals. Only CTO is pending and it is likely to be granted by next week. Meanwhile they have applied for Mine Opening permission. NA advised his office to expedite early Mine Opening permission from CCO office. NA inquired about their target for coal production. Allottee replied that they will commence mining operations immediately after getting Mine Opening permission and will try to achieve scheduled production of 2.5 MT by March 2022 as per approved Mine plan.

Director, Mines & Geology, GoMP informed that ML has been executed however, they have not received the registered lease deed. Allottee informed that it will be submitted by today itself.

2 Amelia (THDC)

Allottee informed that EAC has recommended for transfer of EC on 23 June 2021, however approval letter is yet to be issued. On being inquired it was informed that the file is pending with Minister office and is expected to be granted soon. Allottee further informed that grant of ML is pending for EC transfer letter and immediately after getting the EC transfer letter, it will be submitted to State Government and thereafter ML will be granted within next 3 to 4 days.

NA inquired about the likely time for starting coal production and to this, allottee informed that coal production will start in year 2023-24 as land acquisition is under process and it will take another one year. Allottee also informed that MDO selection is under process, 6 companies have participated in bid and technical evaluation is being done by SBICAPS.

3 Bicharpur (Ultratech Cement Limited)

Allottee informed that incline drivage is almost completed and coal production will start in November 2021. About 2 Lacs tonne coal will be produced this year and 7.5 Lacs tonne (PRC) will be produced from next year onwards.

Allottee requested NA for support in two issues: -

- a) Registration of Supplementary lease deed- It is pending with Revenue board, Madhya Pradesh. Director, Geology & Mining, GoMP informed that they have written to allottee to stop all mining activities in this mine till the pending issue is resolved with Revenue board.
- b) Connectivity issue- Allottee have requested Collector, Sehdol for starting construction of road which will connect their mine to NH-43. Director, Geology & Mining, GoMP informed that the matter has already been discussed with Collector and will be resolved.

4 Bikram (Birla Corporation Ltd)

Environment Clearance- Allottee informed that EIA/ EMP has been prepared and submitted to Pollution control board for arranging public hearing. The hearing is expected in August 2021. CGWA permission has also been received.

FC Stage I- The application has been filed and Nodal officer has forwarded the proposal to DFO. The matter is under examination there. Nodal Officer, Forest Department, GoMP informed that they have received the proposal in last month and it will be forwarded to MoEF & CC for final appraisal by 15 September 2021.

Mining Lease-Application submitted to State Government on 19 March 2020 and it is presently under examination at Minister Office. It is expected that it will be granted by this month.

On being enquired by NA, allottee informed that they are expecting to start coal production in year 2023 while scheduled target year is 2025.

5 Brahampuri(Birla Corporation Ltd)

Allottee informed that the previous allottee i.e. M/s Pushp steel has not handed over the original Geological Report (GR). Scan copy available is with them but is not readable. It was informed that GR was prepared by MECL and CMPDIL can be requested to share the report. NA advised his team for arranging Geological report from CMPDIL.

Allottee further informed that as per tender document extractable coal reserve is 12.5 MT, however, after evaluation only 7 MT extractable reserve was found. On being inquired by NA, Allottee informed that earlier estimation was done manually while this time evaluation has been carried out by Minex. NA advised allottee to submit the representation and then it will be examined.

On FC Stage-I, Nodal Officer, Forest Department, GoMP informed that they have received the proposal in the last month and it will be forwarded to MoEF & CC for final appraisal by 15 September 2021.

6 Sial Ghoghri (Reliance Cement Company Private Limited)

Allottee informed that due to infrastructure issue and COVID 19 pandemic, scheduled production could not be achieved last year. Allottee requested to extend relaxation period from 3 to 6 months. On this NA stated that orders have already been issued and it will not be revised further. NA stated that this is a small mine and target production should be achieved in time bound manner.

At the end Nominated Authority (NA) advised all Allottees to follow up with State Government on regular basis to resolve their pending issues and challenges. They should also keep MoC in loop so that NA, MoC may intervene wherever required for resolving challenges and pending matters.

Meeting ended with thanks.

Annexure 1

S. No	Participant Name
1.	Shri. M. Nagaraju, Additional Secretary (NA), MoC
2.	Shri Ajitesh Kumar, Deputy Secretary, MoC
3.	Shri. Jitendra Kumar, Chief Manager, Office of NA
4.	Shri Abhishek, ASO, Office of NA
5.	Smt Swati, Office of NA
6.	Shri. Mahesh Pimpramule, Team Leader, PMU, MoC
7.	Dr. Anal Sinha, SME, PMU, MoC
8.	Shri. Nimesh Taneja, Deputy Team Leader, PMU, MoC
9.	Shri. Rohit Sharma, SME, PMU, MoC
10.	Smt Subhanita Mukherjee, PMU, MoC
11.	Smt Payal Dhumal, Office of NA
12.	Smt Uma, Office of NA
13.	Smt Vaidika, Office of NA
14.	Shri. Charanjeet Singh, Scientist D, MoEF&CC
15.	Shri. Munna Shah, Scientist D, MoEF&CC
16.	Shri Anbalagan P., Secretary (Mines), CG
17.	Shri Anurag, Joint Director, MRD, CG
18.	Director, Geology & Minerals, MP
19.	Nodal officer, MP
20.	Shri M Sumanth, THDC India Ltd.
21.	Shri UC Kannaujia, THDC India Ltd.
22.	Shri Binsi Babu, THDC India Ltd
23.	Shri Anand Gajbhe, MAHAGENCO
24.	Shri Rewati Raman Srivastava, MDO, RVUNL
25.	Shri Vivek Mishra HINDALCO
26.	Shri Syed Khadry, Bicharpur
27.	Shri Vijay Jain, BALCO
28.	Shri Prasanna Kumar, MD GSECL
29.	Dr. Nitin Wagh, MAHAGENCO
30.	Shri AjitOstwal
31.	Representative of APMDC
32.	Shri Arvind Agarwal
33.	Shri B Gandhi
34.	Shri Bhupendra Singh Choudhary
35.	Representative of CSPGCL
36.	Shri Dipankar Khan
37.	Shri Dipesh Bhatia
38.	Representative of KPCL

39.	Shri Partha Majumdar, NTPC
40.	Shri Ramesh Kher, NTPC
41.	Shri PM Patel
42.	Smt Reshma Mohan
43.	Shri Sandeep Kumar Jain
44.	Shri Sharanappa Kambahi
45.	Shri Shivakumar, GTPS
46.	Representative of Ambuja Cements
47.	Representative of M/S Ultratech Cement Ltd
48.	Representative of M/S Birla Corporation Ltd
49.	Representative of Reliance Cement Company Pvt Ltd