

F.No NA-210/2/2021-NA-Part (1)
Government of India
Ministry of Coal
Office of Nominated Authority

120-F, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 17th January, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Issuance of Minutes of Meeting of Review Meeting held under chairmanship of Additional Secretary & Nominated Authority on 06.01.2022 at 03:30 PM to review coal mines allocated by Nominated Authority – reg.

The undersigned is directed to convey that Additional Secretary(Coal) held a meeting on 06.01.2022 at 03:30 PM on the captioned subject through Virtual Conference. Minutes of Meeting is enclosed herewith for information and necessary action, if any, please.



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To:

1. PS to Secretary (Coal)
2. Hon'ble Chief Secretary of Chhattisgarh
3. Hon'ble Chief Secretary of Madhya Pradesh
4. Hon'ble Chief Secretary of Maharashtra
5. Hon'ble Chief Secretary of Odisha
6. Hon'ble Chief Secretary of Telangana
7. Hon'ble Chief Secretary of West Bengal
8. PS to AS(MN)
9. Dir(NA)
10. All concerned allocattees as per list enclosed in the Annexure.
11. All staff of O/o NA

Minutes of the Review Meeting taken by Additional Secretary (MN) & Nominated Authority on 06th January, 2022 at 15:30 PM regarding Coal Production & operationalization of captive coal blocks.

The list of participants is at Annexure-1.

At the outset Additional Secretary (MN) & Nominated Authority welcomed officials of MoEF&CC, State Governments and Project Proponents. A presentation regarding status of coal production and on status of pending clearances of non-operational mines was given and issues pending for resolution were discussed. The brief of discussions are as under:

A. Coal Blocks where production is lagging behind the scheduled target:-

1. Dulanga (M/s NTPC Ltd)

Allottee informed that due to few challenges i.e. transportation, coal production was affected. They are trying hard to achieve earlier committed coal production of 5.5 MT in this financial year and coal production will pick up to level of 18000-20000 ton per day in remaining days and coal production will certainly be above 5.25 MT by March 2022.

2. Talaipalli (M/s NTPC Ltd)

Allottee informed that coal production has been stopped due to dispute with MDO. The hearing of legal dispute with MDO is scheduled on 20th January 2021 at Delhi High Court. They will be floating separate tender for 6 MT coal by 15th Feb, 2022 and new contract will be signed by March, 2022.

3. PakriBarwadih (M/s NTPC Ltd)

Allottee informed that coal evacuation and equipment mobilization were affected due to resistance of local villagers and it adversely affected overall coal production. They further informed that the issue of local villagers have been resolved and coal production will improve in coming days and they will produce about 9.0 MT coal by March, 2022.

4. Sarisatolli (M/s CESC)

The allottee was absent and coal production issue could not be discussed.

5. Baranj I, Baranj II, Baranj III, BaranjIV, Manora Deep & Kiloni (M/s KPCL)

Nominated Authority stated that the mine has now got FC stage-II and M/s KPCL should improve coal production to level of target level. Allottee informed that coal production was affected due to monsoon and pending Forest Clearance, however, coal production will speed up in next 15 days and coal dispatch will improve from present level of 1 rake per day to 2 rakes per day. They assured of production of 1.5 MT coal by March, 2022 and also they will make all out efforts for increasing it to 2.0 MT level.

6. Trans Damodar (M/s The Durgapur Projects Ltd)

Allottee informed that coal seam was submerged during monsoon due to heavy rainfall and there were problems in procurement of land and all these affected the coal production. They further informed that dewatering of the mine has been done and coal production will improve from this month and they will be able to produce 0.5 MT coal against target of 1.0 MT by March, 2022.

7. Suliyari (M/s APMDCL)

Allottee informed that the mining activities started immediately after getting Mine Opening Permission (MOP) in August, 2021 but the operations were discontinued due to resistance from local people from November. It was further informed by Allottee that issues of villagers have been resolved and mining activities are expected to resume by 15 January, 2022 and about 0.5 MT coal will be produced by March, 2022. Nominated Authority informed that he has also talked to Collector, Singrauli and Principal Secretary (Energy), Bhopal and it has been assured that the issues will be resolved soon.

Special Secretary, GoMP informed that commitment made in R&R policy by Allottee are not fulfilled as project affected displaced families have not been provided houses and compensation amount as promised. AS(MN)&NA advised allottee that R&R commitments should be completed prior to starting of mining operations to avoid such situations.

B. Issues of Environmental and Forest Clearance pending with MoEF&CC

1. Jamkhani (M/s Vedanta Ltd.)

It was informed that FC of 59 Ha forest area has been transferred by MoEF&CC recently however EC transfer is pending. Member Secretary, EAC, MoEF&CC informed that the proposal has been examined in detail and decision has been taken to raise EDS in accordance with order of Hon'ble Supreme court i.e. EC can be granted only when FC stage -I is available for the entire forest land lying within mine area. In this case, FC of 59 Ha forest area available with prior allottee has been transferred to new allottee however FC is not available for balance 152.55 Ha forest land. Allottee informed that in the previous EC grant letter, it has been mentioned that 152.55 Ha forest is reserve forest and it will not be disturbed and in FC grant letter it is mentioned that this area will be worked out by allottee in second phase i.e. after 44 years and may be excluded from Mine lease area. Member Secretary, MoEF&CC informed that EC was granted to prior allottee prior to order of Hon'ble Supreme Court.

AS(MN)/NA advised allottee to get legal opinion in this matter and submit the same with representation to MoEF&CC at the earliest.

2. Naini (M/s SCCL)

IG, MoEF&CC informed that they have received the proposal from State Government on 20 December, 2021 and there is one observation with respect to Wildlife Management Plan (WMP) and they will raise EDS to State Government and after getting reply, FC-II will be processed.

Allottee informed that they have already discussed the issue with PCCF, Forest Department, Odisha and It will take about 2-3 years in preparation of WMP and they have given undertaking to comply with the conditions of WMP and have also made advance payment to State Forest Department and conditional FC-II permission may be granted.

IG, MoEF&CC agreed to discuss the matter with State forest department and assured that if they have no issues, they will process the proposal. PCCF, Forest Department, Odisha informed that State has not proposed this condition. IG, MoEF&CC informed that this condition was imposed after site visit however it may be withdrawn in consultation with FAC.

AS(MN)&NA stated that this issue will be discussed during next meeting of Cabinet Secretary on 14th January, 2022 along with other issues..

3. Brahmadiha (M/s APMDCL)

It was informed that during meeting chaired by Cabinet Secretary on 20 December, 2021 it was recommended that interim EC clearance may be granted for 02 years within which allottee will have to obtain fresh EC from MoEF&CC. MoEF&CC informed that the proposal was further discussed at ministry and it has been referred to Legal Department for comments.

AS(MN)&NA stated that Secretary (MoEF&CC) had agreed for 2 year interim EC clearance. Allottee further requested support of ministry for grant of Mining Lease from Secretary (Mines), GoJ. AS(MN)&NA assured all assistance in this matter.

4. Bikram (M/s Birla Corporation Ltd)

Member Secretary, MoEF&CC informed that final EIA/ EMP of this project has not yet been submitted and uploaded at Parivesh portal. Allottee informed that they will upload the final EIA/ EMP report within 15 days.

5. Durgapur Sarya (M/s KPCL)

Allottee informed that the surrender of this coal block is under consideration as they will not set up the planned thermal power plant. Nominated Authority advised allottee that the coal can also be sold in the open market after taking permission from MoC. Allottee informed that this option will also be put up consideration of Board of company.

Nominated Authority informed that during meeting of Cabinet Secretary on 20 December, 2021 decision was taken for transfer of FC. IG, MoEF&CC informed that FC has been revoked in consultation with State Government and money has been returned to original Allottee. Nominated Authority informed that as per CMSP Act earlier approved clearances are to be transferred and can't be revoked. He further informed that once again this issue will be considered in next meeting chaired by Cabinet Secretary on 14th January, 2022.

6. Parsa East & Kanta Besan (M/s RRVUNL)

It was decided in the meeting chaired by Cabinet Secretary on 20 December, 2021 that MoEF&CC may dispose of the proposal of EC capacity expansion of coal block after delinking the proposal for expansion of coal washery.

MoEF&CC informed that EDS have been issued and allottees required to submit the reply. Allottee informed that report of IRO, Raipur is to be annexed in this reply and it will be received in next 2 days.

Regarding FC clearance of balance area, IG, MoEF&CC informed that FAC has already recommended the proposal for FC clearance for balance forest area and approval letter will be issued in next 5 days.

C. Issues of Clearances pending with State Government

1. Naini (M/s SCCL)

It was informed that CTE was applied on 25 November, 2021 and presentation was done before SPCB, Odisha on 24 December, 2021 however, CTE is not issued yet. PMU informed that they have regularly talked with SPCB officials and grant letter will be issued in 2-3 days.

2. Dipside Manoharpur (M/s OCP)

Regarding FC stage-I proposal, PCCF, Odisha informed that they have received the proposal on 22 December, 2021 and it has been examined and there is some issue with KML file of CA land. Allottee has been informed and the matter will be resolved at the earliest.

3. Utkal -E (M/s NALCO)

Allottee informed that EDS has been issued by MoEF&CC on 4 points on 29 December, 2021 and in this connection, they have met PCCF, Odisha yesterday. Compliance is ready for 3 points and complete reply will be submitted to MoEF&CC by 18 January, 2022. Allottee further informed that due to awaited FC-II permission, ML Execution is also pending.

Allottee also informed that revised Mine plan has been submitted for approval and requested ministry to provide support in this matter. Nominated Authority informed that committee is examining the proposal and advised allottee to follow up the issue with the committee constituted for the purpose.

4. Radhikapur East (M/s EMIL)

Allottee informed that during the meeting chaired by Secretary (Coal) and Secretary (MoEF&CC) on 20 October, 2021, it was assured that the FC-I proposal will be processed and granted at the earliest. In the last FAC meeting held on 23 December, 2021 few observations were issued instead, however, in similar case of Radhikapur West coal block it has been recommended.

Allottee further requested for grant of FC stage – I proposal with conditions which they will comply with proposal of FC stage – II. IG, MoEF&CC informed that there were few observations and State Government could not submit the reply due to which the FC-I was not recommended. PCCF, Forest Department, Odisha informed that the compliance reply is in progress and they will submit the reply immediately after receiving observation of MoEF&CC.

5. Mandakini (M/s KPCL)

It was informed that Mining lease (ML) has been granted on 29 December, 2021 however, Execution of ML is pending. Allottee informed that they have approached DC and Deputy Director, Talcher for execution of ML and conducted meeting at village level for settlement of R&R issue. The demands of villagers are very high, however, they are negotiating earnestly.

6. Parsa (M/s RRVUNL)

It was informed that FC –II was granted on 21 October, 2021 however transfer of Forest land from State Forest Department (Chhattisgarh) is pending. Secretary (Forest), GoCG informed that the issue has been processed and is presently under examination with Hon'ble Minister of Forest of Chhattisgarh.

7. Gare Palma II (M/s MAHAGENCO)

It was informed that Nodal Officer recommended the FC Stage-I proposal to Secretary (Forest), GoCG on 20.10.2021. Secretary (Forest), GoCG informed that the issue has been processed and is presently under examination with Hon'ble Minister of Forest of Chhattisgarh.

8. Gidhmuri & Paturia (M/s CSPGCL), Madanpur South (M/s APMDCL)

Nominated Authority stated that a DO letter has been sent from ministry seeking clarification on the status on these coal blocks regarding Lemru Elephant reserve notification. Secretary (Forest) GoCG informed that both blocks fall under Lemru Elephant reserve area, however, the response is awaited from Nodal Officer who is suffering from COVID and he further assured that clarification will be sent to Coal ministry in 4-5 days.

9. Gare Palma IV/4 (Hindalco Industries Ltd)

Allottee has requested for grant of surface right over 8.14 Ha area of Chhattisgarh State Industrial Development Corporation (CSIDC) land within mining lease area for uninterrupted mining. A DO letter has been sent from ministry to State Government requesting to grant surface right over 8.14 Ha CSIDC land. Allottee informed that with the support of MoC and State government decision has been taken by State for granting surface right and they will receive the approval shortly.

10. Amelia (M/s THDC India Ltd)

Allottee informed that they have applied for Consent to Operate (CTO) and Mine Opening permission. They have Mine Opening schedule in August, 2022, however, they are trying to start mining operations even before August, 2022.

11. Urtan North (M/s JMS Mining Private Limited)

It was informed that FC-I proposal is under progress. Reply of shortcomings were uploaded and accepted by the Nodal Officer on 15 September, 2021. Hard copy has also been submitted on 29 September, 2021. Proposal is under examination with Nodal Officer, Forest. Principal Secretary (Forest), GoMP informed that the proposal has been examined and necessary decision will be taken soon.

12. Sahapur East (M/s Chowgule & Company Pvt Ltd.)

It was informed that query was raised by DFO on 30 November, 2021 which was replied by Allottee on 03 December, 2021. Principal Secretary (Forest), GoMP informed that processing of fee is under process and it will be done soon.

13. Gourangdih ABC (M/s WBMDTCL)

It was informed that in respect of FC-I proposal one query is pending with DFO, Birbhum. On 28 December, 2021, query letter was issued by APCCF-GoWB to DFO, Birbhum on CA land clarification. State Govt official informed that field survey has been completed and DFO has sent the reply to CCF office and it is under progress.

D. Issues of clearances pending with Allottees

1. Utkal-D (M/s NALCO)

Allottee informed that work order for MDO will be issued shortly and thereafter coal production will take place in FY 2022-23.

2. Radhikapur West (M/s Vedanta Ltd)

Allottee informed that they had applied for EC in June 2021 however due to non-availability of FC-I, it was not taken up further. Now FAC in its meeting on 23 December, 2021 has recommended the FC-I permission therefore they will process the EC application after getting grant letter of FC-I.

3. New Patrapara (M/s SCCL)

It was informed that this Mine was allocated on 30 October, 2019 but Mine plan proposal has not been submitted yet. Allottee informed that due to delay in authentication of boundary coordinates, Mine plan has not been submitted, however, they have submitted the Geological Report (GR) last year and by February, 2022 they will submit the application for Mine Plan.

4. Tara East & West (M/s WBPDCCL)

It was informed that Mine Opening permission was obtained on 17.03.2020. MDO has not been appointed till date and due to this, coal production has not started. Allottee informed that they have floated the tender for it and meeting is scheduled in next week.

5. East of Damogoria (M/s BCCL)

It was informed that Mining lease of part of the block is already with BCCL under CMN Act, 1973 (503.394 Ha). Transfer of balance land (49.296 Ha) is under progress. Allottee informed that there is one issue of overlapping of boundaries. They have already written for transfer of balance land and still it is awaited. Allottee further informed that there is one more issue for space for OB dumping, however, they have requested for additional allotment of Sitarampur block for this purpose.

6. Khagra Joydev (M/s DVC)

Land acquisition is pending from last 03 years due to issue of land rate. All other clearances are available with Allottee. Allottee informed that a meeting held in December, 2021 by DC & district officials and it was suggested to submit R&R proposal. Allottee has submitted the R&R proposal on 15 December, 2021 and also discussed the issue with Secretary (Power), GoWB and ACS(Power), GoWB.

7. Gare Palma IV/ (M/s Jindal Power Ltd)

Allottee informed that only permission for use of groundwater is pending and they will apply for Mine Opening permission immediately after gaining Ground water permission, Allottee further informed that Mining lease will be executed in next 10 days. Nominated Authority stated that they will also get incentive if coal production starts earlier as per CMDPA and encouraged them to get this benefit.

At the end, Nominated Authority thanked all the participants. He emphasized the need for increasing domestic coal production and urged project proponents of operational mines to improve production during current year and urged other project proponents for obtaining pending clearances at the earliest.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

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Annexure 1- List of participants: -

Sl. No.	Name
Ministry of Coal	
1.	Shri. M. Nagaraju, Additional Secretary (Coal)
2.	Shri Ajitesh Kumar, Director
3.	Shri. Jitendra Kumar, Chief Manager (Mining)
4.	Shri Manish Uniyal, Under Secretary, MoC
5.	Shri. Mahesh Pimpramule, Team Leader, PMU
6.	Dr. Anal Sinha, SME, PMU
7.	Shri Rohit Sharma, SME, PMU
8.	Shri Abhishek, ASO, NA, MoC
MoEF &CC	
9.	Shri Anjan Kumar Mohanty, IG, MoEF&CC
10.	Shri Lalit Bokolia, Member Secretary, EAC, MoEF&CC
State Governments	
11.	Shri. Sukhveer Singh, Principal Secretary(Mines) Madhya Pradesh
12.	Shri. Sanjay Goel, Secretary(Revenue & Land) Madhya Pradesh
13.	Shri. Sunil Aggarwal, APCCF(Forest) Madhya Pradesh
14.	Shri. Prem Kumar, Secretary(Forest),Chhattisgarh
15.	Shri Neelam Namdev Ekka, Secretary(Revenue),Chhattisgarh
16.	Shri Siddhartha Komal Pardesi, Secretary(Mines) Chhattisgarh
17.	Shri Sangram Keshari Swain, Special Secretary(Steel & Mines) Odisha
18.	Shri Sisir Rathoo, PCCF & HoF, Odisha
19.	Shri. Singh Jeet, PCCF(Forest) Maharashtra
Project Proponents	
20.	Shri Awadhesh Sharma, M/s THDCIL
21.	Shri C K Mondal, M/s NTPC
22.	Shri Sanjiv Kumar Singh, M/s NTPC
23.	Shri. Nirmal Kumar Bijora, Managing Director, CSPGCL
24.	Dr. T R K Rao, M/s SCCL
25.	Shri S Mishra, CEO, OCPL
26.	Shri. Anurag Srivastava, MD, WBPDCCL
27.	Shri Venkata Reddy, Vice Chairman, APMDCL
28.	Shri D L R Prasad, Advisor APMDCL
29.	Shri Laxman Rao, GM, APMDCL
30.	Shri K C Sarangi, M/s OMCL
31.	Shri K J Vyas, GSECL
32.	Shri V Shrikant, CEO, Vedanta Limited
33.	Shri. Revati Raman Shrivastava, COO, Vedanta Limited
34.	Shri Vivek Mishra, M/s Hindalco Industries Ltd
35.	Shri Dipesh Bhatia, M/s Hindalco Industries Ltd
36.	Shri Dipankar Khan, M/s Hindalco Industries Ltd

37.	Dr. Vinod Kumar Verma, M/s Hindalco Industries Ltd
38.	Smt Sumita Singh, M/s Hindalco Industries Ltd
39.	Shri Shanto Mukherjee, M/s ADANI
40.	Shri S K Gupta, M/s Sunflag Iron & Steel Ltd.
41.	Shri Anup Kumar Rai, M/s Aurobindo Reality And Infrastructure Private Limited
42.	Shri. Raj Kishore Singh, M/s Stratatech Mineral Resources Private Limited
43.	Shri Om Prakash, JPL
44.	Shri Sanjay Singh, M/s RRVUNL
45.	Shri Kodumuru Srinivasa Rao, M/s Powerplus Traders Pvt Ltd
46.	Shri B P Mishra, M/s OCL Iron and Steel Ltd
47.	Shri MN Jha, M/s Jaiprakash Ventures Private Ltd
48.	Shri SharanappaKambalii, M/s Ambuja Cements Ltd
49.	Representative from CMDC, Raipur
50.	CMD, NLCIL
51.	Representative from TSGENCO
52.	Representative from BCCL
53.	Representative from JMS Mining Pvt Ltd
54.	Representative from KPCL
55.	Representative from DPL
56.	Representative from Chowgule & Company Pvt Ltd.