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Ministry of Coal
O/o. the Nominated Authority

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Circulation of minutes of the meeting held on 07.01.2022 between Hon'ble Union Minister of Coal, Mines & Parliamentary Affairs and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh to review the issues of coal mines of Chhattisgarh.

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The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to circulate herewith the approved minutes of the above-mentioned meeting for information and necessary action.



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1. PS to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh.
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4. Shri Manoj Pinigua, Principal Secretary, Forest & Industries Department, Government of Chhattisgarh
5. Shri Rakesh Chaturvedi, PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh
6. Shri Siddharth Komal Pardesi, Secretary (Mines), Government of Chhattisgarh
7. Shri Jaiprakash Maurya, Director (Mines), Government of Chhattisgarh
8. Shri Mahesh Bahu, Additional Director, D/o. Geology & Mining, Government of Chhattisgarh
9. Shri Kundan Banjare, Under Secretary, Mineral Resource Department, Government of Chhattisgarh.

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 07.01.2022 BETWEEN HON'BLE UNION MINISTER OF COAL, MINES & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF CHHATTISGARH TO REVIEW THE ISSUES OF COAL MINES OF CHHATTISGARH.

List of participants is at Annexure-I.

At the outset, Hon'ble Union Minister for Coal, Mines & Parliamentary Affairs and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh greeted each other and exchanged well wishes for the New Year-2022. Thereafter, the following issues related to Ministries of Coal and Mines and SECL were discussed in detail :-

ISSUES OF MINISTRY OF COAL

S. No.	Issue	Discussion and decision taken	Action (on part of)
1	Issue of Land Acquisition of Kusmunda, Dipka and Gevra coal mines of SECL	<p>Chairman, CIL intimated that State Government would be receiving Rs.6,000 crore as revenue from coal produced from CIL and around 31,600 people would get employment. However, for 3 major mines of SECL, if physical possession of land notified under CBA (A&D) Act, 1957 is not obtained, the same will affect the coal production in FY-2022-23. Although, State Government is cooperating, however, more held is required as the villagers are agitating in the areas of coal mines. SECL is committed to give employment or annuity, whichever the case may be, to the project affected villagers.</p> <p>State Government officers intimated that although SECL is committed to give employment or annuity to the currently project affected villagers, however, several villagers who were affected through SECL projects in 2004 and 2010 are still aggrieved for not getting employment.</p> <p>Hon'ble Union Minister of Coal directed that Chairman, CIL alongwith CMD, SECL will hold a meeting on 11.01.2022 with the officers of State Government for expeditious resolution of employment to project affected villagers and the aggrieved villagers will get employment as per the extant rules.</p>	CIL / SECL
2	Development of captive coal mines	<p>Additional Secretary & Nominated Authority, MoC intimated that total 21 captive coal mines have been allocated in Chhattisgarh, out of which 9 are operational and 12 are non-operational. Non-operationalisation of following coal blocks were discussed :-</p> <p align="center">i. Gare Palma Sector-II :- Development of block is</p>	GoC

	<p>hampering due to non-approval of EC for non-grant of FC-I and mining lease is also pending for want of EC & FC clearances.</p> <p>ii. Parsa :- FC-II granted by MoEF&CC but issuance of Stage-II order is pending with State Forest Department, CTO from CECB is also pending.</p> <p>iii. Gidhmuri, Paruria and Madanpur South :- Unambiguity on whether the coordinates of these blocks are falling in Lemru Elephant Corridor. State Government to confirm.</p> <p>iv. Gare Palma-IV/4 – Issue of surface right area over 8.14 Ha area of CSIDC land within ML area of block.</p> <p>State Government officers apprised that they are taking necessary actions for early operationalisation of coal blocks in Chhattisgarh. Even recently, the first coal mine auctioned for commercial mining, viz. Gare Palma-IV/7 has operationalized and another block, i.e. Gare IV/1 is on the verge of opening. FC-II order for Parsa coal block is under process, State Government confirmed that the coordinates of Gidhmuri, Paturia and Madanpur South coal mines are falling inside Lemru Elephant corridor and written communication in this regard will be issued to MoC shortly. For Gare Palma-IV/4 coal mine, Industries Department has approved handing over of surface right to allottee and issue will be resolved shortly.</p>	
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ISSUES OF MINISTRY OF MINES

S. No.	Issue	Discussion and decision taken	Action (on part of)
1	In previous meeting held on 04.06.2021, State Government promised to auction 16 mineral blocks within 4 months, however, 2 blocks have been successfully auctioned, NITs for 4 blocks have been issued and NITs yet to be issued for remaining 10 mineral blocks.	During the meeting held on 7.01.2022 with Government of Chhattisgarh, it has been informed that Government of Chhattisgarh is committed to auction 16 mineral blocks within four months. However, of these 16 mineral blocks, auction of only 2 blocks is completed till date. Further, NITs for 4 mineral blocks is issued in month of August, 2021. Out of these 4 blocks, NIT for 3 blocks have been stayed by the Hon'ble High Court on account of the ongoing litigation challenging the amendment to 10A(2)(b) of the MMDR Act. One Iron ore block for which NIT was issued on 12 th August, 2021 was annulled by the State Government.	MoM
2	Central Government has	Government of Chhattisgarh has informed	GoC

	granted previous approval for auction of Composite License (CL) for 10 mineral blocks (8 Iron ore and 2 Bauxite). State Government may now issue NITs for these blocks	that they have made preparation and assured that NITs of remaining 10 mineral blocks (8 Iron ore and 2 Bauxite) will be issued within a short period.	
3	156.80 Sq. Kms. Area reserved for mineral Diamond in Baloda-Belmundi Blocks (Deposit No.4 and 13) in Tehsil Saraipali, District Mahasamund for undertaking PL or ML through NMDC-CMDC joint venture.	Ministry of Mines has reserved an area of 156.80 sq.km for undertaking prospecting and mining operations of mineral diamond through NMDC-CMDC joint venture in Baloda and Belmudi on 14.10.2021. Exploration work in this block may be started at the earliest.	GoC
4	The Proposal sent by State Govt. for Reservation of 21.3 sq.km area for iron ore in Bailadila Deposit No.1 in favour of NMDC-CMDC Ltd.	Ministry of Mines has sought additional information on 21.12.2021. Further, proposal of NMDC for reservation of Bailadila Deposit No. 3 & 8 in favour of that company has also been forwarded to State Government for comments. In this regard, State Government informed that they have decided to reserve all deposits of Bailadila Deposit in favour of the joint venture of NMDC-CMDC rather than reserving exclusively for NMDC. The State Government assured to send a proposal in due course	GoC

ISSUES OF STATE GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH

S. No.	Issue	Discussion and decision taken	Action (on part of)
1	Transfer of Additional Levy amounting to Rs.4169.86 crore to State Government	State Government has file Suit in Hon'ble Supreme Court. Reply of MoC, Gol to be filed before Supreme Court. MoC is consulting the matter with Ld. Solicitor General of India. Hon'ble Minister of Coal directed that an early meeting be fixed with Solicitor General of India and reply of MoC be expeditiously finalized for filing before Hon'ble Supreme Court.	MoC
2	Disposal of Section 10(A) (2) (b) cases pending with various	State Government requested to take decision on court cases challenging the amendment to Section 10A (2)(b) of the MMDR Act. Secretary (Mines), Gol	MoM

	courts of Law.	informed that Ministry is filing a petition in the Hon'ble Supreme Court for transferring various cases challenging the amendment to Section 10A (2) (b) of the MMDR Act to the Supreme Court. The petition has been sent to Supreme Court registry for filing immediately. On receipt of diary number of TP, the same will be communicated to all the concerned.	
3.	Notify the royalty rates on ROM lump and fines of Iron Ore.	<p>State Government officers informed that royalty rates on coal are applied on ROM coal. Likewise, the same should also be applied on ROM lump of iron ore instead on processed Iron Ore. Miners are generating huge fines intentionally. There is huge difference (500 to 2000 Rs/T) in ASP between iron ore lump and fines. Hence, State Government is facing huge royalty loss. Hence, State Government requested to notify royalty rates on Iron ore lump and fines with an interval of 1% Fe content in iron ores.</p> <p>It was decided to conduct a detailed study and discussion on the matter before taking a final decision.</p>	MoM /GoC
4	Pending revision of Royalty Rates of Coal	<p>Hon'ble Chief Minister stated that due to non-revision of royalty rates of coal after 2012, State Government is suffering great loss. In this FY, State Government will suffer Rs.5,000 crore of loss on account of GST which will surmount more in the next financial year. Industries are installed in the nearby vicinity of mineral deposits and in case the royalty rate on coal is not enhanced, State Government would suffer financial losses which in turn would discourage industrialization progress in the State. This not only applies to coal but has to be considered by Government of India on industrial, minerals, infrastructure and all other sectors.</p> <p>Secretary (Coal) stated that after royalty revision in 2012, DMF and NMET have been introduced which accrue to State Government which may be considered as additional revenue to State Government.</p> <p>Hon'ble Minister of Coal, Mines & Parliamentary Affairs accepted that this is an issue of great concern and assured to examine / resolve the issue in consultation with Finance Ministry, Gol.</p>	MoC/ Gol

5	Allocation of commercial coal blocks to CMDC viz. Tara, Sariya-I, Dolesara or Jharpalam or Jarekela for requirement of local coal based industries in the State	MoC informed that Tara coal block is sub-judice. Dolesara, Jharpalam and Jarekela coal blocks have been recently offered for auction for commercial mining and CMDC may participate in auction.	GoC / CMDC
6	Reconsideration of reservation of iron ore and copper blocks in favour of CMDC.	<p>As regarding the proposal sent by State Government for reservation of 21.3 Sq. Km are for iron ore in Bailadila Deposit No.1 in favour of NMDC-CMDC Ltd., the Central Government has sought additional information on 21.12.2021. Information may be provided at the earliest.</p> <p>Further, the proposal of NMDC for reservation of Bailadila Deposit No.3 & 8 in its favour has also been forwarded to State Government for comments. In this regard, State Government informed that they have decided to reserve all deposits of Bailadila Deposit in favour of the joint venture of NMDC-CMDC rather than reserving exclusively for NMDC. The State Government assured to send a proposal in due course.</p>	GoC

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