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Government of India
Ministry of Coal
O/o. the Nominated Authority

R.No.120-F, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
Dated : 20.06.2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Circulation of minutes of the Review Meeting chaired by the Hon'ble Minister of Coal to review all coal blocks allocated under CM (SP) and MMDR Acts held on 15.06.2022.

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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.

Encl : As above



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To,

1. PS to Hon'ble Minister of Coal / PS to Hon'ble Minister of State for Coal
2. PPS to Secretary (Coal) / PPS to AS & NA
3. Director (NA) / Director (Tech./NA)

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MINUTES OF THE REVIEW MEETING CHAIRED BY THE HON'BLE MINISTER OF COAL TO REVIEW ALL COAL BLOCKS ALLOCATED UNDER CM (SP) AND MMDR ACTS HELD ON 15.06.2022.

List of participants is enclosed as Annexure.

2. Hon'ble Minister of Coal held a meeting to review the status of operationalisation of coal mines allocated under CMSP/MMDR Acts. Secretary (Coal) and AS&NA were present. Director (Tech./NA) gave a presentation informing that a total 123 coal blocks have been allocated under the provisions of CMSP and MMDR Acts. Out of the 105 coal blocks allocated under CMSP Act, 47 have obtained Mine Opening Permission (MoP) and 11 coal mine are likely to obtain MoP in FY 2022-23 taking the number of operational mines to 58. Out of the 47 operational mines as of now, 36 are actually producing and another 12 coal mines are expected to produce coal in FY 2022-23.
3. In respect of MMDR coal mines, 18 coal mines have been allocated, 11 through allotment and 7 through auction for commercial mining, however, none of them have become operational.
4. It was observed that out of the total 60 coal mines allocated to CPSUs and State PSUs, about 50%, i.e. 30 mines allocated were operational, out of which 19 have started production. In case of private players, 45 coal mines have been auctioned, out of which 20 have been recently allocated in 2021-22 for commercial mining, 17 have obtained mine opening permission and all the 17 have started production.
5. Hon'ble Minister asked as to what time it takes to commence coal production after obtaining mine opening permission. It was informed that mine opening permission is granted after all the clearances are obtained by the allottee and it usually takes 6 months to 1 year to start production after obtaining of mine opening permission due to mobilization of machinery / equipments, selection of MDO, acquisition of land, R& R, etc. Hon'ble Minister observed that it is only the CPSUs/State PUSs who have not started production after getting the mine opening permission and stated that when all the clearances have been obtained by allottees prior to MoP, they should start other activities like selection of MDO, mobilization of machinery within time instead of waiting for MoP.
6. Thereafter the data of coal production from FY 2018-19 to FY-2021-22 and expected production in FY 2022-23 was presented. 85.32 million tonnes of coal produced in FY 2021-22 and it was expected that by the end of FY 2022-23 around 138.28 million tonnes of coal will be produced and coal production till 13.06.2022 was 21.915 Million Tonnes.
7. For the observation of Hon'ble Minister about the present rate of coal production in achieving the targeted 138.28 MT, it was clarified that 12 coal mines are likely to start producing coal in FY 2022-23 which will boost up the coal

production taking it to around 138.28 million tonnes by the end of FY 2022-23. It was also informed to Hon'ble Minister that daily production and dispatch of coal in June, 2022 has risen.

8. Afterwards, details of those coal mines were presented which were likely to become operational in FY 2022-22 as either FC Stage-II clearance was required to be obtained or only EC was required due to no involvement of forest area within the mine boundary. It was noticed that no issue was pending with MoEF&CC. It was brought to the notice of Hon'ble Minister that MoEF&CC has now been very supportive to MoC in operationalization of coal mines.

9. After the meeting, Hon'ble Minister directed the following :-

- i. All efforts should be made to operationalize coal mines and increase coal production.
- ii. Allocattee PSUs, who have obtained MoP, should be directed to complete all the arrangements/ agreements and start production at the earliest.
- iii. Penalties should be imposed on non-operational coal mines where delays are attributable to allocattees. Non-operational Allottee PSUs should be informed of the 3-Month's Window granted by MoC for surrender of coal blocks without forfeiture of Performance Security so that the said coal mine can be offered for auction for commercial mining after technical corrections, if any.
- iv. A meeting be called with Secretary, Ministry of Power and CMDs of NTPC Ltd., DVC and THDC Ltd. to review the operationalization status of coal blocks allotted to NTPC Ltd., DVC and THDC Ltd.
- v. A virtual conference may be organized with Chief Minister of Rajasthan to review the coal blocks allocated to RRVUNL.
- vi. Mines under production should be directed to take advantage of the 40% enhancement of coal production without public hearing by increasing their production on pro-rata basis after obtaining the necessary EC.
- vii. In case of coal mines allocated for power end use, as informed by allottees that they have to transfer the profit on sale of coal to PPA holders which is a disincentive to them to produce more coal for selling in open market. It was directed to examine this issue so that allottee may be induced to produce more coal by providing some incentives.
- viii. To hold State-wise review meetings with states to discuss operationalisation of coal blocks.

10. The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

ANNEXURE

LIST OF OFFICERS PRESENT IN THE MEETING

S. No.	Name (S/Shri/Smt./Dr.)	Designation
1.	Pralhad Joshi	Minister of Coal
2.	Anil Kumar Jain	Secretary (Coal)
3.	M. Nagaraju	Additional Secretary & Nominated Authority
4.	Ajitesh Kumar	Director (NA)
5.	Marapally Venkateshwarlu	Director (Tech./NA)
