

SPEED POST

**No. 13016/29/2003-CA-I (Vol.II)
Government of India
Ministry of Coal**

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New Delhi, the 3rd January, 2014

To,

The Chairman-cum-Managing Director,
National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd.,
SCOPE Complex, 7, Institutional Area,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110 003

Subject : Seeking of explanation from M/s National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) for slow progress in respect Kerandari coal block-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No.13016/29/2003-CA-I dated 25.01.2006 conveying allocation of Kerandari coal block to National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) in pursuance of provisions of the Coal Mines (Nationalization) Act, 1973.

2. The Government constituted an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) on 21.06.2012 under the Chairpersonship of Additional Secretary (Coal), Ministry of Coal having members from Ministry of Power, Ministry of Steel, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of IPP, Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Legal Affairs, Department of Economic Affairs. The IMG has the mandate to review the progress of development of allocated coal blocks and associated end use projects and to recommend action including de-allocation, if required. The IMG in its 22nd Meeting held on 23.10.2013 inter alia considered the status of the development of the Kerandari coal block prepared by the Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) as on June, 2013 and noted that no significant progress has been made by your company towards development of coal block. It has been noticed that a number of important/critical milestones are pending. The details of milestones to be achieved and the time lapsed against each milestone, as reported by the Office of Coal Controller, are given in the table below :



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Milestones	Schedule date of Completion	Actual date of Completion	Slippage in YY/MM (as on June.13)	Remarks	Special Observation
Purchase of GR	9.3.2013 (45 Months DOA)	10.1.2007	-	GR received after 10 months from CMPDIL	Zero date considered from date of reallocation of the block.
Submission of Bank Guarantee	23.4.2013 (3 Months)	Not applicable	-		
Mining Lease Application	23.4.2013 (3 Months from GR preparation)	Not applicable	-	Under CBA Act. 1957.	
Submission of Mining Plan	23.7.2013 (6 Months from GR preparation)	27.11.2007	-		
Approval of Mining Plan	23.9.2013 (8 Months)	4.8.2008	-		
Application of Previous approval	23.11.2013 (10 Months)	NA	-		
Granting of Previous approval	23.12.2013 (11 Months)	NA	-		
Application of Forest clearance	23.1.2014 (12 Months)	27.12.2007	-		
Grant of Forest Clearance	23.7.2014 (18 Months)	Pending	-	Stage-I forest clearance granted on 1.2.2012	
Application EMP Clearance	23.1.2014 (12 Months)	28.1.2008	-		
Grant of EMP Clearance	23.7.2014 (18 Months)	31.3.2013	-	EC accorded within 26 months from initial application.	
Grant of	23.1.2015	NA	-		

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Mining Lease	(24 Months)				
Application of Land Acquisition	23.8.2014 (19 months) from GR	14.7.2006	-	Govt land:- 93 Acres transferred to NTPC. 161 acres land with Rev Secy since Jan 11 10 Acres proposal at Distt administrati on.	
Completion of Land Acquisition	23.1.2016 (36 Months)	Pending	-		
Application for opening permission	23.5.2016 (40Months)	Pending	-		
Grant of Opening permission	23.6.2016 (41 Months)	Pending	-	R & R plan is pending with Govt. of JH	Govt of JH needs to expedite the project at the ealiest.
Coal Production	23.7.2016 (42Months)	Pending	-	OC mine with forest land.	coal production is targeted by Aug. 15.

Keeping in view the slow progress, IMG recommended seeking of explanation for slow progress in development of coal blocks. The recommendation of IMG has since been considered and accepted by the Government.

4. Under the above circumstances, you are hereby called upon to explain, on each milestone separately to this Ministry within a period of **20 days** from the date of issue, the reasons for slow progress as well as the efforts made by you in development of the coal block, failing which it would be presumed that your company has no explanation to offer and action as appropriate would be taken.



5. You are also requested to furnish a detailed status note on the progress of end use plant(s) (EUPs) for which the above mentioned coal block was allocated to you.

Yours faithfully,


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