

No.13016/29/2003-CA-I (Vol.II)

Government of India

Ministry of Coal

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New Delhi, the 8th January, 2014.

To,

The Chairman and Managing Director,
NTPC, SCOPE Complex,
7, Institutional Area, Lodi Road,
New Delhi 110 003.

Subject : Seeking of explanation from M/s National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) for slow progress in respect Chatti Bariatu coal block –regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. 13016/29/2003-CA-I dated 25th January, 2006 conveying allocation of Chatti Bariatu coal block to National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) in pursuance of provisions of the Coal Mines (Nationalization) Act,1973 subject to certain conditions.

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 Chatti Bariatu coal block prepared by the Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) as on June, 2013 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 :

| Mile Stones | 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) | 118.3.2006 | - | | Zero date has been considered from date of reallocation. |
| Submission of Bank Guarantee | 23.4.2013 (3 Months) | NA | - | | |



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| Mining Lease Application | 23.4.2013 (3 Months from GR preparation) | NA | - | Land under CBA Act. 1957 | |
| Submission of Mining Plan | 23.7.2013 (6 Months) from GR preparation | 6.11.2007 | - | | |
| Approval of Mining Plan | 23.9.2013 (8 Months) | 27.6.2008 | - | | |
| 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) | 25.11.2011 | - | Stage-II FC granted | |
| Application EMP Clearance | 23.1.2014 (12 Months) | 27.12.2007 | - | | |
| Grant of EMP Clearance | 23.7.2014 (18 Months) | 19.4.2010 | - | | |
| Grant of Mining Lease | 23.1.2015 (24 Months) | NA | - | | |
| Application of Land Acquisition | 23.8.2014 (19 months) from GR | 14.7.2006 | - | Total land:- 1072 Acres. Govt land:- 199 Acres, Forst land:- 318 Acres. | 1072 acres of Pvt land is expected for physical possession by 31.8.14. |
| Completion of Land Acquisition | 23.1.2016 (36 Months) | Pending | - | 66 acres Govt land transferred to NTPC. 133 acre land with revenue secy since Jan.11. | Land acquisition is the major constraint for development of the block. |
| Application for opening permission | 23.5.2016 (40Months) | Pending | - | | |

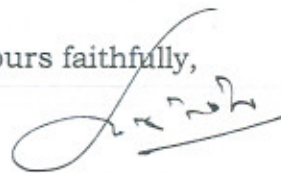
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| Grant of Opening permission | 23.6.2016 (41 Months) | Pending | - | | Govt of JH needs to expedite the project at the earliest. |
| Coal Production | 23.7.2016 (42Months) | Pending | - | | Expected start coal production from Feb.2015 |

Keeping in view the slow progress, IMG recommended to seek 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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