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Government of India
Ministry of Coal

New Delhi, the 23rd January 2013

To

The Chairman-cum-Managing Director,
National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd.,
Scope Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi

Sub: Withdrawal of de-allocation of Chatti Bariatu, Chatti Bariatu
(South) and Kerandari Coal Blocks – regarding.

Sir,

Kindly refer to Ministry of Coal's letter of even number dated 14.06.2011 de-allocating the above blocks and letter dated 27.01.2012 conveying the 'in principle' decision of the withdrawal of de-allocation of Chatti Bariatu, Chatti Bariatu (South) and Kerandari Coal Blocks.


2. NTPC was also asked to submit schedule of 24/36 months regarding exploitation of coal blocks. It was decided that on receipt of a reply from NTPC a formal letter withdrawing de-allocation would be issued. The schedule of exploitation was submitted by NTPC to the Ministry of Coal on 06.02.2012.

3. In the meanwhile, the commencement of Amendment to Mines and Mineral (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 as well as Auction by Competitive Bidding of Coal Mines Rules, 2012 have been notified in February 2012. As the Rules above were notified before the formal withdrawal of de-allocation letter, a reference was made to Ministry of Law and Justice (MoLJ). The Ministry of Law & Justice has advised that the proposed action is not in contravention of Act / Rules and further opined that upon the withdrawal of de-allocation in principle vide Ministry of Coal letter dated 27.01.2012, *status quo ante* as prior to 14.06.2011 with respect to the concerned coal blocks stood restored.



4. In view of the above it has, therefore, been decided to withdraw the de-allocation of Kerandari, Chattibariatu and Chattibariatu (South) coal blocks which were de-allocated vide this Ministry's letter No. 13016/38/2010-CA-I dated 14th June, 2011. This is subject to NTPC's developing the block as per the revised schedule of exploitation submitted by it vide their letter FS/MOC/Mining/11-12/05 dated 05.02.2012. It may however be stated that all other conditions as mentioned in the allocation letters of the above coal blocks would remain unchanged.

Yours faithfully,



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