

No. 13016/ 28/2013-CA-I
Government of India
Ministry of Coal

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New Delhi, the 23rd December, 2013

To,

The General Manager(Mines)
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Odisha


Subject : Seeking of explanation from M/s Orissa Power Generation Corporation for slow progress in respect of Manoharpur and Dipside of Manoharpur coal blocks -regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. 13016/8/2007-CA-I dated 25th July, 2007 conveying allocation of Manoharpur and Dipside of Manoharpur coal blocks in Orissa subject to certain conditions.

2. In order to expedite the development of the coal block, review meetings were held from time to time. In the review meeting held on 11/12.01.2012, it was noticed that the progress of the Manoharpur coal block allocated to the company is not satisfactory. Committee expressed concern over unsatisfactory progress and advised M/s Orissa Power Generation Corporation to expedite the development of the coal block. Accordingly, an advisory letter dated 26th April, 2012 was issued to the company with the direction to expedite the development of the coal block and development of end use plant so as to ensure expeditious production of coal from the allotted coal block with respect to the milestones stipulated.

3. In the meantime, 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

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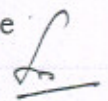
has the mandate to review the progress of development of allocated coal blocks and associated end use projects and to recommend action including de-allocation, if required. IMG in its 19th Meeting held on 25.06.2013 *inter alia* considered the status of the development of the **Manoharpur and Dipside of Manoharpur coal blocks** prepared by the Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) as on March, 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 :-

Mile Stones	Schedule date of Completion	Actual date of Completion	Slippage in YY/MM (as on Mar.13)	Remarks	Special Observation
Purchase of GR	8.9.2007 (45 days)	26.10.07	1 Month		
Submission of Bank Guarantee	25.10.2007 (3 months from DOA)	21.10.12	-		
Mining Lease Application	25.10.07 (3 months)	10.1.08	3 Month	ML area: 653.4 Ha. (Pvt land: 251.31 Ha Govt land: 208.36 Ha Revenue forest: 191.71 Ha).	
Submission of Mining Plan	25.1.08 (6 months)	20.3.08	2 Months		
Approval of Mining Plan	25.3.08 (8 Months)	11.8.08	5 Months		
Application of Previous approval	25.5.08 (10 months)	28.12.12	4Yrs 7 Months		
Granting of Previous approval	25.6.08 (11 months)	Pending	4Yrs 9 Months		5(1) approval is pending at MOC
Application of Forest clearance	25.7.08 (12 months)	25.7.08	-	FC Stg-I clearanc	

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				e granted on 17.10.12	
Grant of Forest Clearance	25.1.09 (18 months)	Pending	4Yrs 2 Months		
Application EMP Clearance	25.7.08 (12 months)	19.3.08	-		
Grant of EMP Clearance	25.1.09 (18 months)	Pending	4Yrs 2 Months	EAC clearance the proposal and recomm ended for grant of EC.	
Grant of Mining Lease	25.7.09 (24 months)	Pending	3Yrs 8 Months		
Application of Land Acquisition	25.2.09 (19 months)	27.2.2008	-	Land to be acquired under LA Act.	Total Land: 977.87 5 Ha. Pvt. Land: 423.53 7 Ha. Govt. land: 353.87 3Ha. Forest Land: 200.46 Ha.
Completion of Land Acquisition	25.7.10 (36 months)	Pending	2 Yrs 8 Months		
Application for opening permission	25.11.10 (40 Months)	Pending	2Yrs 4 Months		
Grant of Opening permission	25.12.10 (41 months)	Pending	2Yrs 3 Months		
Coal Production	25.1.2011 (42 Months)	Pending	2Yrs 2 Months	OC mine with forest land involved.	Delay due to NO Go area classif icatio n

Keeping in view the **slow progress**, IMG recommended to seek **explanation for slow progress** in development of coal blocks. The

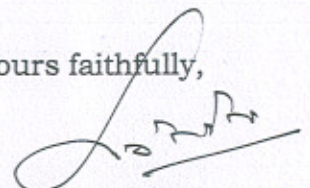


recommendation of IMG has since been considered and accepted by the Government.

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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