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Ministry of Coal
O/o Nominated Authority

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Review of status of production of coal mines allocated by the Nominated Authority -
Issuance of Minutes of Meeting reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to subject mentioned above and to forward herewith the minutes of captioned meeting for information and necessary action please.

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To:

1. PPS to Secretary(Coal)
2. PS to AS(NA)
3. DS(NA)/ CM(JK)
4. Allocattees of Coal mines
5. All Staff members of NA section/ LE(MB) / LC(PD)/ PMU

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th November, 2021 at 03:30 PM in Ministry of Coal under chairmanship of Secretary (Coal) to review coal production from CMSP Coal Blocks.

The list of participants is at Annexure-1.

At the outset, Secretary (Coal) welcomed all the participants. He emphasized that at present, there is huge pressure on Coal India Limited to meet coal requirement of thermal power plants and captive mines are required to ramp up coal production. Due to high price of coal in International market, import of coal has substantially reduced and there is huge pressure on domestic coal supply. A number of reforms have been taken to boost up coal production including 50% sale of coal from captive mines, 40% EC capacity enhancement without public hearing, etc. The meeting is held with the purpose of finding out how much more coal can be produced during this financial year from captive mines.

A brief presentation on coal production (mine wise) of mines was made. Gist of discussions held during the meeting are as under:

1. Parsa East and Kanta Basan (M/s Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited)

Allottee informed that coal production will be discontinued from end of November, 2021 in absence of FC Stage-II permission for balance 1136 Ha forest land. For the balance forest land, they have applied for Forest Clearance and the matter was considered in FAC meeting on 28 October, 2021 but it was not recommended. Allottee further informed that they have also applied for Expansion of Environment Clearance from 15 to 20 MTPA to the MoEF&CC.

On being inquired by Secretary (Coal), allottee informed that the capacity of coal washery is 14 MTPA. Secretary (Coal) advised allottee to explore the possibility of sending excess ROM coal which cannot be processed at washery to its thermal plants.

Secretary (Coal) asked that if requisite permissions for FC-II and EC Expansion are available then how much more coal they will be able to produce. Allottee assured to check and revert back with exact details to NA office.

2. Parsa (M/s Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited)

Allottee thanked MoC for assistance in getting long pending FC-II permission and Mine Opening permission. Allottee further informed that transfer of forest land, tree cutting permission and Consent to Operate is pending from State Government.

Secretary (Coal) informed that he will be in Raipur on 12th November, 2021 for meeting with Principal Secretary- Energy, GoCG and asked Allottee to send some senior officials to meet him at Raipur so that their pending challenges can be raised and resolved during meeting with Principal Secretary- Energy, GoCG.

Allottee informed that it is expected that they will start mining by December, 2021 and approx coal production will be 1.5 Rakes per day. From June 2022, they will try to achieve 3 MT coal productions in Year 2022-23.

3. Talabira-II & III (M/s NLC India Limited)

Allottee informed that they have achieved 2.78 MT coal production and other 1.3 MT coal production will be completed by December 2021. Allottee further informed that they will produce up to 8 MT coal this year provided that they are able to get land for over burden dumping and ponds are being shifted. Secretary (Coal) advised Allottee to enhance coal production and try to achieve at least 8 MT in this financial year.

4. Dulanga (M/s NTPC)

Allottee informed that they will produce about 5.25 MT coal this year though there is hurdle of overburden dump area. They are producing and dispatching about 18000 ton per day and they will enhance it to 20000 ton per day in next few days.

5. Talaipalli (M/s NTPC)

Allottee informed that MDO has challenged the approved Mine Plan and matter was referred to CMPDIL. CMPDIL report has come and they will resolve the issue and will try to ensure coal production through MDO route from December, 2021. They further informed that small amount of coal is produced from south pit and only about 0.5 to 1 MT coal will be produced this year.

6. Chatti Baraitu& Chatti Baraitu South (M/s NTPC)

Allottee informed that MDO has been appointed last month. Coal production will start in this financial year. Overburden will be removed and they will reach the coal seam by March, 2022.

7. Kerandhari (M/s NTPC)

Allottee informed that bid for MDO were opened in last week of October, 2021 and work order will be issued soon.

8. Pakri Barwadih (M/s NTPC)

Allottee informed that they will certainly produce 8.5 MT coal in this year and will try to increase it to 9 MT. There are some land issues and they are trying to resolve them. Secretary (Coal) directed office of NA to prepare a letter for Secretary (Power) highlighting the failure of NTPC in achieving scheduled coal production from its coal mines.

9. Pachwara North (M/s WBPDCCL)

Allottee informed that they have produced 5.09 MT this year and will try to increase it to 10 MT by March 2022. It was also informed that in case FC issue is not resolved this mine will be exhausted and closed by January, 2022. They are in process of rehabilitating one village and If it is accomplished successfully, they will be able to continue the coal production in this financial year.

ACS (Power), West Bengal informed that CA Land is the major challenge and Forest Department, Jharkhand has informed that as per rule CA land is not allowed in other states. Secretary (Coal) advised NA to take up this issue so that the CA land issue can be resolved.

10.Barjora North (M/s West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited)

Allottee informed that against annual target of 2.25 MT coal, 0.7 MT coal has been produced till date and it is likely that 1.2 MT coal will be produced in this financial year. However, they are trying to produce 1.5 MT coal in this year. It was also informed that the mine is having stripping ratio of 1:8.75 and they have removed lot of overburden but have not got sufficient coal.

11.Tara East & West (M/s WBPDCCL)

Allottee informed that MDO will be appointed by January, 2022 and they will start coal production afterwards. It was informed that the stripping ratio is 1:4 and there will be good coal production in this coal block from next year.

12.Gangaramchak & Gangaramchak Bhadulia (M/s WBPDCCL)

It was informed by Allottee that in last few days the mine was closed due to some local issues however, the matter has been resolved and loading has started since yesterday. Their annual target capacity is 1 MTPA and they will produce the same in this financial year.

13.Sarisatolli (M/s CESC Limited)

Allottee informed that they have produced about 1.8 MT coal per annum during last few years and will produce about 1.8 MT in this financial year. They have produced 1 MT so far and will produce about 0.8 MT by March 2022. However as advised they will explore all possibilities for more coal production and sale in open market.

14.Gare Palma Sector III (M/s CSPGCL)

Allottee informed that scheduled coal production for this year is 3 MT and they have also received the permission for production of 4 MT for this year. Allottee informed that they have produced 1.6 MT coal so far and they will produce about a total of 3.5 MT coal by March 2022.

15.Manoharpur (M/s OCPL)

Allottee informed that the annual coal production target for this year is 4.5 MT and they will produce 5 MT and will increase it to 8 MT next year. Secretary (Coal) advised Allottee to enhance coal production to 8 MT in this financial year. Allottee informed that it would not be possible in this financial year since equipment mobilization will take time and secondly, as per agreement with MDO, they can only enhance coal production capacity by 15% only. Allottee further informed that since policy for 50% of sale of coal in open market is in place now they will review and revise the contract agreement with MDO to facilitate more coal production in future.

16.Tadicherla-I (M/s Telangana State Power Corporation)

Allottee informed that against annual target of 2 MT they have produced 1.3 MT so far and will produce 2.3 MT coal in this year. Secretary (Coal) asked Allottee to achieve coal production up to 3 MT in this financial year. Allottee submitted that revision of Mine plan is under process and as advised they will put all out efforts to enhance the coal production up to 3 MT in next financial year.

17.Gare Palma IV-4 (M/s Hindalco Industries Limited)

Allottee informed that PRC of opencast (OC) part of the mine is 0.56 MT and they have enhanced coal production in the last month and have produced 3.5 Lacs ton coal by October 2021. Allottee further informed that NOC for Surface Right from Chhattisgarh State Industrial Development Corporation (SCIDC) for 8.14 Ha land has not been provided till date and this has hampered their coal production. Secretary (Coal) advised Allottee to coordinate with O/o NA and resolve the issue at the earliest.

18.Kathautia (M/s Hindalco Industries Limited)

Allottee informed that the annual coal production target is 0.8 MT and due to Jungle Jhari (JJ) land issues they are unable to achieve scheduled production. Permission for private land under CNT Act is pending and vested Government land (165 Ha) is yet to be transferred by State Government.

19.Baranj I, II, III, IV, Kiloni and Manoradeep (M/s KPCL)

Allottee informed that they are producing 1 Rakes per day and will produce 2 Rakes per day from 15 November 2021 and about 1.8 MT coal will be produced this year. It was observed that during review meeting on 04th October 2021, Allottee had assured to achieve coal production up to 2.25 MT in this year. Allottee submitted that once FRA issue is resolved, they will be able to achieve coal production up to PRC (2.5 MT).

In reference to his discussion with DG, Forest, MoEF&CC, Secretary (Coal) advised Allottee to check and ensure that CA land earlier offered by Maharashtra Government is still available or not and inform MoEF&CC accordingly. Secretary (Coal) also advised Allottee to lift coal from MCL/ WCL through RFR mode. Allottee replied that in next 3-5 days they will start lifting the coal.

20.Suliyari (M/s APMDCL)

Allottee informed that they have started the mine in last week of August, 2021. There is some dispute related to Government land in the mine and it will be resolved soon. Meanwhile, they have resumed operations in other area of the block. MDO appointment is in place and coal production will start from 25th November, 2021 and they will produce 2.5 MT coal by March, 2022.

21.Utkal D (M/s NALCO)

Allottee informed that MDO tender have been issued, many bidders have visited the mine site and they are hopeful that MDO agreement will be in place by March, 2022. Nominated Authority advised Allottee to expedite the MDO issue and start coal production at the earliest. Allottee further informed that there is some R&R issue and they are trying to resolve it.

22.Amelia North (M/s Jaiprakash Power Venture Limited)

It was informed that the annual coal production capacity is 2.8 MT and they have constantly produced this much coal over past few years. Allottee further thanked MoC for issuing NOC for production of 4 MT coal in this financial year, however, he informed that they are yet to receive NOC from Ministry of Power for utilization of additional coal for generation of power to be sold on competitive basis. Secretary (Coal) advised Allottee to sale the surplus coal in the open market as per MoC policy till directives and NOC from Ministry of Power is received.

23.Gare Palma IV-8 (M/s Ambuja Cement Limited)

Allottee informed that they will produce 1 MT coal in this financial year. Allottee further

informed that the issue of road diversion has affected the coal production in the past and at present coal production is more than the dispatch. Allottee asked whether they can sell coal in open market even when they are not meeting the end use requirement? Nominated Authority informed Allottee that at first they should meet their end use requirement and surplus coal up to 50 % of coal produced can be sold in the open market.

24. Belgaon (M/s Sunflag Iron & Steel Limited)

Allottee informed that the mine is having geological problem, roof is fragile and always there is a risk of roof fall. They have applied for DGMS permission for taking steps for resolving this issue and they will produce 2 Lacs ton coal this year and will enhance the coal production to PRC level i.e. 0.27 MT in the next financial year.

25. Sial Ghogri (M/s RCCPL Private Limited)

Allottee informed that they have increased production to level of 18000 ton per month from October, 2021 and it will continue till March, 2022 and they will produce about 0.2 MT this year. Allottee further informed that their mine is located in geologically disturbed area which affects the coal production.

26. Marki Mangli-I (M/s Topworth Urja & Metals Limited)

Allottee informed that their annual coal production target is 0.3 MT and they will achieve this in this financial year. Allottee further informed that they are trying to resolve land issue and once it's resolved they will produce up to 0.37 MT from next year.

27. Trans Damodar (M/s The Durgapur Project Limited)

Allottee informed that they have produced 3 Lacs ton coal till October, 2021. The coal production was affected adversely due to heavy rain in September, 2021, dewatering has been done and that they are in process of procuring requisite land and if received they will produce 1 MT otherwise they will produce only up to 0.5 MT in this year.

28. Ardhamgram (M/s OCL Iron & Steel Ltd)

Allottee informed that the company has come under NCLT.

29. Marki Mangli-III (M/s B S Ispat Ltd)

Allottee informed that they have produced about 50000 ton by October, 2021 and will achieve their annual coal production target i.e. 2.1 Lacs ton this year. Nominated Authority advised Allottee to enhance their production capacity and sell the surplus coal in the open market also as per new policy.

30. Amelia (M/s THDC India Ltd)

Allottee informed that they have received all the clearances except CTO and Mine Opening permission and they will appoint MDO by 15 December, 2021. Allottee further informed that they are facing challenges in land acquisition and some cases related to disputes in private land are pending with district court. Nominated Authority advised Allottee to coordinate with district authorities and resolve the pending issues at the earliest.

31. Pachwara Central (M/s PSPCL)

Allottee informed that they will start coal production from April 2022. Nominated Authority asked Allottee that since their court case with MDO has been resolved, they should start mining at the earliest. Allottee further informed that due to heavy rain water has been accumulated in the mine and dewatering is taking lots of time.

At the end, Nominated Authority, Ministry of Coal urged all Allottees to put all-out efforts for

enhancing coal production at this time of coal crisis in the country. In the current scenario more coal production and supply to thermal plants will indeed be a great help to domestic power sector and to nation. Nominated Authority further advised Allottees to coordinate with requisite regulatory authorities for resolving minor pending issues and in case of any major challenges put up the matter with NA and all possible support will be extended to resolve the critical issues.

Annexure – 01

List of participants from Ministry of Coal:-

Sl. No.	Name
1.	Shri Anil Kumar Jain, Secretary (Coal)
2.	Shri. M. Nagaraju, Additional Secretary and Nominated Authority
3.	Shri Ajitesh Kumar, Deputy Secretary
4.	Shri. Jitendra Kumar, Chief Manager (Mining)
5.	Shri Manish Uniyal, Under Secretary
6.	Shri. Mahesh Pimpramule, Team Leader, PMU
7.	Shri Rohit Sharma, SME, PMU
8.	Young Professionals

List of participants from allocattee Companies:-

Sl. No.	List of Attendees
1.	Shri S Suresh Kumar, ACS (Power), West Bengal
2.	Shri D Gangopadhyay, Advisor, WBPDC
3.	Shri S P Mishra, CEO, OCPL
4.	MD, CSPGCL
5.	Advisor, DPL
6.	Dr. TRK Rao, Director
7.	Dr. Ashutosh Roul, NALCO
8.	Shri S K Gupta, Sunflag Iron & Steel Limited

9.	Shri K K Singhal
10.	Shri Ramachandra Reddy Lella
11.	Shri Dipesh Bhatia, HINDALCO
12.	Shri Sandeep Kumar Jain, RCCPL
13.	Shri Dipankar Khan
14.	Shri Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary
15.	Shri Pavan Kumar
16.	Shri M N Jha, Jaiprakash Power Ventures Ltd
17.	Shri Subrata Talukdar, CESC
18.	Shri Sharanappa Kambalii, Ambuja Cement Ltd
19.	Shri B P Misra, CEO, Marki Mangli-II
20.	Shri Partha Mazumder, ED, NTPC
21.	Shri Sanjay Singhal, DGM, THDC
22.	Shri A K Sharma, GM, THDC
23.	Shri Devendra Shringi, Chief Engineer Fuel, PSPCL
24.	CMD, KPCL
25.	Shri D L R Prasad, Advisor APMDCL
26.	Shri S Sharma, KPCL
27.	Representative from DPS
28.	Representative from Parsa Coal Block
29.	CMD, NLCIL
30.	Shri K K Panda, ED, NALCO Bhubaneshwar
31.	Representative from Durgapur Projects Limited