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Government of India
Ministry of Coal
LA&IR Section

Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi,
the 18th November, 2025.

To

1. Chairman, Coal India Limited, Kolkata (W.B.)
2. Chairman & Managing Director, CMPDIL, Ranchi (Chhattisgarh)
3. Chairman & Managing Director, SCCL, Kothagudem (Telangana)
4. Chairman & Managing Director, NLCIL, Neyveli (Tamil Nadu)
5. CMDs of BCCL, CCL, ECL, MCL, NCL, SECL and WCL
6. The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries (Mining), all concerned State Governments
7. Other stakeholders (through a message posted on the website of the Ministry)

Subject: Seeking comments/suggestions on review of the notification procedure under the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act, 1957 - reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to state that the Ministry of Coal has undertaken a review of the existing procedure prescribed under the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act, 1957 (CBA Act) relating to the issuance of notifications under Section 7 of the Act.

2. It has been observed that a substantial number of cases pending before tribunals constituted under Section 14 of the CBA Act relate to disputes concerning land titles. A key contributory factor appears to be the current practice wherein the land-acquiring PSUs, at the time of issuing the Section 7 notification, indicate only the broad boundary and the plot/khasra numbers falling within such boundary, without specifying the names of the title-holders. In the absence of title-holders' names, land titles are not frozen at the time of the notification, resulting in subsequent changes in land records. This, coupled with the traditional weaknesses in land record management, has contributed to avoidable delays and hardships for land losers in securing compensation and related entitlements.

3. With the availability of improved digital land records, GIS-based mapping, and technology-enabled land verification systems, there is now considerable scope to obtain plot-wise details and names of recorded title-holders from the revenue authorities prior to issuing notifications under Section 7. Incorporating such details in the notification would enhance transparency, procedural

consistency, and efficiency across all land-acquiring entities.

4. Further, with the introduction of the Coal Land Acquisition and Management Portal (CLAMP), adoption of such improved practices will be an important step towards ensuring a more transparent and people-friendly land acquisition framework in the coal sector.

5. In order to modify the existing procedure to include the names of the title-holders in the Section 7 notification, the Ministry proposes to seek comments/suggestions on the above proposal before effecting the change.

6. It is requested to furnish comments within 15 days of the receipt of this communication by e-mail to *priw.moc@nic.in*.

7. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Arvind Kumar)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India