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O/o Nominated Authority / नामनिर्दिष्टप्राधिकारीकाकार्यालय

120-F, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated : February 13, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : – Minutes of Review Meeting held under chairmanship of Secretary (Coal) on 02.02.2023 at 4:30 PM to review the coal production from some captive / commercial coal mines.

The undersigned is directed to convey that Secretary (Coal) held the captioned meeting on 02.02.2023 at 4:30 PM. Minutes of Meeting is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-I** for information and necessary action, if any, please.

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To:

1. The Secretary (Coal)/ Secretary (Power)/ Secretary (MoEF&CC)
2. The Chief Secretary, Jharkhand/ Odisha/West Bengal/Madhya Pradesh/Chhattisgarh
3. The D.M, Jharkhand (Hazaribagh,Pakur,Latehar)/ Odisha(Sundargarh,Angul)/West Bengal (Burdwan)/Madhya Pradesh(Singrauli)/Chhattisgarh (Surguja,Surajpur)
4. The PCCF, Jharkhand/ Odisha/West Bengal/Madhya Pradesh/Chhattisgarh
5. PPS to AS(MN)/Director(NA)/ Director(tech)/NA
6. Concerned staff of O/o Nominated Authority
7. Concerned coal block allottees

Minutes of review meeting held on February 02, 2023 for coal production from some coal mines where actual production is far behind of the targeted production.

A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (coal) with project proponents in presence of state govt officers and MoEF&CC officers on 2nd Feb 2023 for review of coal production of the selected mines where production is short of the target. The list of participants is placed at **Annexure I**.

Mine wise issues related to shortage/failure in coal production were presented and discussed. The details of the discussions are provided below:

1. Chatti Bariatu & Chatti Bariatu South of M/s NTPC Ltd

Mine opening permission was granted on 14.11.2017, however, coal production started in September 2022 due to abnormal delay in appointment of MDO. Only 0.21 MT coal has been produced till January end against the committed target of 2.0 MT in 2022-23. Allottee expressed that the major reason for shortage in coal production is the constraints in coal evacuation as the transportation by road is resisted by local villagers backed by local politicians.

DC, Hazaribagh stated that for smooth transportation of coal, administration has provided force from time to time, several FIRs have been lodged and some villagers have even been arrested. Local villagers are demanding higher rate of compensation. Even people from nearby villages also participate in protest.

Secretary (Coal) informed that the issue of this mine along with Pakri Barwadih mine are being discussed at various forum and hence advised DC, Hazaribagh to make serious effort for resolving the transportation bottlenecks. He also advised to hold a meeting with all stakeholders including villagers, contractors to resolve the issue. NTPC was advised to explore the availability alternate routs for coal transport.

2. Pachwara Central of M/s PSPGCL

Mine opening permission was granted on 21.02.2022, however, coal production started in September 2022. Only 0.16 MT coal has been produced till January end against the committed target of 2.0 MT in 2022-23.

PSPGCL informed that the issue of payment to transporting vendor has been resolved and presently one rake/ day coal is being dispatched and it will be 2 rakes/ day from tomorrow. The

major constraint is in transportation of coal through narrow road to railway siding at Pakur. PSPGCL conveyed that the Pakur railway siding is also being used by WBPDCCL and hence requested for supply of 4-5 more rakes for continued production from Pachwara Central.

Additional Secretary & NA stated that now all issues have been resolved and PSPGCL should produce at least 20000-ton coal/day. He advised PSPGCL to produce at least 1.0 MT coal in 2022-23.

3. Tubed of M/s DVC

The mine has been granted Mine opening permission on 06.04.2022 and the OB removal started on 26.09.2022. Coal production started on 25.01.2023 and around 4000 ton of coal has been produced against committed target of 1.5 MT in 2022-23. Allottee informed that about 0.2 MT will be produced in current financial year. Production has been discontinued due to absence of explosive usage licence. M/s DVC informed that they will get explosive usage licence from DGMS in next week and immediately thereafter coal production will resume. M/s DVC also informed that to acquire railway land for siding, they will participate in auction of such land by railway. Secretary (Coal) advised DVC to explore possibility of use of CCL siding for dispatch till such time the railway land issue is resolved.

4. Parsa of M/s RRUVNL

The mine has been granted Mine opening permission on 02.11.2021, however tree felling, and coal production has not yet started due to resistance from villagers/NGOs. CSR has been done.

Additional Secretary advised to start the mining operations similar to nearby PEKB mine. District administration should help starting the mine.

Joint secretary, Chhattisgarh Govt informed that old persons/ladies of affected villages protest tree-felling whenever efforts are made. local politicians are also involved in resistance of this project and therefore District Administration is unable to facilitate tree-felling work. However, some positive changes are seen in the last 3 months.

Secretary (Coal) stated that this is a very important coal block and for energy security of Rajasthan State, it is urgently required to be operationalized.

5. Naini of M/s SCCL

Forest Stage II was granted on 12.10.22. Amendment to the initial Forest Stage II condition with regard to WLMP/SMC was granted by MoEF&CC on 10.01.23.

DFO, Angul informed that in the amended FC Stage-II, MoEF&CC has kept the conditions for completion of WLMP/SMC before handing over the forest land to the project proponent. This condition is required to be modified by MoEF&CC.

MoEF&CC official stated that a minor modification is to be done regarding the condition of

WLMP/SMC and assured of amendment, on getting application from SCCL.

Additional Secretary and NA advised MoEF&CC officials to get it resolved soon and advised DFO, Angul to take advance steps for tree enumeration and tree-felling so that work can start immediately after modification in FC Stage-II.

6. Jamkhani of M/s Vedanta Limited

Mine opening permission was granted on 21.07.2022 and coal production started on 22nd December 2022 and 5400 ton was produced. However only after one day production, it was stopped by local villagers due to demand for higher compensation. Allottee informed that negotiation is continuously going on with villagers and local administration for settlement of compensation amount.

DM, Sundergarh stated that all possible steps will be taken and the issue pertaining to R&R and compensation will be resolved in next 15 days.

7. Amelia of M/s THDC

Mine opening permission was granted on 15.02.2022 and OB removal started from 1st week of December, 2022. Coal production is likely to start from 2nd week of February 2023 and THDC has assured to produce 0.3 MT in FY 2022-23.

Allottee informed that about 10.16 Ha railway land is required for coal evacuation purpose. They have approached railway for this purpose. Railway has asked to participate in auction of this patch of land as and when auction of this land happens under Gati Shakti scheme. Allottee also informed that presently production is not restricted due to transport problem, and they will supply coal to NTPC plants.

8. Tara East and West of M/s WBPDCCL

Mine opening permission was granted on 17.03.2020, however, coal production has not yet started due to delay in appointment of MDO.

M/s WBPDCCL informed that LOA has been issued to MDO in November, 22 and MDO is in process of mobilization of resources at site. Work will start within a month, however, coal is not likely to be produced in the current financial year.

Meeting ended with thanks.

PARTICIPANTS

List of Officials of Ministry of Coal

S. No	Participants	Designation	MoC/Company/State
1.	Shri. Amrit Lal Meena	Secretary(coal)	Ministry of Coal
2.	Shri M. Nagaraju	Additional Secretary & Nominated Authority	
3.	Shri Ajitesh Kumar	Director(NA)	
4.	Shri Marapally Venkateshwarlu	Director (Technical)/NA	
5.	Shri. Manish Uniyal	Under Secretary	
6.	Shri. Jitendra Kumar	Chief Manager (Mining)	
7.	Shri. Harishchand	Manager (Finance)	
8.	Shri. Komirineni Venkateshwarlu	Additional Manager	
9.	Shri Jaibant Dev Varma	Deputy Chief Manager	
10.	Shri Suhel Ahmed	Management Analyst	
11.	Ms. Uma Chakrawarti	Management Analyst	
12.	Shri. Annurag Khemka	Team Leader, PMU	
13.	Shri. Bharath Parameswaran	Team Member, PMU	

List of Officials from State Government

S. No	Participants	Designation	Company
1	Shri. Prem Kumar	Secretary, Forests	Chhattisgarh
2	Shri. P. N Padi	PCCF,	Odisha
3	Shri. Sanjay Srivastava	PCCF, HoFF	Jharkhand
4	Shri K. Talukdar	PCCF,	West Bengal
5	Shri Lingraj Otta	OSD cum Special Secretary (PCCF)	Odisha
6	Smt. Sanjeeta Gupta	PCCF	Chhattisgarh
7	Shri. Amit Kumar	Director, Mines & Geology	Jharkhand
8	Shri. J.P. Maurya	Director, Directorate of Geology & Mining	Chhattisgarh
9	Shri. Anurag Diwan	Joint Director, Directorate of Geology & Mining	Chhattisgarh
10	Ms. Nancy Shahy	DC, Hazaribagh	Jharkhand
11	Shri. Varun Ranjan	DC, Pakur	Jharkhand

12	Shri. Bhore Singh Yadav	DC, Latehar	Jharkhand
13	Dr. Gwali Parag Harshad	DM, Sundargarh	Odisha
14	Shri. Siddharth Shankar Swain	DM, Angul	Odisha
15	Shri SanatSahu	DMO, Surguja	Chhattisgarh
16	Smt. EffatAra	DC, Surajpur	Chhattisgarh
17	Shri. CharanJeet Singh	Scientist MoEF&CC	New Delhi

List of Coal Block Allocattees

S. No	Participants	Designation	Company
1.	Shri. Partha Mazumder	Regional Executive Director	NTPC
2.	Shri. V. Srikanth	CEO, Mines	Vedanta Ltd
3.	Shri. Chanchal Goswami	Director(Mining)	WBPDC
4	Shri R K Vishnoi	CMD	THDC
5	Shri Devender Shiringi	Chief Engineer	RRVUNL
6	Shri. Baldev Singh	CMD	PSPGCL
7	Shri J S Bhatia	Chief Engineer	PSPGCL
8	Shri M Raghuram	Member(Technical)	DVC
9	Shri N. Balram,	Director (Finance),	SCCL