

No.47011/7(46)/93-CPA/CPAM/CA
Government of India
Ministry of Coal

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New Delhi, the 3rd January, 2014

To,

M/s. West Bengal Power Development Corporation Ltd.,
New Secretariat Buildings, 'B' Block,
1, K.S. Road, Kolkata-700001.


Subject : Seeking of explanation from M/s. West Bengal Power Development Corporation Ltd. (WBPDC) for slow progress in respect Pachwara North coal block -regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No.47011/7(46)/93-CPA/CPAM/CA dated 26.04.2005 conveying allocation of Pachwara North coal block to M/s. West Bengal Power Development Corporation Ltd. (WBPDC) in pursuance of provisions contained in Section 3(3)(a)(iii) of the Coal Mines (Nationalization) Act, 1973 subject to certain conditions.

2. 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 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. The IMG in its 22nd Meeting held on 23.10.2013 *inter alia* considered the status of the development of the Pachwara North coal block prepared by the Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) as on June, 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 :

Milestones	Schedule date of Completion	Actual date of Completion	Slippage in YY/MM (as on June 2013)	Remarks	Special Observation
Purchase of GR	26.7.2007 (27 Months)	27/28.11.2007	4 Months	CMPDIL vetted GR on 27/28.11.2007	

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Submission of Bank Guarantee	Not applicable	-		BG introduced in June.2007	
Mining Lease Application	28.2.2008 (3 month from GR completion)	25.8.2008	6 Months	ML area:- 1218 Ha	
Submission of Mining Plan	28.5.2008 (6 months)	3.3.2008	-		
Approval of Mining Plan	28.7.2005 (8 months)	18.7.2008	3Yrs		
Application of Previous approval	28.9.2008 (10 months)	Yes	-		
Granting of Previous approval	28.10.2008 (11 months)	16.8.2011	2Yrs 10 Months		
Application of Forest clearance	28.11.2008 (12 month)	8.11.2008	-		
Grant of Forest Clearance	28.5.2009 (18 moths)	Pending	4Yrs 1Months	Stage-II forest clearance is pending.	
Application EMP Clearance	28.11.2008 (12 months)	13.5.2008	-		
Grant of EMP Clearance	28.5.2009 (18 months)	23.9.2009	4Months		
Grant of Mining Lease	28.11.2009 (24 months)	12.9.2012	2 Yrs 10 months	ML granted in non forest area	
Application of Land Acquisition	28.6.2009 (19 months)	25.8.2008	-	Application made on 18.8.2008 for 1830.85 acres land. Deed executed for 80.80 acres GM Khas land and for 118.06 acres GM Aam land at Pakur on 9.8.12.	Tot. land: 1265 Hec. Pvt. land: 747.66 Hec. Govt. land: 99.27 Hec Forest land: 325.91 Ha.

Completion of Land Acquisition	28.11.2010 (36 months)	Pending	2Yrs 8 Months		
Application for opening permission	28.3.2011 (40 months)	11.10.2012	1Yrs & 7 Months		
Grant of Opening permission	28.4.2011 (41 months)	28.3.2013	2Yrs		
Coal Production	28.5.2011 (42 months)	Pending	2Yr 1 Months	OC mine with forest land.	Expected to start mining by Sept. 2013

Keeping in view the slow progress, IMG recommended seeking of 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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