

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE
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No. 13016/29/2003-CA-I
Government of India
Ministry of Coal

New Delhi, dated 10th June, 2013

To

M/s National Thermal Power Corporation,
The Chairman and Managing Director
NTPC, SCOPE Complex,
7 Institutional Area,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110 003.

Subject: Show cause notice to M/s National Thermal Power Corporation in respect of Talaipalli coal block.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. 13016/29/2003-CA dated 25th January, 2006 conveying allocation of **Talaipalli** coal block in pursuance of the provisions contained in Section 3(3)(a)(i) of the Coal Mines (Nationalization) Act, 1973, subject to certain conditions including commencement of generation of power from the coal of this block by the end of 11th Five Year Plan i.e by March, 2012.

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 **Talaipalli** coal block allocated to company was not satisfactory. The Committee expressed concern over unsatisfactory progress and advised to expedite the development of the coal block. Accordingly, a caution letter dated 26.04.2012 was issued to the company with the direction to expedite the development of the coal block and be careful in future 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, Ministry of Coal having members from Ministry/Department of Power, Steel, Industrial Policy & Promotion, Legal Affairs and Economic Affairs. IMG has been given 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 18th meeting held on 01.05.2013 inter alia considered the status of the development of the Coal Block prepared by the Coal Controller's Organisation (CCO) as on 31st December, 2012 and noted that no significant progress has been made by your company towards development of the **Talaipalli** coal block. The IMG noted that Forest Clearance (Stg.-I), EMP and Land Acquisition are still pending in your case. Keeping in view the unsatisfactory progress, IMG recommended

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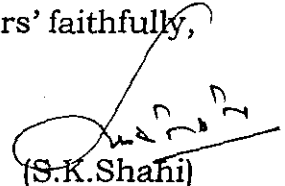


issuing show cause notice for delay in development of coal block. The recommendation of IMG has since been considered and accepted by the Government.

4. Under the above circumstances, you are hereby called upon to show cause, on various stages for development of coal block, to this Ministry within a period of 20 days from the date of issue of this show cause notice as to why the delay in the development of coal block should not be held as violation of the terms and conditions of the allotment of **Talaipalli** coal block failing which it would be presumed that your company has no explanation to offer and action as appropriate would be taken for de-allocation of **Talaipalli** coal block.

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,



(S.K. Shahi)

Director

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- (i) The Coal Controller, Coal Controller Organisation, Kolkata.
- (ii) ✓ NIC, M/o Coal for uploading the letter on Ministry's website .