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Government of India
Ministry of Coal
O/o. Nominated Authority

R.No.120-F, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

Dated : 08.12.2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Circulation of minutes of the Monitoring Committee meeting to review non-operationalized coal mines of Jharkhand allocated under the provisions of CM (SP) Act, 2015.

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The undersigned is directed to refer to the above-mentioned meeting held on 03.12.2020 and to circulate herewith the minutes of the said meeting for your kind information and necessary action.



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To,

1. The Chief Secretary of Jharkhand, 1st Floor, Project Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004
2. The Principal Secretary, Environment & Forest Department, Government of Jharkhand.
3. The Secretary, D/o. Mines & Geology, Government of Jharkhand.
4. The Secretary, D/o. Land & Revenue, Government of Jharkhand.
5. The CMD, CMPDIL, Gondwana Place, Kanke Road, Ranchi, Jharkhand.
6. Sr. TD (NIC), MoC with request to upload this OM on the website of MoC.

Copy to :-

PSO to Secretary (Coal) / PPS to Additional Secretary (Coal) / PPS to JS (MN) / PPS to JS (BPP) / PPS to JS (SBN)

Minutes of the Meeting chaired by Secretary (Coal) & Chief Secretary, Jharkhand through video conference on 03rd December, 2020 at 11:00 AM on operationalization of Coal Blocks in the state of Jharkhand.

The list of participants is at Annexure 1

At the outset, Secretary (Coal) welcomed all the participants. A detailed presentation was made, and progress & development of individual coal blocks were discussed.

1 DUMRI (Hindalco Industries Limited)

FC Stage II Approval:

- Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) cum Nodal Officer, Govt. of Jharkhand (GoJ) informed that as per directives of MoEF&CC in case of NTPC coal block during FC Stage I approval, pro-rata amount is to be deposited by Allocattee of other mines also for Integrated Wildlife Management plan.
- As per guidelines, an amount at the rate of 3.786 Lacs/ Ha is to be deposited. Allocattee has given undertaking for this but Secretary (Coal) has directed to make the payment instead of giving any undertaking. Allocattee has assured that the amount will be deposited soon.
- Allocattee has requested the assistance of DC, Bokaro for pillar work. DC - Bokaro confirmed that the issue will be resolved within one week and Allocattee assured that erection of pillars will be done in two days once the issue is resolved.

2 BADAM (NTPC Limited)

FC Stage II Approval:

- PCCF, GoJ informed that like the case of DUMRI block, pro-rata amount is to be deposited by Allocattee for Integrated Wildlife Management plan. PCCF, GoJ also mentioned that the issue of pro-rata payment for Integrated Wildlife Management Plan has been informed to all the Allocattees.
- Allocattee informed that this condition was not included in FC Stage I clearance by MoEF&CC & hence it should not be imposed upon them.
- Secretary (Coal) observed communication gap between State Forest Deptt. and Allocattee regarding pro-rata payment for Integrated Wildlife Management Plan and directed Allocattee to deposit this amount at the earliest for further progress of the mine.
- Allocattee assured that the payment will be made soon. PCCF, GoJ confirmed that application will be forwarded to MoEF&CC within a week of receipt of this payment.

3 TUBED (DVC)

FC Stage II Approval:

PCCF, GoJ informed that the Department has considered the request of the Allocattee and proposal will be sent to MoEF&CC in next two days.

4 LOHARI (Araanya Mines Private Limited)

Mining Lease:

- Secretary (Mines & Geology), GoJ informed that Mining Lease application has been examined and proposal for grant of Mining Lease will be sent to the Cabinet in 10-12 days.

Land Acquisition:

- The Allocattee has informed that some cases of land dispute are pending for settlement before various district authorities.
- Additional Collector (AC), Palamau informed that out of total 523 cases, 70 cases are pending for settlement due to COVID 19 & other reasons. Secretary (Coal) directed to resolve the pending issues on an urgent basis so that it will help in starting of coal mine.

5 MOITRA (JSW Steel Limited)

Mining Lease Execution:

- Allocattee informed that the Mining Lease Execution is pending as demand note and consent letter has not yet been issued from DMO, Hazaribagh/ DC, Hazaribagh and also assured that the Mine opening permission process will be started immediately after execution of the Mining Lease (ML).
- Secretary (Mines & Geology) informed that the Mining Lease had to be executed within 06 months of grant of ML by Cabinet, but this period has lapsed. However, he assured that it will be resolved at Departmental level and in this connection, DC Hazaribagh stated that the file to this effect will be sent to Secretary, Mines and Geology today itself and the Demand Note for Mining Lease Execution will be issued in 10-12 days.

Land Acquisition:

DC, Hazaribagh has assured that the permission regarding 40.47 Ha Private land will be given today itself.

FC Stage II Compliance submission:

PCCF, GoJ informed that the compliances of FC Stage II have not been submitted yet by the Allocattee. Allocattee replied that the compliances have been submitted to DFO, Hazaribagh and some queries have been raised however, complete compliances of the FC Stage II will be submitted by 31st December 2020.

6 & 7 KOTRE BASANTPUR & PACHMO (CCL)

Environment Clearance:

- Secretary (Coal) observed a gap of 19 months between date of ToR & date of submission of EIA/ EMP report and sought explanation for it from CCL/ CMPDIL.
- Allottee informed that because of monsoon period, baseline data generation got delayed and informed that flora and fauna study could not be completed even till March 2020. After that, due to pandemic and lockdown situation, there was further delay in data generation.
- Secretary (Coal) asked that as all the data related to previous year baseline study of coal bearing area were already available with CMPDIL, then why so much time has been taken in preparation of EIA/ EMP report.

- CMD, CMPDIL informed that they have received the work order five months back and it took them another three months for submission of EIA/EMP report. It was also informed that they have conducted EIA/ EMP for two seasons for this specific project.
- Secretary (Coal) was not satisfied with the reply and he directed CMPDIL to furnish complete report explaining delay in preparation of EIA/ EMP Report and further decision for accreditation of EIA/ EMP work of CMPDIL will be taken accordingly.

8 BANHARDIH (PatratuVidyutUtpadan Nigam Limited)

Mine Plan:

- Allottee informed that Deed of adherence was signed in June 2017, however GR was given to them in July 2019 by GoJ and afterwards Mine plan was prepared and submitted to Ministry of Coal on 30.03.2020. Further, it was informed to Allottee that Mine Plan would be considered by the internal committee only after the revision of efficiency parameters. Allottee also informed that their BG will expire in December 2020 itself.
- Nominated Authority informed that scrutiny committee had recommended that the Efficiency parameters mentioned in original allotment agreement would prevail.
- Secretary (Coal) stated that the decision regarding revision of Efficiency Parameters will be taken soon.

FC Stage I:

- PCCF, GoJ informed that incomplete application has been submitted by the Allottee (not uploaded KML file, land schedule etc.) due to which it is not processed. He also informed that incomplete application cannot be processed. Allottee assured to submit the complete proposal soon.

9 MERAL (Trimula Industries Limited)

Mine Plan:

- Allocattee informed that on advice of office of Nominated Authority, preparation of Revised Mine Plan is under process and it is likely to be submitted by end of December 2020. Allocattee also raised his concern that unless and until it's request for surrender of 74.01 Ha land is accepted by MoC, they will face problems in getting Mining Lease (ML).
- Secretary (Coal) directed Allocattee to discuss this issue with Director (Technical), MoC.

10 RAJBAR E&D (TenughatVidyut Nigam Limited (TVNL))

FC Stage I:

- Allottee informed that his major concern is identification / arrangement of CA land.
- Secretary (Coal) advised State Government to help Allocattee in arrangement of CA land.
- Secretary (Revenue), GoJ, informed that earlier they have identified land in four districts for CA purpose but after joint inspection with Revenue & Forest Deptt. it was found to be non-suitable. However, they are trying to identify more land for CA purpose.
- Secretary (Coal) advised that like some other states, Jharkhand should also create a land bank for purpose of Compensatory Afforestation(CA)

11 SAHARPUR JAMARPANI (UP Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd)

Exploration/GR:

- Allottee informed that they have earlier given work to CMPDIL for exploration and preparation GR. CMPDIL appointed one agency for exploration but due to resistance of villagers exploration work could not be started. Then allottee approached NLCIL for selection of MDO for exploration and preparation of geological report of block. Allottee informed that there were various obstructions/resistances in carrying exploration work especially in Dumka district. Therefore, they have decided to appoint NLCIL which has good experience in this location.
- Secretary (Mines & Geology), GOJ, informed that several coal mines are operating in this area and law and order is not an challenge, however, as the block is in North East of Jharkhand, many tribals are dependent on forest area for livelihood. Therefore, social approach like CSR activities are required to engage the tribal by allottee.
- Secretary (Coal) advised that such CSR work should be identified & should make part of minutes of meeting during Public Hearing itself.

12, 13& 14 Amarkonda Murgadanga, Brahmin Chichro & Patsimal (ECL):

Exploration/GR:

Nominated Authority informed that these blocks are unexplored coal blocks and all the statutory approval are pending and their situation is similar to the SahrpurJamrpani coal block.

15 Pachwara Central (PSPCL)

The matter of appointment of MDO is sub-judice.

16 Tokisud – North (NMDC)

Allottee informed about the challenges in transfer of EC & MLand informed that MoEF&CC raised the EDS for transfer of EC and compliances will be submitted soon..Allottee also said that some documents have not been given to them by prior allottee.

Secretary (Coal) advised allottee to talk to Nominated Authority to resolve the issues. Nominated Authority assured that it will be sorted out soon.

17. Sugia – Close: (JSMDCL)

The block has been allotted recently on 22/09/2020, therefore it was decided to discuss its issues in next review meeting

Secretary (Coal) discussed with Chief Secretary, Jharkhand regarding the pending issues of coal blocks of Jharkhand state. He informed that Coal Ministry has appointed a PMU having experts in Mining, Land, Environment & Forest for purpose of expediting the operationalization of coal mines and advised State Government to appoint a Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) at state level also for operationalisation of coal blocks, PMU will coordinate the pending issues of coal blocks with different agencies of State Government. Chief Secretary, Jharkhand informed that the arrangement of CA land is the biggest challenge in opening of coal mines in Jharkhand and suggested that degraded forest land and small patches of land may also be allowed for the purpose of CA land. Secretary (Coal) assured to discuss this issue with DG (forest), MoEF & CC and advised that the state should resolve small issues of coal blocks at their level. Chief Secretary, Jharkhand assured to take action in accordance with the decision taken in today's meeting.

Meeting ended with thanks.

Annexure 1

S. No	List of Attendees
1	Shri Anil Kumar Jain, Secretary (Coal)
2	Shri. Sukhdev Singh, Chief Secretary, Jharkhand
3	Shri. M. Nagaraju, Additional Secretary/NA, MoC
4	Shri K Srinivasan, Secretary(Mines & Geology), Jharkhand
5	Shri K K Soan, Secretary(Revenue, Registration & Land Reforms) Jharkhand
6	Shri. Ajay Rastogi, PCCF cum Nodal Officer, Jharkhand
7	Shri Sekhar Saran, CMD, CMPDIL
8	Shri. Jitendra Kumar, Chief Manager, Office of NA
9	Shri. Mahesh Pimpramule, Team Leader, PMU
10	Dr. Anal Sinha, SME, PMU
11	Shri. Rohit Sharma, SME, PMU
12	DC, Latehar
13	DC, Bokaro
14	DC, Hazaribagh
15	Shri A.K Sinha, MD, TVNL
16	ACS, Energy, UP & Chairman, UPRVUNL
17	Shri Brijesh Kumar Jha, Hindalco Industries Ltd
18	Shri Mainak Chakraborty, Hindalco Industries Ltd
19	Shri. Shouvik Majumdar, Hindalco Industries Ltd
20	Dr. Arvind Kumar, AMPL
21	Shri Faiz Taiyab, PVUNL
22	Shri. J P Gupta, DT(P&P), ECL
23	Shri Girish Kumar Rathore, GM, CCL
24	JS SBN
25	Representative of NMDC
26	Shri. Perumal T
27	Representative of PSPCL
28	Shri. Sanjay Seth, NTPC
29	Shri. Sanjiv Kumar Singh, NTPC
30	Shri Sariputta Mishra, NTPC
31	Mr. Subir Chakraborty, NTPC

32	Mr. Sudhir Mukherjee, DVC
33	Mr. Vijay Shankar Tiwari, TIL
34	Mr. Dipankar Panda, JSW
35	Mr. Ajay Kumar
