

New Delhi, the 7th December, 2009

To

The Chairman-cum-Managing Director,
M/s Rajasthan State Mines & Minerals Limited,
Khanij Bhawan, 'C' Scheme, Tilak Marg,
Jaipur- 302 005.

Subject: Review Meeting held on 22nd and 23rd June, 2009 to review the progress of lignite blocks- Advisory for delay in implementation of the coal block.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter dated 14.07.2003, 28.08.2004, 01.07.2005 and 13.11.2006 conveying the allocation of Mokhala, Soneri, Gurha (W) and Kaurdiha & Jalipa lignite blocks in the State of Rajasthan in pursuance of Section 3(3)(a)(iii) of the Coal Mines (Nationalization) Act, 1973.

2. In order to expedite the development of the lignite blocks, review meetings were held from time to time with the representatives of M/s Rajasthan State Mines & Minerals Limited (RSMML). It was noticed that in the review meeting held on 22/23.06.2009 no representative of RSMML attended the meeting. The following shortcomings in respect of aforesaid lignite blocks were observed in the review meeting:

(i) Mokhala lignite block- Neither the allocatee has submitted mining plan nor applied for mining lease.

(ii) Sonari Lignite block- The block was allocated on 28.8.2004. Neither the company has applied for mining lease nor acquired required land for the purpose.

(iii) Gurha West block- The block was allocated to the RSMML on 01.07.2005. Neither the company has obtained EMP clearance, mining lease nor acquired land for the purpose.

(iv) Kapurdi lignite block- The Jalipa lignite block was allocated on 13.11.2006. The company has neither obtained EMP clearance, mining lease nor acquired land for the purpose.

3. In view of above facts, you are advised to remove the aforesaid shortcomings and take steps to develop the lignite blocks without any further delay, failing which the Ministry would be constrained to take action as deemed appropriate in the matter. It is also advised that the allocatee must ensure attendance in the review meetings in future.

Yours faithfully


(V.S.Rana)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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