

**MINUTES OF 45th MEETING OF INTER MINISTERIAL GROUP UNDER THE
CHAIRMANSHIP OF ADDITIONAL SECRETARY (COAL) HELD ON
27th AUGUST 2021 TO REVIEW THE ISSUE OF BANK GUARANTEES OF
PRIOR ALLOTTEES OF COAL BLOCKS, NEW DELHI-110001**

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List of participants is placed at **Annexure- I**.

2. Additional Secretary (Coal) & Chairman, Inter Ministerial Group (IMG) welcomed all participants. Convenor of the IMG recapitulated that during 44th Meeting of the IMG conducted from 22nd March 2021 to 24th March 2021, the prior allottees of 15 coal blocks were called to appear before the IMG. Out of the 15 coal blocks, prior allottees of nine (9) coal blocks appeared before IMG. Therefore, IMG decided to give another opportunity of being heard to the prior allottees of 6 coal blocks, viz., Chitarpur, Lalgarh (North), Dumri, Brinda, Sesai and Meral, which were not present in the 44th meeting. IMG also decided to give another opportunity of being heard to one of the 9 present coal blocks, i.e., Bijahan. Hence, in the present meeting, these seven (7) coal blocks, were given opportunity of being heard. The Schedule of hearing of prior allottees of 7 coal blocks for 45th meeting is attached as **Annexure II**. Sh. Arun Kumar, Dy. Director cum OSD, Department of Mines, Government of Jharkhand represented the State Government in the meeting.

3. Out of 7 coal blocks, the prior allottees of 5 coal blocks appeared before the IMG in its 45th meeting. No one appeared for Bijahan and Lalgarh (North) coal blocks. List of names of the Authorised Representatives who made their arguments/submissions in the hearing is attached as **Annexure III**. The written submissions made by prior allottees of coal blocks and other documents received from various stakeholders have been initialled by the Convenor and kept in the custody of Sh. Sunil Khangwal, ASO, P&S-I Section, Ministry of Coal. IMG heard those who appeared before it and made the following recommendations:

(I) Chitarpur: Sh. Padmakar Murodiya, appeared before the members of IMG on the scheduled date of hearing i.e. 27.08.2021. Sh. Murodiya apprised the members about the liquidation of the company and that he was not prepared with any arguments/documents on that day as the communication regarding



the Meeting was received a day before. IMG acceded to his request and granted another opportunity of hearing.

(II) Lalgarh (North): No one appeared. IMG decided to give one more opportunity of being heard to the allottee.

(III) Bijahan: The prior allottee of coal block vide email dated 13th August 2021 informed that since the Writ Petition filed by Bhushan Power and Steel Limited WP (C) 7740 of 2015 was sub-judice before Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, this shall be treated as their presence. In reply, MoC vide email dated 23rd August 2021 informed that "45th Meeting of IMG is neither in violation of any direction of Hon'ble Court of law nor it is a coercive step on part of the Government. It is an attempt to hear the prior allottee with a view to understanding the constraints and the factors that were beyond their control and arriving at a reasonable settlement of the issue." However, when the prior allottees were called, no one appeared before the IMG. In view of this, IMG decided to give one more opportunity of being heard to the allottee.

(IV) Dumri: The authorized representatives from Nilanchal Iron and Power Limited and Bajrang Ispat Limited, Sh. Ajay Kumar Tantia, Sh. Ashim Kumar Mukherjee and Sh. Amit Gupta appeared and presented their case before the present IMG. The main contention of the authorized representatives was that the delay in achieving the milestone was not due to them but it was on account of time taken by the State and Central Government agencies for grant of various approvals. IMG enquired whether they pursued with the Government authorities persistently and asked for copies of reminders, etc. Prior allottee expressed their inability to instantly show such old papers and requested for some time to search and produce such record. Similarly, the State Government also had no documents to support their statements. IMG directed the authorised representatives of the prior allottees as well as the State Government to submit the relevant documents within 10 days and gave another opportunity of hearing to the prior allottee.

(V- VII) Brinda, Sesai Meral: Sh. Padmakar Murodiya, appeared on behalf of these 3 blocks and apprised the members that he was not prepared with any arguments/ documents on that day as the communication regarding the



Meeting was received a day before. Accordingly, IMG granted another opportunity of hearing.

4. With this, physical hearing in the 45th Meeting of IMG concluded. Thus, opportunity of being heard has been afforded to all prior allottees who had been invited.

5. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the chair.

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ANNEXURE I**MEMBERS OF IMG FOR HEARING DATED 27th AUGUST 2021**

S. NO.	NAME	DESIGNATION	MINISTRY/ DEPARTMENT/ ORGANISATION
	Sh. Vinod Kumar Tiwari	Additional Secretary (Coal)/ Chairman of IMG	Ministry of Coal
	Sh. B. P. Pati	Joint Secretary	Ministry of Coal
3.	Ms. Nirupama Kotru	Joint Secreatry and FA	Ministry of Coal
4.	Ms. Santosh	Coal Controller	Coal Controller Organisation
5.	Anandji Prasad	Project Advisor	Ministry of Coal
	Sh. Anand Kumar Pal	Advisor (Energy)	Department of Economic Affairs
7.	Sh. Rajeev Kumar	Director	Ministry of Power
	Sh. R.K. Srivastava	Addl. Legal Advisor	Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice
	Sh. S.K. Gomasta	Director (Technical)	CMPDIL
	G. Gopalkrishnan	Deputy Secretary	Ministry of Steel
	Darshan Kumar Solanki	Deputy Secretary/ Convenor	Ministry of Coal
12.	Peeyush Kumar	Chief Manager	Ministry of Coal
13.	Sh. Arun Kumar	Under Secretary	Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
14.	B.K. Kazaresen	General Manager	CMPDIL

ANNEXURE II**Meeting Schedule**

SL. NO.	TIME	NAME OF COAL BLOCK	STATE	NAME OF ALLOTTEE COMPANY
1.	10:30- 10:50 am	Chitarpur	Jharkhand	Corporate Ispat Limited
2.	10:50- 11:10 am	Lalgarh (North)	Jharkhand	Domco Pvt. Limited
3.	11:10- 11:30 am	Bijahan	Odisha	Bhushan Power and Steel Limited
4.	11:30- 11:50 am	Dumri	Jharkhand	Nilanchal Iron and Power Limited Bajrang Ispat (P) Ltd.
5-7	11:50- 12:10 pm	Brinda, Sesai and Meral	Jharkhand	Abhijeet Infrastructure (P) Ltd.

ANNEXURE III
NAMES OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES FOR HEARING DATED
27TH AUGUST 2021

S. NO.	NAME	DESIGNATION	COMPANY/ PRIOR ALLOTTEE	Coal block
	Ajay Kumar Tantia	Consultant	Nilanchal Iron and Power Limited	Dumri
	Ashim Kumar Mukherjee	Consultant	Nilanchal Iron and Power Limited	Dumri
3.	Amit Gupta	VP Commercial	M/s Thakur Prasad Sao and Sons Pvt. Ltd.	Dumri
4.	Padmakar Murodiya	Sr. GM	Corporate Ispat Alloys Ltd	Chitarpur
5.	Padmakar Murodiya	Sr. GM	Abhijeet Infrastructure Limited	Brinda Sesai and Meral