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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Minutes of 19th meeting of Scrutiny Committee held on 19/20.04.2023 to consider / examine the submissions/replies made by Successful Bidders / Allottees of the coal mines in respect of deviation from the efficiency Parameters as mentioned in the Coal Mines Development and Production Agreement/Allotment Agreement of coal mines - Circulation reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to subject mentioned above and to forward herewith minutes of 19th meeting of Scrutiny Committee held on 19/20.04.2023 in order to examine the replies to the Show Cause Notices (for deviation from various milestones prescribed in Efficiency Parameter). The recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee will be placed before the Competent Authority in Ministry of Coal for approval.



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Encl: As above.

To,

1. The Chief Secretaries of the State Government of Chhattisgarh/ West Bengal/ Jharkhand/ Odisha/ Maharashtra/ Madhya Pradesh/ Telangana
2. Principal Secretary (Mines) of the State Government of Chhattisgarh/ West Bengal/ Jharkhand/ Odisha/ Maharashtra/ Madhya Pradesh/ Telangana.
3. Shri Partha S. Bhattacharyya, Chairman, Scrutiny Committee and Ex Chairman, Coal India Limited.
4. Shri N. C. Jha, Ex- Director (Technical), Coal India Limited.
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7. Director, P&S-I/ US, P&S-I, MoC.
8. Director (Tech)/NA, MoC

9. The participants/ participating Allocattees of coal mines.

Copy for information to:-

1. US (P&S Division)

Minutes of the 19th meeting of Scrutiny Committee held on 19.04.2023 and 20.04.2023 to consider/examine the submissions/replies of allottees against Show Cause Notices for deviation from milestones mentioned in Coal Mines Development and Production Agreement.

The Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee welcomed all the members of the committee and the participants. Mine wise discussions on Show Cause Notices and corresponding replies were held and Allottees were given opportunity to share their point of views.

1. Gourangdih ABC – M/s West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited

Show Cause Notices dated 13.09.2018, 26.10.2020, 29.06.2021 & 08.06.2021 for non –compliance with the EC, FC, land acquisition, opening of Escrow Account, Mine opening permission and Coal production in FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 milestones and corresponding replies of the Allottee were considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

Show Cause	Deliberation
Due Date -29.06.2018 (i) Forest Clearance (ii) Environment Clearance	In the beginning, O/o Nominated Authority informed that the issues were earlier considered in the 13th meeting of Scrutiny Committee, and it deferred the decision and recommended for re-consideration after EC/FC are granted. However, during a review meeting of coal blocks on 21.03.2023 under chairmanship of Additional Secretary and NA, it was observed that the development in this mine is far behind the schedule and the issues should be taken up in next Scrutiny committee meeting.
Due Date -29.03.2020 (i) Land Acquisition	Allottee informed that the non-compliance of the milestones was mainly due to delay in grant of EC and FC stage-I.
Due Date -29.04.2020 (i) Opening of Escrow Account (ii) Application of Opening Permission	Forest clearance: - The Allottee informed that they had identified 30 patches of land having area less than 5 ha for CA purpose; however, MoEF&CC vide its notification dated 22.05.2019 stated that the area less than 5 ha will not be suitable for CA purpose. Due to this, they had to re-arrange their CA land. Accordingly, they re-arranged CA land, but MoEF&CC again returned the proposal with queries that identified CA land falls in existing forest area. MoEF&CC did not find it suitable for CA purpose even though that patch of land was found suitable by the State Govt. Once again, they arranged new CA land and proposal was sent to MoEF&CC. The FC proposal was again considered in FAC meeting on 24.03.23 but deferred with 5 observations (mainly related to discrepancy in mine plan, approved WLMP, to conduct site visit of FAC sub-committee etc).
Due Date -29.05.2020 (i) Grant of Opening Permission	
Schedule Production for FY 2020-21	
Schedule Production for FY 2021-22	Environmental Clearance: - Allottee informed that in the 3rd meeting of EAC, it was pointed out by EAC that the equipment configuration and OB schedule is not optimum in existing mining plan and accordingly they suggested for revision of mining plan. Further, Allottee stated that initially CCO considered it minor changes in the mining plan but later before approval they called it major change. Allottee stated that the revised mining plan has been submitted in SWCS portal on 30.03.23 and its approval from CCO is awaited.

Observation & Recommendation: -

Committee agreed with the view of the Ministry of coal for reconsideration of pending show cause notices of this mine. It was observed that the proposal for EC and FC was deferred many times by MoEF&CC which shows that the application was not complete and Allottee was not able to justify their proposals before the EAC and FAC. It is the job of the Allottee to submit

the application in completeness and foresee the likely observations that may be issued by EAC /FAC and comply with the EDS/ADS raised by MoEF&CC. In case the MoEF&CC is not satisfied with the EC/FC proposal, they are within their right to defer the proposal. It is the responsibility of Allottee to comply with the observations of MoEF&CC. Committee observed lack of sincerity and foresightedness on the part of Allottee. There may be some procedural delays, but it is mainly the responsibility of the Allottee to get the statutory clearances for starting mining.

The committee concludes that the Allottee is mainly responsible for failure in achievement of milestones for which show cause notices were issued and which were considered in the meeting. The committee recommended for imposition of penalty as per the provisions of the Allotment Agreement for failure in achievement of milestones.

2. Trans Damodar – M/s Durgapur Projects Limited

Show Cause Notices dated 20.10.2017, 26.02.2021 & 07.07.2021 for non –compliance with the milestones of grant of mine opening permission and coal production from the year 2015-15 to 2019-20 and corresponding replies of the Allottee were considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

Show Cause	Deliberation
Due Date -23.06.2015	O/o Nominated Authority informed, that the issues were earlier considered in the 15th meeting of Scrutiny committee. The Committee had deferred the decision and directed Allottee to provide documents to the O/o NA in support of their argument that “Secretary(coal) agreed to revise the date of operationalization of the mine on request of Chief Secretary, West Bengal in a review meeting”. Accordingly, M/s DPL vide letter dated 28.07.2021, submitted minutes of meeting of 11th meeting of Monitoring committee held on 26.02.2019. As per this minutes of meetings, CS, West Bengal stated that the land issue has been resolved and asked DPL to apply for mine opening permission (MOP). Secretary (coal) assured that if applied for MOP, it will be granted immediately and asked Allottee to open the mine in next month i.e., March 2019. However, Secretary (coal) had not agreed for revision in scheduled date of MOP as claimed by M/s DPL.
(i) Grant of Opening Permission	
Schedule Production for	
FY 2015-16	
FY 2016-17	
FY 2017-18	
FY 2018-19	
FY 2019-20	

Observation & Recommendation: -

The Committee observed that the minutes of 11th meeting of Monitoring committee held on 26.02.2019 has been interpreted differently by O/o NA and by the Allottee. It is not clear whether Secretary (coal) had agreed for any change in timeline for mine opening permission in the 11th meeting of Monitoring committee. Accordingly, the Committee directed Allottee to give an explanatory letter to Nominated Authority regarding what transpired in the 11th meeting of Monitoring committee in respect of change in timeline for mine opening permission. The Committee advised O/o NA to put up the explanatory letter of the Allottee for the comment/decision of Secretary (coal) and based on that decision will be taken on the show cause notices for mine opening permission and for coal production from FY 2015-16 to FY 2019-20.

3. Jaganathpur –B –M/s Powerplus Traders Private Limited

Show Cause Notices dated 06.04.2022 and 05.06.2022 for non –compliance with the milestones of mining plan approval and grant of EC and corresponding replies of Allottee were considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

Show Cause	Deliberation
Due Date -13.09.2020 (i) Submission of Mining Plan	Allottee informed that the bounding coordinates given in the vesting order and in GR were not identical. They required to get rectification of boundaries and coordinates by CMPDIL on the basis of DGPS survey. It is one of the most geologically challenging mine in the state of West Bengal and additional exploration was also required for finalization of GR due to geological condition. Consequently, they required to apply for a new mining plan.
Due Date -13.11.2020 (i) Approval of Mining Plan (Main Activity)	
Due Date -13.01.2021 (i) Environment Clearance Application	CMPDIL stated that the variance in the bounding coordinates in GR and Vesting order was due to change in the coordinate system, however, the geological area of the mine remain the same on the ground. There was slight overlapping with CBM area, but the overlapping part was not within the mining area.
Due Date -13.05.2022 (i) Wildlife Clearance (ii) Approval under PESA (iii) Environment Clearance (Main Activity)	<p>Allottee stated that the O/o NA vide its letter dated 10.08.2020 has revised the due dates for completion of various clearances, including the clearances mentioned in the show cause notices. They have obtained the clearances within the revised timeline and therefore show cause notices should not have been issued to them.</p> <p>Allottee further stated that some of the major activities have been completed. Work order for shaft sinking has been given and the contractor has mobilized the resources at the site. Additional stabilization work has been done. They are planning to make it a 2-million-ton capacity UG mine. Groundbreaking has been done for Inclines of the mine. Mining lease is expected to be granted soon.</p> <p>O/o NA stated that some other letter regarding the change in timeline for clearances may have been issued post letter dated 10.08.2020 which the Allottee is referring to and therefore they need to re-check it.</p>

Observation & Recommendation: -

The committee advised O/o NA to check the claim of Allottee regarding revision in timeline for various clearances and cross check whether the corrigendum of letter dated 10.08.2020 was issued or not. The committee sought clarity from Ministry of Coal on the issue of changes in timeline for clearances. Based on the clarity/comment of the Ministry, the decision on the show cause notices will be taken in the next meeting.

4. Lohari: - M/s Araanya Mines Pvt. Ltd. (AMPL)

Show Cause Notices dated 21.03.2017, 19.02.2018, 24.07.2019 and 27.12.2021 for failure/delay in completion of various milestones within the scheduled timeline as given below in the table and corresponding replies of the Allottee were considered in the meeting.

Show Cause	Deliberation
Date- 21.03.2017 (i) Grant of Forest Clearance	O/o NA informed that the issues were earlier considered in 13th, 16th & 17th meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 26.11.2020, 24.09.2021 & 02.03.2022 respectively. As per the recommendation of the committee, comments of the Jharkhand govt were invited, however, state government has not given any written comments on the issue.
Date- 19.02.2018 (i) Grant of Mining Lease	

Show Cause	Deliberation
<p>Date- 24.07.2019</p> <p>(i) Land Acquisition (ii) Opening of Escrow Account (iii) Application for Mine Opening permission (iv) Grant of Mine Opening permission</p>	<p>In the 17th meeting of the Scrutiny Committee, the committee advised O/o NA for making separate milestones for non-forest and forest areas of this mine. O/o NA informed that separate timeline is already given in Coal Mine Development & Production Agreement (CMDPA) for forest and non-forest area and therefore, further revision in timeline is not required.</p> <p>The Allottee informed that as per the vested EC and the mining plan, there is no forest land within the boundary of the mine. On the ground, it is found that the alleged GMJJ land has been settled to raiyats of the villages for agricultural and residential purposes. The names of the raiyats can be identified in Revenue Record Register-II, and they are regularly depositing lagan for the settled lands. The complete records of rights of the mine area along with GMJJ land in question were not found in the office of district revenue department. Due to uncertainty of exact nature of GMJJ, they are not sure of applicability of FC provision.</p>
<p>Date- 27.12.2021</p> <p>(i) Scheduled production for FY 2019-20 FY 2020-21</p> <p>coal</p>	<p>The Allottee further stated that during the 3rd meeting of the Monitoring Committee chaired by Secretary(coal) and Chief Secretary, Jharkhand, they were advised to go forward for mining in non-forest area in the 1st phase of working till the status of GMJJ is clarified. Accordingly, they applied for approval of mining plan, grant of EC and mining lease for 126.9 ha non-GMJJ land. MoC approved revised Mining Plan on 10.07.2019 and, MoEF&CC granted the amended EC on 30.09.2020 for 126.90 ha non GMJJ land. The approved revised Mine Plan and amended EC were submitted to Mines Deptt, GoJ on 01.08.2019 and 01.10.2020 respectively, however the mining lease deed was executed by state government on 30.12.2022 after a lapse of 2 years for 126.90 ha non-GMJJ land.</p> <p>Representative of Jharkhand government stated that the compliances to the conditions given in the grant letter of FC-stage-I has not been completed by the Allottee. As per the order of Hon'ble supreme court, GMJJ land is considered as forest land by the forest department. Instead of making efforts for grant of FC stage-II, the Allottee has approached Ranchi high Court regarding the issue whether GMJJ land will be treated as forest land or non-forest land and the issue is subjudice.</p>

Observation & Recommendation:

The committee observed that the FC Stage-I was already granted to the previous allottee i.e Usha Martin Ltd. Nominated Authority vide its vesting order vested this approved FC stage-I to M/s Aranya Mines Pvt Ltd (AMPL) . M/s AMPL also applied to MoEF&CC for transfer of this vested FC stage-I in its name and it was successfully transferred to them. It shows that M/s AMPL was very much aware of the presence of forest land within the boundary of the mine. To facilitate early start of mining, monitoring committee had suggested AMPL to start working in non-forest area in first phase. In addition, Allottee should have also tried for grant of FC stage-II for GMJJ land, however, they have not made any effort for grant of FC stage-II.

The committee also observed lack of seriousness on part of Allottee for grant of mining lease for even non-GMJJ area. The committee finds M/s APML responsible for delay in grant of Forest Clearance (FC) and Mining Lease (ML). Due to delay in FC and ML, all other subsequent milestones have not been achieved till date and they themselves are responsible for that. Therefore, the committee recommended for appropriation of Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) as per the provision of Coal Mine Development & Production Agreement (CMDPA).

5. Meral: - M/s Trimula Industries Limited (TIL)

Show Cause Notices dated 21.03.2017, 19.02.2018, 24.07.2018, 02.09.2021 and 07.06.2022 for failure/delay in completion of various milestones within the scheduled timelines as given below in the table and corresponding replies of the Allottee were considered in the meeting.

Show Cause	Deliberation
<p>Date- 21.03.2017</p> <p>(i) Previous Approval</p> <p>Date- 19.02.2018</p> <p>(i) Grant of Mining Lease</p> <p>Date- 24.07.2018</p> <p>(i) Land Acquisition</p> <p>(ii) Opening of Escrow Account</p> <p>(iii) Application for Mine Opening permission</p> <p>(iv) Grant of Mine Opening permission</p>	<p>The Allottee informed that they applied for grant of mining lease (ML) to DC, Palamu on 22.07.2015. However, after verifying the land schedule and map, Jharkhand government (GoJ) informed that the 983 acres land did not have any land records and the remaining 74.01 ha is Jungle Jhari land. The state govt. conducted revisional survey in year 2017 and as per the revisional survey report, there was not any Jungle Jhari land within the boundary of the mine. However, 74.01 ha land parcel is listed as forest area in the record of forest department, and they were advised by MoEF&CC to obtain Forest clearance for this area.</p> <p>Allottee further stated that they requested Ministry of Coal for surrendering of 74.01 ha Jungle Jhari land which is non-coal bearing. They also applied for revised mining plan for the non-jungle Jhari area. However, their request for surrender of 74.01 ha area has not been accepted by ministry and the revised mining plan has also not been approved. Due to this, progress has not taken place in the mine.</p> <p>O/o NA informed that the show cause notices dated 21.03.2017, 19.02.2018, 24.07.2018 and corresponding replies were considered in 13th and 16th meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 26.11.2020 and 24.09.2021 respectively. In accordance with the recommendation of the committee, comments of the Jharkhand govt were invited, however, state government has not given any written comment on the issue. In the 16th meeting, committee decided to deliberate on the issue comprehensively only after the decision of the ECoS on the issue of surrender of a part area of coal mine.</p> <p>O/o NA further informed that the request of the Allottee for surrendering a part area of a coal block cannot be accepted under existing provisions of laws. As a result, Allottee's request was taken up in the Empowered Committee of Secretaries (ECoS). The ECoS has also not accepted the request of Allottee for part relinquishment of area and instead advised Ministry of Coal for framing a policy for such issue. Presently, Ministry has not made any policy for part surrender of any geological area of the mine. The Allottee was accordingly advised to apply for mining plan for whole area with phase wise working but they are repeatedly insisting for surrender of 74.01 ha area.</p>
<p>Date- 02.09.2021</p> <p>(i) Submission of Mining Plan</p> <p>(ii) Mining Plan Approval</p> <p>(iii) Previous Approval Application</p> <p>(iv) Forest Clearance Application</p> <p>(v) Forest Clearance</p> <p>(vi) Schedule of production for FY 2019-20</p>	
<p>Date- 07.06.2022</p> <p>(i) Schedule of production for FY 2020-21</p> <p>FY 2021-22</p>	

Observation & Recommendation:

The Committee observed that the main focus of the Allottee is on surrendering of the 74.01 ha non-coal bearing area. The said 74.01 ha area is Jungle Jhari land as per the record of forest department and it is being treated as deemed forest. Accordingly, in accordance with the advice of the forest department, M/s TIL should have tried for grant of FC stage-I, however, they have not made any effort for the same. The mine has been allocated in year 2015 and if they had tried for Forest Clearance, the mine might have been operational by this time. The committee is of the opinion that M/s TIL has not made serious effort for starting the mine

and they are responsible for failure in achievement of milestones within the given timeline. Therefore, the committee recommended for upholding appropriation of Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) as per the provisions of Coal Mine Development and Production Agreement (CMDPA).

6. Urma Paharitola: - M/s Aurobindo Realty and Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. (ARIPL)

Show Cause Notice dated 08.09.2022 for delay in grant of Prospective License, Drilling/Exploration and preparation of Geological Report and corresponding reply of the Allottee was considered in the meeting.

Show Cause	Deliberation
<p>Date- 08.09.2022</p> <p>MS-I</p> <p>(i) Prospecting License or Notification under section 4 of the CBA Act, 1957, as applicable</p> <p>(ii) Completion of Drilling/Exploration</p> <p>(iii) Preparation of geological report (GR)</p>	<p>The Allottee stated that the mine is spread over two districts namely Dumka and Pakur. They applied for the prospecting license (PL) to DMO, Dumka and DMO, Pakur in the month of December 2021. They regularly followed up with the district offices for an early grant of PL. The MoC also issued DO letters to the State Government for expediting the grant of PL. The land records of Pakur district is not digitized and updated since year 1926. Getting manually prepared age-old land details were time consuming. Despite best efforts, few missing land records could not be located. Many of the land records were in Bengali language. Allottee further informed that the process was also delayed due to absence of any full-fledged secretary (mines) in the state for long period of time. After due intervention of coal ministry and with support of the state government, land records were finally obtained. Prospecting lease for area in Dumka district has been signed, however, it is still pending for the area of Pakur district.</p> <p>State government representative stated that the application for PL was not complete and M/s ARIPL was advised to submit complete application. However, M/s ARIPL refused to accept this and stated that they have not received any communication from the state government to this effect.</p>

Observation & Recommendation:-

The committee observed that there are differences in the statements/comments of the Allottee and of the state government. The committee directed the Allottee to submit the chronological details of the efforts made by them to O/o Nominated Authority. The committee further advised O/o NA to send the reply and the chronological details given by the Allottee to state government and seek their response within one month. Based on the response of the State government and of the Allottee, Committee will take decision in the next meeting.

7. Gondulpara: - M/s Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL)

Show Cause Notice dated 13.09.2022 for delay in approval of Mining Plan/Project Report and corresponding reply of the Allottee dated 27.09.2022 were considered in the meeting.

Show Cause	Deliberation
<p>Date- 13.09.2022</p> <p>MS-2</p> <p>i. Mining Lease Application</p> <p>ii. Submission of Mining Plan subject to the</p>	<p>The Allottee informed that the approved mining plan of the prior allottee was vested to them through vesting order. However, mine closure plan (MCP) was not part of this mining plan. Due to absence of MCP, they applied for revised mining plan along with MCP within 2 months of allocation of the mine on 04.05.2021. In the vested mining plan, 103 ha OB dumping area was beyond the geological boundary of the block. The Internal Committee for mining plan advised Allottee to give: (i) details whether or not coal reserve is available in the 103 ha OB</p>

Show Cause	Deliberation
<p>provisions of clause 15 of Approval of Mining Plan/ Project Report subject to the provisions of clause 15</p> <p>iii.</p>	<p>dumping area which is beyond the geological boundary of the block and (ii) NOC from the state government that whether mining lease will be granted for this area or not.</p> <p>Allottee further informed that they engaged CMPDIL in September 2021 for exploratory work to ascertain the coal reserve in the external OB dump area. However, due to resistance of the villagers, CMPDI could not commence the exploration work. CMPDI also tried for exploration though MECL but could not succeed due to law-and-order issues. After numerous failed attempts to conduct exploratory drills, AEL explored for alternative technology that was proved to be technically feasible, non-intrusive, and portable to demonstrate the presence/absence of coal. Accordingly, AEL awarded geophysical exploratory work (2D seismic survey) in OB dump area to Geophysical Services Singapore PTE Ltd (Singaporean company) under supervision of CMPDI. 2D seismic survey in OB dump area was completed in January 2023 and final report was submitted to CMPDI on 16.02.2023. Further, CMPDI has issued certificate on 13.04.23 stating that "considering the geometry of area and occurrence of thin seam of coal at great depths, the potential mining of the same is not viable". AEL submitted certificate of CMPDI to State Govt. on 17.04.23.</p> <p>Allottee informed the committee that they are making serious attempt to complete the activities and the mine will be operational one year ahead of the scheduled time and they will achieve PRC in the 4th year itself.</p>

Observation & Recommendation:

The committee advised Allottee to submit details pertaining to their efforts for achieving milestone in chronological sequence to the Office of Nominated Authority. The committee also directed Allottee to give a revised yearly coal production schedule to O/o NA in line with their assurance that the mine will be operational one year ahead of the schedule. subject to compliance of these directions the Committee decided to keep the decision regarding the delay in achievement of milestone of mining plan in abeyance.

8. Marki Mangli-I: - M/s Topworth Urja Metals Limited

Show cause notice dated 01.06.2022 for shortage in coal production in FY 2021-22 from the scheduled production target and the corresponding reply of the Allottee were considered in the meeting.

Show Cause	Deliberations
<p>Date- 01.06.2022</p> <p>(i) Schedule of production/Reaching Rated Capacity for FY 2021-22</p>	<p>The Allottee informed that due to unavailability of sufficient manpower arising out of Covid-19 pandemic, coal production was adversely affected in April-June quarter of 2021-22. They could produce only a meagre 0.18 LT in 1st quarter. From July onwards, the lockdown in region was lifted in phases and problem of sufficient manpower continued. They picked up production in 3rd and 4th quarter and almost achieved the target production for whole year and they produced 0.24 million ton. Villagers also stopped movement of dumpers and loaders for a few days as they were insisting on increasing land compensation amount. With the help of district administration, it was resolved.</p>

Observation & Recommendation: -

The committee observed that the Allottee picked up coal production in 3rd and 4th quarter of FY 2021-22 once the seriousness of the Covid-19 was over. They tried to cover up the shortfall of first two quarter in next two quarter and almost achieved the annual production target. The committee is of the opinion that they tried to achieve annual production target and therefore the committee recommended for not imposing any penalty for shortfall in coal production in FY2021-22.

9. Marki Mangli-III: - M/s B S Ispat Limited

Show cause notices dated 14.09.2021 and 01.06.2022 for shortage in coal production in FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 from the scheduled production target and the corresponding replies of the allottee were considered in the meeting.

Show Cause	Deliberations
<p>Date- 14.09.2021</p> <p>Schedule of production for FY 2020-21</p> <p>(Target: 0.21 MT Actual: nil)</p> <p>Date- 01.06.2022</p> <p>(i) Schedule of production for FY 2021-22 (Target: 0.21 MT Actual: 0.127 MT)</p>	<p>Exact boundary coordinates of the coal block were provided to them on 17.02.2017 by O/o NA through corrigendum of vesting order. Therefore, transfer/grant of other clearances also got delayed. The allottee informed that they were vested with EC which were common with two other coal blocks. As per the directive of MoEF&CC, they must apply afresh for EC and FC. Accordingly, they applied afresh. Due to the reasons attributable to the state government, there was also delay in grant of mining lease. The mining opening permission was granted on 29.12.2020 and blasting permission was granted in March 2021.</p> <p>The committee enquired about the shortfall of production for FY year 21-22. The allottee stated that the target production as per the mine plan for the first year was 0.11 MT however, the actual production was 0.127 MT.</p>

Observation & Recommendation: -

The committee observed that as per the decision of the previous scrutiny committee, the two-year delay in granting of mine opening permission was attributable to the state government. Committee is of the opinion that the Allottee has made sincere efforts. The committee also noted that the blasting permission was granted in March 2021, therefore year FY 2021-22 should be considered as the first year of production. According to the approved mining plan, the target production for the first year, FY 2021-22, was 0.11 MT, however the actual production was 0.127 MT. Therefore, the committee recommended for not imposing any penalty for the shortage in coal production in FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22.

10. Baranj I-VI Coal Mines - M/s KPCL

Show cause notices dated 28.03.2020 and 17.09.2021 for deviation in the scheduled production/Reaching Rated Capacity for the year 2017-18,2018-19,2019-20 and 2020-21 and the corresponding replies of the Allottee were deliberated in the meeting.

Show Cause	Deliberations
<p>Date: 28.03.2020</p> <p>(i) Schedule of production for FY 2017-18,FY 2018-19,FY 2019-20</p> <p>(Target: 2.5 MT Actual 0 MT)</p> <p>Date: 28.03.2020</p>	<p>O/o NA stated that the issue of deviation in scheduled production for the year 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 was earlier deliberated in the 14th and 15th meetings of the Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>In the 15th meeting of the Scrutiny Committee, it was observed that it was the decision of the Allottee to go with the tender process for the appointment of MDO instead of novating the agreement of the prior allottee, and accordingly, the Allottee was responsible for the delay in the operationalization of the mine. However, competent authority in ministry</p>

(i) Schedule of production for FY 2020-21 (Target: 2.5 MT Actual 0.011 MT)	decided for reconsideration of the issue by Scrutiny Committee where court cases are involved. Allottee informed that the mine was not operationalized in time due to litigation wherein the matter is pending adjudication by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The allottee stated that the reason for the delay is due to the court case by the previous MDO for staying the tender process initiated by KPCL for the appointment of new MDO. Further, M/s KPCL came into agreement with Baranj Coal Mines Private Limited on 19.03.2021 for carrying out MDO operations however, there were agitations from villagers related to compensation and employment.
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Observation & Recommendation: -

The committee observed that M/s KPCL has approached court of law against the decision taken during the 15th Scrutiny Committee meeting. As the matter is subjudice, the committee decided to defer the subject matter until receipt of the order of court in this case.

11. Bhivkund Coal Mine - M/s Sunflag Iron & Steel Company Ltd (SISCO)

Show cause notice dated 27.06.2022 for delay in approval of mining plan and the corresponding reply dated 02.07.2022 of the Allottee was considered in the meeting.

Show Cause	Deliberations
Date- 27.06.2022 (i) For delay in approval of mining plan (Due date: 18.05.2022 Actual Date: 23.06.2022)	The Allottee informed that the mining plan application was submitted online on 15.02.2022 i.e within 3 months of allocation. The in-principal approval was obtained in 115 days on 23.06.2022. Out of these 115 days, mining plan was with M/s SISCO for only 22 days for compliance of observations of the mining plan approving committee (Internal Committee). The application was under examination of the Internal committee for remaining 93 days. The Internal committee raised queries for three times and they always replied within a week of the queries raised. Due to this, Allottee requested not to attribute them for delay in grant of mining plan.

Observation & Recommendation: -

The committee observed that the Allottee has applied for grant of mining plan in time, and they have also replied to the queries of the internal committee within a week of the observations given by the Internal committee. The delay in grant of mining plan was merely one month from the scheduled date. The delay is observed on part of the Internal Committee therefore, the committee recommended for not imposing any penalty on M/s SISCO for delay in approval of mining plan.

12. Naini –M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL)

Show Cause Notices dated 28.01.2020 and 29.09.2021 for delay in grant of EC, FC, Mining Lease, Land Acquisition, Application and Grant of Mine opening Permission and corresponding replies of the Allottee were considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

Show Cause	Deliberation
(i) Forest Clearance: Due Date - 13.05.2019, Actual Date: 12.10.2022 (ii) Environment Clearance: : Due Date -13.05.2019, Actual Date: 01.12.2021	<p>O/o NA informed that the issues were earlier considered in the 13th Scrutiny Committee meeting and the Committee had recommended that once EC and FC are obtained, then it will be considered once again along with reasons for the delay given by SCCL.</p> <p>Allottee stated that the prospecting license was obtained in May 2016 through notification under clause 4(1) of CBA Act 1957. They could not take up the drilling work due to stiff resistance from the villagers. Despite series of meetings at all levels, the villagers did not allow to take up the project activities. They even manhandled the officers of SCCL while they were marking the borehole point in the field.</p>
(i) Grant of Mining Lease: Due Date -13.08.2019 Grant of Mining Lease: 18.06.2020	<p>The law & order situation at Naini site was also appraised during several review meetings held in ministry of coal. Odisha govt was advised several times by the coal ministry to provide administrative support to carry out drilling work under police protection. The police protection was given only for a few days and again drilling work discontinued.</p>
(i) Land Acquisition Due Date - 13.03.20201 Actual Date: Pending	<p>In the meantime, they were able to complete the DGPS survey and other field work in the forest & non- forest area and the compliance report were submitted to DFO Angul on 19.11.2018. DFO returned the proposal on 24.11.2018 with the direction to submit the proposal with approved Mining plan. Accordingly, Mining Plan was re-submitted to MoC on 21.01.2019 and it was approved on 08.04.2019.</p>
(i) Application for Opening Permission: Due Date - 13.04.2021 Actual Date: 18.05.2022	<p>The Forest diversion proposal was re-submitted to DFO (Angul) on 15.05.2019. But the field inspections were cancelled twice due to villagers' resistance. After lots of effort, finally the FC-I was granted on 28.07.2021 and FC-II was granted on 12.10.2022. Subsequently, the modification of FC-II was issued on 10.01.2023 with conditions.</p> <p>Allottee insisted that they have sincerely tried at every stage for operationalization of the mine but due to reason beyond their control, the project got delayed. They have got mine opening permission in October 22, however, still forest land has not been transferred to them by the Odisha Forest department.</p> <p>Allottee committed for 5 MTPA coal productions in 1st year and assured that PRC (10 MTPA) will be achieved in 2nd year of production after handover of forest land. Also, the MDO contract has been given to DPR Contractor for 3 years.</p>
(i) Grant of Opening Permission: Due Date - 13.05.2021, Actual Date- 19.10.2022	

Observation & Recommendation: -

The committee is of the opinion that M/s SCCL has made sincere efforts at every stage to obtain statutory clearances within the scheduled timeline. The reasons for the delay in getting the clearances in time was beyond the control of the Allottee and they may not be made responsible for the delay in achievement of the milestones. Accordingly, the Committee recommended for not imposing any penalty on M/s SCCL for delay in grant of statutory clearances mentioned in the above mentioned show cause notices.

13. Pachwara South:- M/s Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Limited (NUPPL)

Show Cause Notice dated 13.09.2022 for failure to achieve milestones as per prescribed timelines – Prospecting License, Completion of Exploration and Preparation of Geological Report, Mining Lease Application, Submission of Mining Plan, Mining Plan Approval, Previous Approval Application, Previous Approval, Forest Clearance Application, Forest Clearance, Environment Clearance Application, Environment Clearance, Grant of Mining Lease, Land Acquisition, Opening of Escrow account,

Application for opening permission, Grant of opening permission and corresponding replies of the Allottee were deliberated in the meeting.

Show Cause	Deliberations
<p>Date: 13.09.2022</p> <p>(i) Prospecting License (ii) Completion of Exploration and Preparation of Geological Report (iii) Mining Lease Application (iv) Submission of Mining Plan (v) Mining Plan Approval (vi) Previous Approval Application (vii) Previous Approval (viii) Forest Clearance Application (ix) Forest Clearance (x) Environment Clearance Application (xi) Environment Clearance (xii) Grant of Mining Lease (xiii) Land Acquisition (xiv) Opening of Escrow account (xv) Application for opening permission (xvi) Grant of opening permission</p>	<p>The Committee was informed that the Allottee is behind schedule on 16 milestones for which Show cause notice was issued on 13.09.2022.</p> <p>Representative of NUPPL informed:</p> <p>(i) That land for the coal block was acquired under the CBA (A&D) Act, 1957 and that separate PL is not required.</p> <p>(ii) The block lies in Dumka district which is a difficult area as there were issues like law-and-order problem during exploration which caused delay in preparation of GR. There were frequent agitation and disturbance by the local villagers. After lots of effort and with cooperation of central and state government, exploration could be completed. The GR was submitted to CMPDIL which suggested further change. Thereafter, final GR was prepared. Delay in preparation of GR caused further delay in achievement of other milestones. As such request has been made to MoC for modification in timelines of milestones. Allottee further stated that the delay in acquisition of private land was mainly due to delay in meeting of R&R committee and delay in approval of R&R plan by Jharkhand govt. There is not any fixed R&R policy at state level in Jharkhand. R&R issue was resolved through negotiation.</p>

Observation & Recommendation:

Committee appreciated the efforts of the Allottee for successful completion of exploration in area where there is law and order issue. Committee observed that the Allottee has not explained clearly for delay of each milestone which makes it difficult for the Committee to arrive at a decision. Committee also advised the concerned section of ministry to give their comments on the points raised by the Allottee as reasons for delay in GR preparation and other milestones. The Committee recommended that Allottee should submit their explanation in details for delay of each milestone to ministry and ministry should give their comments and based on that, the show cause issues will be re-considered in next meeting.

14. Chandrabila:- M/s Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd. (TANGEDCO)

Show Cause Notices dated 08.07.2021 and 16.09.2022 for failure to achieve milestones as per prescribed timelines – Prospecting License, Completion of Exploration and Preparation of Geological Report, Mining Lease Application, Submission of Mining Plan, Mining Plan Approval, Previous Approval Application, Previous Approval, Forest Clearance Application, Forest Clearance, Environment Clearance Application, Environment Clearance, Grant of Mining Lease, Land Acquisition, Opening of Escrow account, Application for opening permission, Grant of opening permission and corresponding replies of the Allottee were deliberated in the meeting.

Show Cause	Deliberations

Date: 08.07.2021 (i) Prospecting License (ii) Completion of Exploration and Preparation of Geological Report Date: 16.09.2022 (i) Mining Lease Application (ii) Submission of Mining Plan (iii) Mining Plan Approval (iv) Previous Approval Application (v) Previous Approval (vi) Forest Clearance Application (vii) Forest Clearance (viii) Environment Clearance Application (ix) Environment Clearance (x) Grant of Mining Lease (xi) Land Acquisition (xii) Opening of Escrow account (xiii) Application for opening permission (xiv) Grant of opening permission	<p>The Scrutiny Committee was informed by Coal Ministry that even after seven years of allotment, M/s TANGENCO has not completed a single milestone. It was also informed that the Allottee is facing 2 major issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue of previous approval for prospecting in forest area of the block. • Issue of additional land for OB dumping. <p>Representative of TANGEDCO informed that they have written several letters to State Govt. of Odisha as well as to Central Govt. for facilitating their request for prospecting license for drilling/exploration in the forest area of the coal block. About 40 % area of the coal block lies in forest. Their application for PL in forest area has been rejected by MoEF&CC. Allottee further informed that as per the direction of MoC, CMPDIL has given them revised coordinates indicating additional land for OB dumping. Allottee informed that they are analyzing the new coordinates and if feasible, they may pursue for mining only in non-forest area of the block.</p>
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Observation & Recommendation: -

Committee observed that seven years has lapsed from the date of allotment and the Allottee has not completed even first milestone which shows that Allottee is not making enough efforts. The reasons given by Allottee for delay were not found satisfactory. It seems that they are not having a competent team for carrying out the work required for obtaining various clearances. Committee therefore recommended for upholding appropriation of BG as per the provisions of Agreement.

15. Kuraloi (A) North –M/s Vedanta Limited

Show Cause Notice dated 05.04.2022 for delay in approval of mining plan and the corresponding reply dated 20.04.2022 of Allottee was considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

Show Cause	Deliberations
Due Date -03.03.2022 (i) Approval of Mining Plan	<p>Allottee informed that immediately after getting the vesting order, they requested Odisha space Applications Centre (ORSAC) for appointment of an accredited agency for DGPS survey and Geo-coordinates for preparation of Geo-referenced map of the coal block. Upon receipt of the DGPS survey report, they immediately finalized the mining plan and uploaded on the SWCS portal of coal ministry. Due to some technical glitches in the portal, there was some delay in uploading the data and finally it was successfully uploaded on 08.01.2022, i.e., before the due date.</p> <p>The area of the coal block is 963 ha as per mine summary given at MSTC site and 965.78 ha as per the DGPS survey report. ORSAC and CMPDIL had given a certificate for area of the block as 965.78 ha. However, the Internal Committee for approval of mining plan repeatedly raised objections regarding the discrepancy in the area and it delayed the approval of mining plan. The Allottee emphasized that between the date of submission of mining plan and date of submission of last compliances report against the objections raised by the Internal committee, maximum time was taken by the committee. Thus, they are not at all responsible for delay in approval of the mining plan. Allottee further assured that the mine will start operation before the scheduled time.</p>

Observation & Recommendation: -

The committee observed that in-principal approval for the mining plan was given within one month of the scheduled date and final approval after about 5 months of the scheduled date. Allottee has made sincere efforts at all stages for completion of this milestone within the given timeline. The committee also agreed with the explanation given by the Allottee for delay in approval of mining plan and concluded that the delay cannot be attributed to them. The committee therefore recommended for not imposing any penalty on the Allottee.

16. Parsa Coal Mine– M/s Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd

Show Cause Notices dated 17.07.2017, 23.07.2019, 09.09.2020, 29.07.2021 & 09.06.2022 for delay in completion of below given milestones and corresponding replies of the Allottee were considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

Show Cause	Deliberation
Show cause notice dated 17.07.2017 for delay in FC.	The O/o NA informed that the issues were considered in 17th meeting of the committee and the committee deferred the decision and recommended to give one month time to the state representative to obtain and provide the comments of the state forest department on the issue of delayed transfer of forest land to the allottee. However, state forest department has not given any comment to the office of NA.
Show cause notice dated 23.07.2019 for delay in opening of Escrow account, application for mine opening permission and mine opening permission	Allottee informed that they faced major challenges in grant of Forest clearance (FC). Achievement of all other milestones are delayed due to delay in FC. He informed that all out efforts have been made by RRVUNL at every stage and they have informed ministry from time to time about the challenges that they faced.
Show cause notices dated 09.09.2020, 29.07.2021 and 09.06.2022 for non-production of coal in year 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 respectively.	<p>They applied for FC in time and submitted the compliances to the EDS/ADS raised by State Forest department and MoEF&CC without any delay. The state forest department and MoEF&CC has delayed in grant of FC and in transfer of forest area. In written replies to show cause notices to NA, they have given in chronological details about the efforts made by them for grant of FC.</p> <p>After detailed deliberation in the 17th meeting of the Scrutiny committee, the committee had also observed that prima facie the delay in grant of FC is not due to lapses by Allottee and state forest department seems to be responsible for this .The committee had given one month time to state forest department to respond, however, no response has been given by them.</p> <p>Presently, the mine has got all the clearances including mine opening permission. First, State Forest department delayed in transfer of forest land to them after grant of FC-II, and then delayed in grant of permission for tree cutting. However, tree cutting could not commence due to resistance of local villagers and NGOs.</p> <p>Allottee further stated that the State Forest Department of Chhattisgarh has even written a letter to the MoEF&CC to revoke the Forest Clearance.</p>

Observation & Recommendation: -

The representative of Chhattisgarh government also agreed that the local villagers and NGOs are resisting the tree cutting and other mining activities in this block. The committee is of the view that the Allottee has made serious efforts at all levels for

obtaining clearances and for completion of milestones within the scheduled timeline. The Allottee is thus not responsible for the delay in achievement of milestones mentioned in the show cause notices and therefore, penalty should not be imposed on them

17. Durgapur –II/ Taraimar & Sariya coal mine – M/s KPCL

Show Cause Notice dated 10.02.2022 for delay in grant of FC stage-I and the corresponding reply dated 17.02.2022 of M/s KPCL was considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

Show Cause	Deliberation
<p>(i) Forest Clearance Stage –I (Durgapur –II/ Sariya)</p> <p>Revised due date – 02.12.2021.</p> <p>Present status: pending</p>	<p>Allottee informed that the coal block was allotted for the proposed Godhna TPP End Use Plant located at Janjgir-Champa District, Chhattisgarh which is about 150 km from the coal block. Thereafter, the proposal for constructing the proposed Godhna TPP was placed before the KPCL Board for approval. However, the KPCL Board decided to seek the direction of Govt. of Karnataka and it is still pending.</p> <p>Allottee further stated that they applied in time for transfer of FC stage-I and FC-stage-II which were vested to them by Nominated Authority in its name. However, MoEF&CC rejected its proposal and advised to apply afresh as the earlier granted FC stage-I and II was revoked and the amount paid in CAMPA fund was refunded to the prior allottee. KPCL again requested MoEF&CC for reconsideration of its application for the transfer of earlier granted FC and has therefore not applied afresh.</p> <p>O/o NA informed that the ministry has also advised M/s KPCL during several review meetings to apply afresh for FC as the earlier granted FC has been revoked by MoEF&CC and they should not insist for transfer of FC which has been revoked. However, they have still not applied afresh. They have also been informed that sale of 50 % of produced coal has also been allowed for captive blocks.</p>

Observation & Recommendation: -

The Committee observed that the end-use-plants (EUP) linked with the coal block is not ready and KPCL is not sure whether this EUP will ever be constructed or not. Due to this, they have not made any serious efforts for grant of FC and unnecessarily insisting for the transfer of the FC of prior allottee which has been revoked by MoEF&CC. Substantial progress might have taken place if they had applied afresh for FC. The committee is of the view that M/s KPCL is responsible for delay in grant of FC stage-I. The committee recommended for upholding imposition of penalty as per the provisions of the Allotment Agreement.

18. Nerad Malegaon Coal Mine: - M/s Indrajit Power Private Limited (IPPL)

Show cause notices dated 03.09.2021 and 01.06.2022 for deviation from the scheduled production in year 2020-21 and 2021-22 and the corresponding replies of the allottee were considered in the meeting.

Show Cause	Deliberations
<p>Date: 03.09.2021</p> <p>(i) Schedule of production for FY 2020-21</p>	<p>O/o NA stated that the issue of deviation from the scheduled production was earlier deliberated in the 17th and 18th meetings of the Scrutiny Committee. In the 18th meeting of the committee, Allottee was advised to submit the details regarding fund management and land acquisition to O/o NA. Accordingly, M/s IPPL submitted the details, however, progress has not happened in land acquisition.</p>

Show Cause	Deliberations
<p>Date: 01.06.2022</p> <p>(i) Schedule of production for FY 2021-22</p>	<p>The allottee stated that the delay in starting coal production was mainly due to financial distress condition of its principal promoters and high land rate. The principal promoters (UGMN and UBSL) went into NCLT, and banks/financial institutions forbade them from making any new investment in the mine. New management has taken the control and they are keen to invest in the mine and start mining. 450 ha land is required, out of which 211 ha is required for opencast mining. The report of 6 boreholes which were drilled 2 years earlier did not match with GR which were vested to them. The mine is also geologically disturbed. The extractable reserved is 10.6 MT. The PRC from opencast is 0.15 Mt and underground is 0.26 MT.</p> <p>The landowners have increased the land price and the negotiation is going on for settlement of the land price with help of local administration for at least 80 ha land which is required in the beginning. M/s AMR, a Hyderabad-based company has been appointed as MDO. They have started the drilling operations and 25 boreholes have been drilled and bore holes report is expected in 2 months. Once the borehole reports are received, action plan will be formulated. They further informed that hiring of required manpower has also started.</p>

Observation & Recommendation: -

The Committee advised the Allottee to submit a letter within a fortnight to the O/o NA, giving the details of the proposed actions that they will take to start mining. As all the clearances are available except CTO, they should, in addition to land acquisition activity, try to get mine opening permission at the earliest. The tangible progress must be demonstrated, and mining operation must start as promised by M/s IIPL within 3 months. Based on the progress in the upcoming three months, the decision on the show cause notices will be taken in next meeting of the committee and till that time, the decision is deferred.

19. Bikram Coal mine: - M/s Birla Corporation Limited

Show cause notices dated 20.05.2022 and 05.09.2022 for the delay in grant of FC Stage-I and FC Stage-II respectively and the corresponding replies of the Allottee were considered in the meeting.

Show Cause	Deliberations
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<p>Date: 20.05.2022</p> <p>(i) Delay in Forest Clearance Stage-I</p> <p>Date: 05.09.2022</p> <p>(i) For delay in Grant of FC Stage-II</p>	<p>The allottee informed that there is discrepancy in the land record as mentioned by the revenue department and forest department across the state of Madhya Pradesh. Compensatory Afforestation land was identified in the district of Chhindwara and cleared by both departments at various levels and suitability certificate was also issued by DFO. However, Western Coalfield Limited (WCL) raised an objection that the identified CA land is falling under its Mining Lease Area. This detail was not present in any of the government or forest revenue records. The revenue department issued a letter withdrawing the availability of this land for CA purpose. In the process, they lost 4 crucial months. Still, they succeeded in getting FC stage-I clearance on 21.04.2022 against the scheduled date of 10.02.2022.</p> <p>Allottee stated that they have made all out efforts for timely completion of FC stage-I, however, due to land record issue of state government and objection of WCL, it was slightly delayed.</p> <p>Another proposal for a parcel of Government land identified in the District of Shahdol had to be abandoned due to similar issues.</p> <p>A third parcel of private land in Satna district is identified and IRO inspection by the MoEF&CC team is scheduled to be completed by 15th May 23 and FC-II may be granted by end of June.</p>
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Observation & Recommendation: -

The committee agrees with the reply of the Allottee for about 2 months delay in grant of FC stage-I. The state forest department withdrew the suitability certificate given by itself for the CA land and for this delay Allottee is not responsible. The delay in grant of FC stage-I is not attributable to the Allottee and therefore, the committee recommended for not imposing any penalty on the Allottee for delay in grant of FC-I.

Regarding the issue of delay in grant of FC-II, Committee observed that substantial progress has taken place and allottee is hopeful to get FC-II by end of June. The committee, therefore, recommended that the decision on the issue of FC stage-II is presently deferred, and it will be considered in another meeting after June 2023.

20. Bicharpur Coal Mine: - M/s Ultratech Cement Ltd (M/s UTCL)

Show cause notice dated 12.08.2022 for deviation from scheduled target coal production in the year 2021-22 and the corresponding reply of the Allottee was considered in the meeting.

Show Cause	Deliberations
<p>Date: 12.08.2022</p> <p>(i) Schedule of production for FY 2021-22</p>	<p>The allottee informed that the development of Seam IV was not possible without access to the forest which was accessed when the supplementary mining lease was executed on 19.08.2020. This is an underground coal mine and it was wrongly categorised as Schedule-II mine as only about 6 % development work was completed by the prior allottee. They have to complete the drivage of inclines for ventilation and haulage purposes. The development work started in 2018 but the major part of development works were completed after getting the supplementary mining lease on 19.08.2020.</p> <p>The allottee further stated that the first two years i.e., FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 are for the development of the mine as per the approved mining plan and coal production is to start from the IIIrd year, i.e.2022-23. Therefore, the scheduled production in 2021-22 is zero and it is 0.25 MT in third year i.e., 2022-23 as per the approved mining plan. They have produced 0.36 MT coal in 2022-23 and they will achieve the full capacity of 0.75 MTPA in year 2023-24.</p>

Observation & Recommendation: -

The committee directed the allottee to give a written commitment to the office of Nominated Authority for achieving the full capacity of 0.75 MTPA in FY 2023–2024 and till that time the decision on the above-mentioned show cause notice is kept in abeyance. Once the PRC of 0.75 MT is achieved, the issue will again be considered in another meeting of the committee and then final decision will be taken on this show cause notice.

21. Gotitoria East and West Coal Mines: -M/s Boulder Stone Mart Private Ltd.

Show cause notice dated 28.10.2022 for Completion of transfer of Statutory Permissions obtained by Prior Allottee/obtaining fresh Statutory Permissions and for Opening of Escrow Account and the corresponding replies of the Allottee were considered in the meeting.

Show Cause	Deliberations
Date: 28.10.2022 (i) Transfer of Statutory Permissions obtained by Prior Allottee / obtaining fresh Statutory Permissions (ii) Opening of Escrow Account	<p>The Allottee stated that as per Coal Mines Development & Production Agreement (CMDPA), the time limit of 9 months specified in schedule D of CMDPA for schedule II coal mine is not applicable in case of those clearances which are not transferred, and which are to be taken afresh. They had to apply afresh for CTE. CTO to State Pollution Control Board and for use of ground water to CGWA as these clearances of Prior Allottee were not transferred to them. Therefore, timeline for these statutory clearances should be revised by NA in accordance with the provisions of CMDPA.</p> <p>The Allottee further stated that, even though they had to obtain CTE/CTO and ground water permission afresh, they obtained mine opening permission on 22.10.2022, i.e. within one year of allocation (date of allocation is 18.11.2021). They even started coal production in March 2023 and assured that they will produce 0.3 MTPA coal in 2023-24 which is equivalent to Peak rated capacity of the mine. They have made all out efforts for starting the mine at the earliest. There was delay in grant of permission to draw ground water by CGWA, otherwise, the mining operation could have started earlier.</p>

Observation & Recommendation:

The committee is of the opinion that the Allottee has made sincere efforts for transfer or grant of given statutory permissions, and they are not responsible for any delay in achievement of the given milestones. The committee, therefore, recommended for not imposing any penalty for delay in achievement of the milestones mentioned in the show cause notice.

Annexure:- I**List of participants:****Members of the Scrutiny Committee:**

S.N.	Name	Designation
1	Sri P.S. Bhattacharya	Chairman of the Committee, Ex Chairman, CIL
2	Sri N.C.Jha	Member, Ex Director (Tech) and Chairman (Addl Charge), CIL
3	Sri Sunil Pradeep Kujur	DDM, Mines & Geology Department , Govt. of Jharkhand
4	Sri Manoj Toppo	Mines & Geology Department , Govt. of Jharkhand
5	Dr Sanjay Khare	Member, Mineral Resources Department, Govt. of Chhattisgarh
6	Sri Anoop Mishra	Member, DGM .Mining Deptt, ,Govt. of Madhya Pradesh
7	Sri Gajanan Kamde	DGM. Mining Deptt, Govt of Maharashtra
8	Sri S K Swain	Special Secretary, Odisha Govt
9	Smt Vandana Yadav	Pr. Secretary. Govt of West Bengal
10	Sri C. Patra	General Manager, CMPDIL
11	Sri K Mukhopadhaya	Office of CCO

Ministry of Coal:-

S.N.	Name	Designation
1	Sri Ajitesh Kumar	Director (NA)
2	Sri Jitendra Kumar	Chief Manager
3	Sri Manish Uniyal	Under Secretary(NA)
4	Sri Harishchand	Manager
5	Sri Jaibant Kishore Dev Varma	Dy. Chief Manager
6	Sri Komirineni Venkateshwarlu	Additional Manager
7	Sri Prince Kumar	Deputy Executive Engineer
8	Young Professionals	
9	PMU team	

Allottees:

S.N.	Name	Comapny
1	Sri Arun Acharya	West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited
2	Sri Gaurav Poddar	West Bengal Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited
3	Sri A Raychaudhary	Durgapur Projects Ltd
4	Sri Sudarshan Ghanti	Durgapur Projects Ltd
5	Sri Srinivas Rao	Powerplus Traders Private Limited
6	Sri R P Rotolia	Powerplus Traders Private Limited
7	Sri Arvind Kumar	Araanya Mines Pvt. Ltd.
8	Sri Anand Mohan Prasad	Tirumla Industries Ltd
9	Sri Satya Narayana Meena	Aurobindo Realty and Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd
10	Sri Sanjay Mishra	Aurobindo Realty and Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd
11	Sri Afroz Ali	Adani Enterprises Ltd
12	Sri Shanto Mukherjee	Adani Enterprises Ltd
13	Sri Anand Azmi	Topworth Urja & Metals Ltd
14	Sri K Sagar	B S Ispat Limited
15	Sri R K Chpra	Sunflag Iron & Steel Company Ltd
16	Sri Pawan Kumar	Sunflag Iron & Steel Company Ltd
17	Sri N V K Srinivas	SCCL
18	Sri S C Suman	NLCIL
19	Representative of Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd. (TANGEDCO)	
20	Sri Himanshu Singh	Vedanta Ltd
21	Sri Chandan Bhartiya	Vedanta Ltd
22	Sri Hemraj	RRVUNL
23	Sri S N Sharma	KPCL
24	Sri Rajeev Munjal	Inderjeet Power Pvt Ltd
25	Sri Bhupendra Choudhry	Birla Corporation Ltd
26	Sri Sandeep Jain	Birla Corporation Ltd
27	Sri Syed Khadri	Ultra Tech Cements Ltd
28	Sri Raghu Sharma	Builder Stone Mart Pvt Ltd