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Ministry of Coal

O/o Nominated Authority

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Room No.120, 'F-Wing', Shastri Bhawan,  
New Delhi, Dated: November 16, 2021

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject: - Minutes of 16th meeting of Scrutiny Committee to consider / examine the submissions/replies made by Successful Bidders / Allottees of the coal mines allocated under CM(SP) Act and MMDR Act for deviation from milestones /the scheduled production mentioned in the Mine Plan.

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The undersigned is directed to refer to subject mentioned above and to forward herewith minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of Scrutiny Committee held on 24.09.2021 through virtual mode in order to examine the replies to the Show Cause Notices (for deviation from various milestones prescribed in Efficiency Parameter) for mines allocated under CM(SP) Act and MMDR Act.

2. This is for your information and further necessary actions to be taken, if any.

Encl: As above.



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To,

1. The Chief Secretaries of the State Government of Chhattisgarh / West Bengal/ Jharkhand/ Odisha/ Maharashtra/ Madhya Pradesh/Telangana
2. Shri Partha S. Bhattacharyya, Ex Chairman, Coal India Limited and Chairman, Scrutiny Committee.
3. Shri N.C.Jha, Ex- Director /acting Chairman, CIL
4. GM (UMD), CMPDIL
5. Shri Sujoy Majumder, OSD (Mining), CCO
6. The participants/ participating Allocattees of coal mines.
7. DS (P&S)

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**Minutes of 16th meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 24.09.2021 for Coal Blocks allocated under CM(SP)Act, 2015 and MMDR Act, 1957.**

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**List of participants present virtually is at Annexure.**

The 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Scrutiny Committee was convened on 24.09.2021 to consider/examine the cases involving deviation from scheduled operationalization of coal mine/production of coal in respect of coal blocks allocated under the provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 and MMDR Act, 1957. Chairman welcomed all the members of the committee and other participants.

The brief of the discussions that followed are as under:

**(A) For Coal Mines allocated under CM(SP)Act, 2015**

**1. Talaipalli coal mine-M/s NTPC Limited**

The Show Cause Notice dated 21st June 2021 for not achieving scheduled coal production in FY 2019-20 and in FY 2020-21 and corresponding reply dated 07.07.2021 of allottee were considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

Year	Scheduled coal production(MT)	Actual Coal production(MT)
2019-20	1.5	0.19
2020-21	4.0	0.812

Allottee informed that all the clearances for opening the coalmine were obtained in time and coal production started in November 2019 but they are facing difficulty with their MDO. The first MDO appointed in November 2017 did not start work and the contract had to be terminated in the year 2019 due to FIR filed by CBI and issue is sub-judice.

The allottee further added that they have awarded fresh contract in August 2020 to M/s. Triveni Earthmovers Private Limited but the new MDO is of the view that approved Mining Plan (MP) is not workable and challenged MP issue in a court of law. Hon'ble High Court of Delhi has advised both Allottee and MDO to resolve the matter amicably. Both the allottee and MDO have approached CMPDIL for reviewing the problem raised by MDO regarding Mining Plan. It was informed by the allottee that the report of CMPDIL is under examination and contains facts in line with the views of MDO.

Representative of CMPDIL mentioned that technically there is some problem is existing Mining Plan and the provisions regarding internal dumping in the approved Mining Plan are not workable and suggested for revision in the Mining Plan.

The Scrutiny Committee observed that appointment of MDO is the responsibility of allottee but due to technical issues associated with the Mining Plan the allottee is required to settle these issues within three months time. **The Scrutiny Committee will review the issue of non-achievement of scheduled coal production after three months time.**

## 2. Gare Palma IV/8 coal mine- M/s Ambuja Cements Limited

The show cause notice dated 9.9.2020 and corresponding reply dated 24.09.2020/17.10.2020 for not achieving scheduled coal production in FY 2019-20 and the show cause notice dated 17.06.2021 and corresponding reply dated 30.06.2021 for not achieving scheduled coal production in FY 2020-21 were considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

Year	Scheduled coal production(MT)	Actual Coal production(MT)
2019-20	0.6	0.4
2020-21	0.6	0.169

- **For coal production in FY 2019-20:-**

The allottee informed that the coal production target for the year 2019-20 was 0.4 MT from opencast mine and nil from underground mine as per approved Mining Plan. Allottee further informed that under clause 7.13 of the Mining Plan, it is mentioned for the underground part that the first year will start from the year inclines enter into seam –II and interconnections are made in the coal and as the seam–II was touched in January 2021 and therefore FY 2020-21 be treated as first year for underground production.

In view of the submission made by the allottee, the Committee recommended that O/o Nominated Authority seek comments from CMPDIL for year wise production schedule referring the approved Mining Plan and on the basis of comments of CMDIL decision will be taken in the next meeting.

- **For coal production in FY 2020-21:-**

The allottee informed that they could not meet the coal production target as the State Government did not issue off-line transit permit from August 2020 and transit pass permission was valid only up to July 2020. Allottee further informed that they made request to the state government for transit permit several times and only after intervention of Ministry of Coal in March 2021 transit permits were issued to them on 20.04.2021 and since then the coal mine is continuously producing. Allottee informed that there had been no lapses on their part and coal production had started from underground mine from September 2021.

Committee viewed that the State Government should not withdraw the transit permit without any valid reasons and **recommended that O/o Nominated Authority seek comments from the Government of Chhattisgarh State and based on decision would be taken in the next meeting.**

### **3. Gidhmuri & Paturia coal mine-M/s Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Company Limited**

The show cause notice dated 9.11.2016 for delay in submitting application for forest clearance and corresponding reply dated 29.11.2016 and the show cause notice dated 19.3.2018 and corresponding reply dated 31.3.2018 for delay in forest clearance were considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

It was informed that the above milestones had been reviewed in the 11<sup>th</sup> Scrutiny Committee meeting too and the Committee had recommended for seeking clarifications from the Government of Chhattisgarh State. O/o NA informed that comments had been sought vide letter dated 25.09.2020, 03.02.2021, 28.05.2021 and 16.07.2021 from the Government of Chhattisgarh State, but no reply has been received till date. The allottee also informed that they faced resistance of villagers in DGPS survey and in identifying about 1400 Ha CA land and that their coal mine is falling under proposed Lemuru Elephant Corridor area. It was further informed that they had received a letter from APCCF, Chhattisgarh in the month August 2020 wherein it was mentioned that no action would be taken by them for FC till the State Government decided over Lemuru Elephant Corridor area. Allottee informed that they had submitted the compliance for section 7 under CBA Act but due to non-demarcation of the area they could not proceed ahead.

Representative from Government of Chhattisgarh mentioned that the State Cabinet has since approved Lemuru Elephant Corridor and notification would be issued within a month.

Committee observed that various reminders had been sent to the Government of Chhattisgarh from MoC for seeking their comments but the reply was still awaited. **Committee recommended that the State Government issue an interim letter regarding Lemuru Elephant Corridor pending final notification and based on their comments and notification of the elephant corridor, composite decision would be taken after one month..**

### **4. Ardhamgram coal mine- M/s OCL Iron and Steel Limited**

The Show Cause Notice dated 26.02.2021; 12.04.2021 & 19.05.2021 for non-compliance of the scheduled coal production for the years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 and reply dated 13.9.2021 were considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

Allocattee was not present in the meeting. O/o NA informed that Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) has lapsed and the allottee has not renewed it till date.

**Committee recommended that the O/o Nominated Authority should proceed for due administrative decision as per the contract/ agreement, since the bank guarantee has lapsed as the decision on show cause notices could be taken only after a valid PBG was available with the Government.**

### **5. Baitarni West coal mine-M/s Odisha Mining Corporation Limited**

The Show Cause Notice dated 7.3.2017 for failure in timely notification under section 7 of CBA Act and corresponding reply dated 17.3.2017 were considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

Allottee informed that zero date had been revised to 14.8.2020 and section 4(1) notification under CBA Act obtained on 14.12.2020 and application submitted for notification under section 7 of CBA Act in March 2021 which was notified on 25.05.2021.

Committee observed that Section 4(1) notification under CBA Act was obtained by Allottee on 14.12.2020 and according to the procedure they have to apply for section 7(1) only after ninety days of notification under section 4(1) of CBA Act and therefore the delay is not attributable to the allottee. **Committee recommended that relaxation may be granted to allottee as delay is not on the part of allottee.**

**6. Madanpur South coal mine- M/s Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Limited**

The Show Cause Notice dated 9.9.2020 for failure in timely completion of land acquisition, escrow account opening, submission of application for mine opening permission (MOP) and grant of MOP and corresponding reply dated 25.9.2020 were considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

Allottee informed that since there was not much progress related to Mining Lease permission at the State Government level, they explored the possibilities of applying alternative method of land acquisition under CBA Act 1957. Allottee further informed that on continuous persuasion with the Coal Ministry notifications under Sections 3 and 4 have been completed and notification under section 7 of CBA Act is pending. Of late the State Government has objected to land acquisition under CBA Act itself.

The representative from Government of Chhattisgarh commented that the cabinet decision regarding Lemuru Elephant Corridor has been taken and notification would be issued in a month and accordingly things would be cleared with regard to development of this coal mine.

**The Committee recommended that the issues be discussed and decision taken in the next meeting after notification of Lemuru Elephant Corridor.**

**7. Marki Mangli –III:- ( M/s B S Ispat Ltd)**

- (a) The Show Cause Notice dated 6.4.2021 for failure in renewal of Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) and corresponding reply dated 12.4.2021 were considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

Allottee informed that due to merger of Andhra Bank with Union bank renewal of PBG got delayed and now the issue has been resolved and PBG will be submitted by 4.10.2021. But PBG has not been submitted yet.

Scrutiny committee inquired from O/o NA whether any instructions were issued to the bank to either extend or appropriate the PBG before expiry. O/o NA informed that allottee was continuously reminded vide email, letter and telephone to renew the PBG well before a month prior to expiry date. Committee observed that the issue is administrative in nature and **recommended that NA should take decision regarding this at its own level as per the agreement.**

- (b) The Show Cause Notice dated 30.12.2020 for failure in achieving target coal production for the years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 and corresponding reply were considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

Allottee informed that delays in obtaining various clearances were not intentional and it all delayed due to non clarity and insufficient data in tender documents as the mine was combined with Marki Mangli II, & IV before reallocation but auction was done only for Marki Mangli-III. Allottee further informed that during periodic review meetings held from time to time nodal officer of the State Govt. was absent and correct assessment of facts and ground realities could not be done.

Office of NA informed that it is a scheduled-II coal mine and was scheduled to start production in financial year 2015-2016 and allottee had failed to obtain clearances even within timeline given for schedule-III mines.

State government representative agreed with the justification given by allottee for delay and proposed waiver on imposition of penalty.

**Committee viewed that allottee was not responsible for failing to achieve scheduled coal production and recommended that penalty should not be imposed.**

#### **8. Suliyari:- M/s APMDC**

The Show Cause Notice dated 9.9.2020 for failure in timely completion of land acquisition, escrow account opening, submission of application for mine opening permission(MOP) and grant of MOP and corresponding reply were considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

Allottee informed that they were also the prior allottee of the mine and approached MoC to consider the Mining Plan which was earlier submitted for approval before cancellation but the Ministry of Coal directed them to submit a new Mining Plan. Further, MoC directed to submit only the Phase I of MP and not Phase I and Phase II simultaneously. MoC later directed that new format for Mining Plan was required for approval and under the new regime both Phases I & II need to be submitted simultaneously. Allottee informed that the directives of MoC were complied but in the process they lost about one and a half years and despite this they have got mine opening permission and will start coal production shortly.

Regarding land acquisition the allottee informed that the required funds for the Land acquisition were duly deposited prior to passing of the 'Award' by the State Government and since then the disbursement of funds have continuously progressed and Rs. 480 crores has been disbursed and compensation for land for the initial 3 years of mining operation has been already disbursed. The delay in disbursement of compensation happened due to general elections, panchayat elections and covid-19 pandemic.

The Committee was apprised that previous show cause notices issued against the allottee are sub-judice and the court has ordered that both parties should strive to find an amicable solution.

**Committee is of the opinion that allottee is not responsible for delay in achievement of milestones mentioned in the show cause notice and recommended for quashing of the show causes.**

## **9. Bicharpur :- M/s UltraTech Cement Limited**

The Show Cause Notice dated 22.7.2016 for failure to apply in time for CTO, Show Cause Notice dated 18.7.2018 for obtaining Mining Lease, CTO and mine opening permission in time and Show Cause Notice dated 9.9.2020 for failing to achieve scheduled coal production in years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 and corresponding reply were considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

Allottee informed that though the mine has been declared schedule II but prior allottee was having only conditional mining opening permission for incline drivage and only 6% of incline drivage and shaft sinking was completed by the prior allocate. The allottee further informed that there was delay in registration of Mining Lease due to dispute in calculation of stamp duty and due to letter of IG Stamps, Bhopal to discontinue development work till deposition of additional stamp duty of Rs 18 crores in addition to the already paid Rs. 8 crores.

It was informed to the Committee that these issues were considered in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Scrutiny Committee meetings and the Committee had then recommended to seek comments of the State Government before taking decision. O/o NA informed that the State Government has not sent any comments on this issue till date.

State Government representative informed that the State Govt. had issued letter to M/s Ultra Tech Cements Ltd in year 2018 but there was no restriction on mining activities and regarding CTO he informed that the application has been rejected by the State Pollution Control Board on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021.

Regarding issuance of CTO the allottee informed that it is mandated that application of CTO has to be submitted at least 2 months before the commissioning of the project and they had reapplied in August 2021 which is pending with the State pollution Control Board presently. Scrutiny committee advised the State Government representative to send written comments to O/o NA in this matter. The State Government representative assured that written comment would be sent to the O/o NA in a week.

**Committee recommended that the recommendations of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Scrutiny Committee will remain valid presently and the issue would be considered afresh only after seeing the comments of the State government.**

#### 10. Amelia:- M/s THDC

The Show Cause Notice dated 23.7.2019 for failure to obtain environment clearance, forest clearance and Mining Lease and corresponding reply were considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

O/o Nominated Authority apprised that the allottee had to go for revision in Mining Plan due to reduction in forest area by MoEF&CC and MoC allowed for reduction in annual capacity and this led to revision of zero date from 17/01/2017 to 12/12/2018. It was also informed that even after revision of zero date and after revision of scheduled date for milestones, the allottee failed to obtain the clearances within revised time schedule.

Allottee informed that though the mine area was reduced on 12/12/2018 by MoEF&CC but MoC granted permission for revised Mining Plan with reduced area on 29/3/2019. Then THDC pointed that with current PRC of 8.4 MTPA coal reserves would be exhausted early and therefore requested MoC for reduction of peak rated capacity (PRC) from 8.4 MTPA to 5.6 MTPA and finally it was agreed by MoC on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 and revised mine plan with mine closure plan was approved on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. The allottee emphasized that due to delay in approval of revised MP with reduced PRC achievement of other milestones got delayed.

The State Government representative agreed with the submission of the allottee.

Committee members further enquired whether timelines for mining Plan approval were also revised with the new zero date (12/12/2018) to which O/o NA replied that only those milestones which are obtained after Forest Clearance were revised but Mining Plan schedule date was left unrevised. Committee advised that Mining Plan scheduled date should also have been revised.

**Committee recommended that delay could not be attributed to the allottee and Show Cause should be dropped.**

#### 11. Sialghogri:- M/s Reliance Cement Company Pvt Ltd

The Show Cause Notice dated 9/9/2020 for non-compliance of the scheduled coal production for year 2019-20 and corresponding reply were considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

In the beginning, Sri N C Jha, a Committee member informed that he would not make any comment on this mine as he was associated with the allottee company in some other projects.

The allottee informed that the mine was not properly developed by prior allottee (PA) and required infrastructure was not available. He stated that PA was scheduled to start coal production from 2008-09 and reach PRC in 2011-12 through 3 mine entries and continuous miner but PA did not provide these things till 31.03.2015. Only one and a half incline was made till 31.03.2015. The Prior Allottee got Mine Opening Permission in March 2012 and Consent to Operate in February 2014. Prior allottee was already in deviation for several years from the proposed coal production as per approved Mining Plan and he stated that it was not possible for

RCCPL to produce at PRC immediately after taking over the mine. Allottee further informed that the mine was under prohibition order of DGMS at the time of allocation in year 2015 and the company had to spend huge amounts to develop the mine, improving safety standards to comply with prohibition order and to improve mine infrastructure which otherwise should have been done by the Prior Allottee.

RCCPL also informed that they submitted revised Mining Plan in October 2017 with proposal for shifting calendar production schedule due to the above facts but the approval of Mining Plan is still pending and the matter is sub-judice at Hon'ble High court of Delhi. It was further mentioned that two cases related to appropriation of PBG by NA on slippage of other milestones are sub-judice at the coal tribunal, Singrauli.

After hearing comments of the allottee, Committee asked when they are expecting to achieve PRC and allottee replied that PRC will be achieved in FY 2022-23.

**Committee observed that previous decisions for PBG appropriation were sub judice and recommended that decision on this show cause notice should be taken only after decision of court of law in the previous cases.**

## **12. Meral:- M/s Trimula Industries Limited**

The Show Cause Notice (SCN) dated 21.3.2017 for failure in timely completion of previous approval, SCN dated 19.2.2018 for failure in obtaining Mining Lease(ML) and SCN dated 24.7.2018 for land acquisition, escrow account opening, submission of application for mine opening permission(MOP) and grant of MOP and corresponding reply were considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

O/o NA informed that these issues were considered in the 13<sup>th</sup> Scrutiny Committee meeting and the Committee had recommended office of NA to obtain comments from the State Government within a stipulated time of one month and thereafter final decision would be taken. In compliance to this, NA vide its letter dated 26.02.2021 sought comments of State Government on these issues, however, no comments have been received from the State Government till date.

O/o NA apprised Scrutiny Committee that the allottee has requested for surrendering of 74.01 hectare non-coal bearing area (Forest land) to MoC. As it is a policy issue, decision has been taken to refer the matter to Empowered committee of Secretaries (ECoS), but decision of ECoS is pending.

Allottee informed that as per tender document there was no forest land within the coal block area but later on the State Forest Department informed that a part of land patch is Jungle Jhari(JJ) land and advised them to obtain forest clearance for this land. Allottee further informed that this JJ land is non-coal bearing area and due to this they decided to surrender this JJ land patch.

Committee observed that delay in obtaining clearances is due to change in nature of land as per record and decision of allottee to surrender a part of coal block area. **Committee decided to deliberate upon the issue comprehensively only after the decision of ECoS was available.**

### 13. Lohari:- M/s Araanya Mines Private Limited

The Show Cause Notice (SCN) dated 21.3.2017 for failure in obtaining forest clearance, SCN dated 19.2.2018 for failure in obtaining Mining Lease (ML) and SCN dated 24.7.2019 for land acquisition, escrow account opening, submission of application for mine opening permission (MOP) and grant of MOP and corresponding reply were considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

O/o NA informed that these issues were considered in the 13<sup>th</sup> Scrutiny Committee meeting and the Committee had recommended office of NA to obtain the comments of the State Government within a stipulated time of one month and thereafter final decision would be taken. In compliance to this, NA, vide its letter dated 23.02.2021, sought comments of the State Government on these issues, however, no comments have been obtained from the State Government till date.

Allottee informed that DC, Palamau, directed for revisional survey of 4 villages (over which ML area of 405 ha of coal mine is spread) and to prepare the new Khatiyani and in revisional survey coal block was found to be free of Jungle Jhari(JJ). Thereafter, they submitted plot wise land schedule on the basis of revisional survey to the Circle officer, Pandawa for verification and certified land schedule was submitted to DMO on 18.5.2017. Dept. of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand directed to obtain certified mines boundary from CMPDIL. On the basis of CMPDIL letter, NA issued corrigendum to vesting order and block bounding coordinates were modified on 8.1.2018 and certified mines boundary was submitted to Director(Mines & Geology), GoJ on 20.04.2018.

Allottee further informed that as per direction of Chief Secretary, GoJ, they prepared Mining Plan for non-Jungle Jhari land and submitted application for Mining Lease for non-Jungle Jhari land on 13.10.2018. Out of 84.95 acres vested land, district revenue authority verified and registered only 55.7967 acres of land and registration of remaining land is pending. The issue of 59.40 acres of land in names of the employees of prior allottee is sub-judice.

Allottee informed that land acquisition and other clearances will be granted only after Mining Lease was granted.

Committee observed that due to change in nature of land schedule in the government record Mining Lease and other clearances got delayed and therefore in absence of comments of the State Government decision couldn't be taken on these show cause notices. **Committee recommended that once again O/o Nominated Authority should share the details of show cause notices and replies of allottee with the State Government and seek their comment on these issues.**

### 14. Dumri :- M/s Hindalco Industries Limited

The Show Cause Notice (SCN) dated 21.3.2017 for failure in obtaining forest clearance, SCN dated 19.2.2018 for failure in obtaining Mining Lease (ML) and SCN dated 24.7.2019 for land acquisition, escrow account opening, submission of application for mine opening permission(MOP) and grant of MOP and corresponding reply were considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

O/o NA informed that these issues were considered in the 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Scrutiny Committee meetings and the Committee had recommended office of NA to obtain the comments of State

Government within a stipulated time of one month and thereafter final decision would be taken. In compliance to this, NA, vide its letter dated 19.3.2020 and 4.3.2021, sought comments of the State Government on these issues, however, no comments have been obtained from State Government till date.

O/o Nominated Authority apprised Scrutiny Committee that a part of land, which was earlier accepted by the State Forest Department for CA purpose, was rejected, however, allottee insisted for acceptance of that. Allottee informed that the issue will be resolved shortly.

**Committee observed that forest clearance is primarily a state matter and comments of the State Government is must for taking any decision. As no comment has been received from the State Government, Committee is of the view that NA may again seek comments from the State Government on specific reasons given by allottee for delay in forest clearance. The Committee also expressed that final decision in respect of delay in Mining Lease, Land Acquisition, Opening of Escrow Account, Application of MOP and grant of MOP would be taken subsequent to receipt of comments of the State Government in respect of delay in Forest clearance. Further, allottee is also directed to take up the matter with the State Government for an early reply.**

#### **14. Tubed:- M/s DVC**

The Show Cause Notice (SCN) dated 22.3.2017 for failure in applying for Mining Lease or notification under section 7 of CBA Act, SCN dated 19.3.2018 for failure in applying for forest clearance and SCN dated 13.9.2018 for forest clearance and environment clearance within timeline given in CMDPA and corresponding reply of allottee were considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

O/o NA informed that these issues were considered in the 13<sup>th</sup> Scrutiny Committee meeting and the Committee had observed that delay was due to both allottee as well as due to the State Government and directed the allottee to submit chronological details and related documents and advised O/o NA to again seek comments of the State Government within a stipulated time of one month after which final decision would be taken. In compliance to this, NA, vide its letter dated 09.03.2021, sought comments of the State Government on these issues, however, no comments have been obtained till date.

Allottee informed that they have submitted chronological details regarding steps taken for obtaining clearances to O/o NA in accordance with directive of the 13<sup>th</sup> Scrutiny Committee meeting and insisted that delay is not on part of them.

Scrutiny Committee observed that though the application for Mining Lease (ML) were submitted late but ML was obtained within given timeline. It was also observed that delay was there in collection of land schedule from the State Government as there was discrepancy in quantum of forest land within the coal block area as per earlier cadastral survey and as per latest revisional survey. Committee further observed that decision on these show cause notices can't be taken in absence of comment of the State Government and **recommended that once again O/o Nominated Authority should share details of show cause notices and replies of allottee with the State Government and seek their comment on these issues and base on that final decision would be taken. Committee also directed allottee to take up the issue with the State Government for an early reply from them.**

**(B)For Coal Mines allocated under MMDR Act, 1957**

**1. Kerwa:- M/s Kerwa Coal Limited (JV of Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Corporation. and M.P. State Mining Corporation Ltd.)**

Deputy secretary(P&S-I),MoC informed the status of Kerwa coal block. Allottee explained the reason for delay in obtaining clearances in time especially the delay in getting prospecting licence(PL) for exploration and emphasized that delay was on part of the State Government. Representative of Chhattisgarh Government accepted that there was delay on account of forest clearance by the State in granting and it can't be attributed to the allottee and he further added that the allottee has been working very sincerely and all the drilling/field work has been completed in very short span of time. Allottee informed that application for PL was submitted in time and they are very close to preparation of GR. Committee observed that allotment agreement has been amended and recommended that the date of 1st amendment agreement be considered as zero date and delay in achievement of milestone will not be attributable to the allottee.

**2. Brahmani:- M/s Orissa Minerals Development Company (OMDC)**

Deputy secretary(P&S-I),MoC informed the status of Brahmani coal block and stated that allottee is requesting data of GR from CMPDIL without payment which appears to be the main reason of delay in development of the block. He also informed that Ministry of Coal is not agreeable to the request of allottee. Representative of OMDC informed that they have already submitted the Interim GR and it appears that there is not much coal in the block and therefore they are of the view of surrendering the block. Committee suggested allottee to make a representation to the Ministry for surrender of the block and the Ministry may decide on that as per terms and conditions of the allocation agreement. Committee didn't make any final call on the show cause notice and advised MoC to first take decision on request of allottee for surrendering of mine.

**3. Chandrabila:-**

Committee decided to take up this issue in next meeting.

**Annexure I :-****Committee members:**

Sl. No.	Name and designation
1.	Shri Partha S. Bhattacharya Chairman of the Committee
2.	Shri Nirmal Chandra Jha, Member
3.	Shri Chiranjib Patra, GM, CMPDIL
4.	Shri Anurag Diwan, Joint Director, Govt. of Chhattisgarh
5.	Shri Vivek Austin, Director (Mines), Govt of Madhya Pradesh
6.	Representative of Govt of Maharashtra

**MoC Officials:**

Sl. No.	Name and designation
1.	Shri Darshan Kumar Solanki, Deputy Secretary (P&S)
2.	Shri Jitendra Kumar, Chief Manager (Mining)
3.	Ms. Swati, Manager
4.	Shri Abhisek Kumar, ASO
5.	Shri Harish Chand, Manager
6.	Ms. Uma Chakraborty, YP
7.	Shri Ramawtar Yadav, YP
8.	Ms. Payal Dhumal, YP

**List of Allottees:**

Sl. No.	Name and designation
1.	Shri Partha Mazumder RED (Coal Mining) NTPC
2.	Shri C.K. Bansal, M/s Ambuja Cements Limited
3.	Shri Sharnappa Kambli, M/s Ambuja Cements Limited
4.	Shri K.C. Brahma, Director (P&P)

5.	Shri K.C.Sarangi, Addl GM (Project)
6.	MD, CSPGCL
7.	MD, APMDC
8.	ED, THDCIL
9.	Shri Sanjay Singhal, AGM, THDCIL
10.	Shri Binsi Babu, THDC India Limited
11.	ShriArihantBothra
12.	Shri Syed Khadry Bicharpur
13.	Shri Vivek Mishra, HINDALCO
14.	Shri Anand Mohan Prasad
15.	Kerwa Coal Limited
16.	Sandeep Jain, RCCPL Pvt Ltd
17.	The M P State Mining Corporation
18.	Chief Engineer/TANGEDCO
19.	Shri B S Chaudhary, RCCPL
20.	Araanya Mines Pvt.Ltd.
21.	Shri BP Misra Marki Mangli-III
22.	Shri Jagesh Mandiye
23.	Ms Manorma Mohapatra

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