

No.J-11015/171/2015-IA-II(M)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
IA-II (Coal Mining) Division

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Dated: 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

To,

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**Sub: Coal Washery of 10 MTPA in an area of 39.35 ha by M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited located at Ib Valley in Lakhanpur area, District Jharsuguda (Odisha) - EC amendment - reg.**

Sir,

This is with reference to your vide letter No. MCL/SBP/GM(ENVT)/Ib-Valley Washery/2017/2576 dated 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 along with online proposal No. IA/OR/CMIN/27786/2015 dated 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 and subsequent email dated 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 on the above mentioned subject.

2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has considered the application. It is noted that the proposal is for amendment in environmental clearance to the project of Coal Washery of 10 MTPA capacity in an area of 39.35 ha by M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited located at Ib Valley in Lakhanpur area in district Jharsuguda (Odisha).

3. The proposal was considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in the Ministry for Thermal & Coal Mining Projects in its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 27-28 April, 2017. During the meeting, the project proponent requested for amendment/correction in certain conditions stipulated in the EC dated 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 as per the following details:-

- (i) The specific condition at para 4 A (iv) - 'Transport of raw coal, clean coal, middling and rejects by rail with wagon loading through silo'.

to be read as

*Raw coal is to be transported by covered belt conveyor. Rejects will be transported by belt conveyor from washery to the temporary rejects storage site.*

- (ii) The specific condition at para 4 A (v) - 'Disposal of washery rejects shall be in accordance with the extant policy and guidelines, and environment friendly.

to be read as

*Disposal of washery rejects shall be in accordance with the extant policy and guidelines, and environment friendly.*



However, utilisation/disposal of rejects to be done in the priority wise options given below:


Option 1- In FBC Power Plant to be set up by joint venture of CIL & NTPC (CNUPL) as decided in 27th Board Meeting of CNUPL held on 26.04.2016.

Option 2- Till FBC Plant is set up, washery rejects is to be sold to prospective buyers either through e-auction or MoU route for use in FBC/TPP (as per decision of MCL Board in its 155<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 05.02.2014).

Option 3- If not usable in FBC Plants or not saleable by e-auction/ MOU route (due to high ash/low GCV), the rejects is to be dumped in the mine voids of Belpahar OCP in an environmentally friendly manner.


4. The EAC, after detailed deliberation on the proposal in its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting on 27-28 April, 2017 has recommended the proposed amendments in the Environmental Clearance, except for the option 3, which requires amendment in the EC for Belpahar Opencast Coal Mine. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords amendment as proposed by the project proponent, excluding option 3 of para 3(ii) above, to be incorporated as specific condition No.4 A(iv) & 4 A (v) of the Environmental Clearance to **Coal Washery of 10 MTPA in an area of 39.35 ha by M/s Mahanadi Coalfields Limited located at Ib Valley in Lakhapur area in District Jharsuguda (Odisha)** in terms of the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and subsequent amendments/circulars therein.

5. All other conditions stipulated in the letter No.J-11015/171/2015-IA-II (M) dated 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 shall remain unchanged.

  
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5. The Member Secretary, CPCB, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi - 32
6. The Member-Secretary, Central Ground Water Authority, Ministry of Water Resources, Curzon Road Barracks, A-2, W-3 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi.
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8. The IG (Wild life), Ministry of Environment and Forest, New Delhi
9. The District Collector, **Jharsuguda**, Government of Odisha
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