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Sub: Expansion by addition of 500 MW (Stage-IV) Coal Based Thermal Power Plant at Feroz Gandhi Unchahar Thermal Power Station at Raebareli District, in Uttar Pradesh - reg. Environmental Clearance.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to your letters dated 09.11.2012 and 17.01.2013 on the subject mentioned above. The Ministry of Environment & Forests has examined the application.

2. It is noted that the proposal is for expansion by addition of 500 MW (Stage-IV) Coal Based Thermal Power Plant at Feroz Gandhi Unchahar Thermal Power Station at Raebareli District, in Uttar Pradesh. The total existing capacity of the power plant is 1050 MW, consisting of Stage-I (2x210 MW); Stage-II (2x210 MW) & Stage-III (1x210 MW). No additional land is required for the expansion by addition of Stage-IV (1x500 MW). The same will be accommodated within available land, which is about 2203 acres. The co-ordinates of the site are located within Latitude 25°53'55" N to 25°54'56" N and Longitude 81°18'50"E to 81°20'25"E. Coal requirement for the expansion will be 2.14 MPTA and will be obtained from:(a) Talaipalli Coal Block (1.0 MPTA; (b) 0.5 MPTA from Pakri Barwadih Coal Block; and (c) 0.64 MPTA will be imported coal. Ash and sulphur content of blended coal will be 29-31% and 0.62%. Average Calorific value of the blended coal will be 4190-4470 kcal/kg. About 1428 T/day of fly ash and 357 T/day of bottom ash will be generated. Water requirement of 1980cum/hr will be sourced from Sharda Sahayak Canal (normally)/ Dalmau Pumped Canal (during the closer of Sharda Shayak Canal) through a pipeline which is adjacent to the plant boundary. Irrigation Department had allocated 125 cusecs of water for Unchahar TPP. The water requirement for Stage-IV shall be accommodate within the existing water allocation. No additional land is required for ash

dyke for Stage-IV and the unutilized ash shall be disposed off in the existing ash dykes of Stage-I & Stage-II. The co-ordinates of the existing two ash dykes are as follows: Stage-I ash dyke are located within Latitude 25°50'13" N to 25°51'29" N and Longitude 81°17'39"E to 81°18'54"E and Stage-II ash dyke are located within Latitude 25°57'07" N to 25°57'50" N and Longitude 81°21'19"E to 81°21'58"E. Nearest town is Mustafabad located at about 3 kms in the west. Samaspur Bird Sanctuary is located at about 7.9 Km from the project site. Besides this bird sanctuary there are no National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Heritage Sites, Tiger/Biosphere Reserves etc. within 10 km of the project site. Public Hearing was held on 26.04.2012. Cost of the project will be Rs2848.52Crores.

3. The project has been considered in accordance with the provisions of the EIA notification issued by the Ministry of Environment & Forests vide S.O. 1533 (E), dated September 14, 2006.

4. Based on the information submitted by you, as at Para 2 above and others and presentation made by you before the Expert Appraisal Committee (Thermal Power) in its 64th meeting, 66th meeting and 68th Meeting held during January 7-8, 2013, February 5-6, 2013 and February 26, 2013 respectively, the Ministry of Environment and Forests hereby accords environmental clearance to the above project under the provisions of EIA notification dated September 14, 2006, subject to the compliance of the recommendation of the Sub-Group site visit Report and the following Specific and General conditions:

A. Specific Conditions:

- (i) Soil salination due to seepage from canal around Umram Ash pond shall addressed based on the findings made by IIT, Kharagpur and continuous monitoring for ground water quality around the ash pond shall be undertaken.
- (ii) Environmental clearance is subject to obtaining clearance from the Standing Committee of the National Board of Wildlife under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
- (iii) Conservation action plan for the Bird Sanctuary / Marshy area located in the study area, formulated in consultation with the concerned Department shall be immediately implemented.
- (iv) Sulphur and ash contents in the coal to be used in the project shall not exceed 0.5 % and 34 % respectively at any given time. In case of variation of coal quality at any point of time fresh reference shall be made to the Ministry for suitable amendments to environmental clearance condition wherever necessary.
- (v) Bi-flue stack of 275 m height with flue gas velocity not less than 22 m/s shall be installed and provided with continuous online

monitoring equipments for SO_x, NO_x and PM_{2.5} & PM₁₀. Mercury emissions from stack may also be monitored on periodic basis.

- (vi) No mine void filling or filling up of low lying areas with fly ash shall be undertaken.
- (vii) COC of 5.0 shall be adopted and water requirement shall be restricted to maximum 35 cusecs only.
- (viii) Special package with implementation schedule for providing free potable drinking water supply in the nearby villages and schools shall be undertaken in a time bound manner.
- (ix) Continuous monitoring of Ganga River quality shall be undertaken regularly and records maintained.
- (x) The project proponent shall regenerate degraded water body (if any) located nearby within 5.0 km atleast.
- (xi) An amount of **Rs 11.95 Crores** as one time investment shall be earmarked for activities to be taken up under CSR during construction phase of the Project. Recurring expenditure for CSR thereafter shall be **Rs 2.4Crores** per annum till the life of the plant. Social Audit by a reputed University or an Institute shall be carried out annually and details to be submitted to MOEF besides putting it on Company's website.
- (xii) As part of CSR activity, provision for supply of small fly ash brick making units in and around the ash dykes to few self-help groups for stoppage of clay brick making units to conserve natural clay, prevent air pollution as also furthering the use of fly ash by manufacturing fly ash bricks in and around the vicinity of the project besides providing sustenance to the locals.
- (xiii) The company, in consultation with local authorities, should also develop a suitable market place out of one time CSR funds for local community at an appropriate location. The market infrastructure developed could possibly be allotted to the local community in rotation (such as weekly/ fortnightly/ monthly), so that more no. of locals including women are benefitted from the same infrastructure. Besides their sustenance, this will go a long way to build a very high rapport with local community.
- (xiv) To monitor the quality of ground water beneath the ash dykes, piezometers should be installed within the ash dyke below the ground level. It is also important to know the amount of accumulated water beneath the ash. Periodic monitoring of water quality from marshes surrounding the ash dykes and Katiha drain, Allahabad and Pratapgarh Branches of Sharda Sahayak Canal and spillovers from spillways of ash dykes should be monitored.

B. General Conditions:

- (i) Vision document specifying prospective plan for the site shall be formulated and submitted to the Regional Office of the Ministry within **six months**.
- (ii) Scheme for implementation for harnessing solar power within the premises of the plant particularly at available roof tops shall be formulated and status of implementation shall be submitted periodically to the Regional Office of the Ministry.
- (iii) Provision for installation of FGD shall be provided for future use.
- (iv) Coal transportation to plant site shall be undertaken by rail and no road transportation shall be permitted.
- (v) A long term study of radio activity and heavy metals contents on coal to be used shall be carried out through a reputed institute. Thereafter mechanism for an in-built continuous monitoring for radio activity and heavy metals in coal and fly ash (including bottom ash) shall be put in place.
- (vi) Utilisation of 100% Fly Ash generated shall be made from **4th** year of operation. Status of implementation shall be reported to the Regional Office of the Ministry from time to time.
- (vii) High Efficiency Electrostatic Precipitators (ESPs) shall be installed to ensure that particulate emission does not exceed 50 mg/Nm³.
- (viii) Adequate dust extraction system such as cyclones/ bag filters and water spray system in dusty areas such as in coal handling and ash handling points, transfer areas and other vulnerable dusty areas shall be provided.
- (ix) Fly ash shall be collected in dry form and storage facility (silos) shall be provided. Unutilized fly ash shall be disposed off in the ash pond in the form of slurry form. Mercury and other heavy metals (As, Hg, Cr, Pb etc.) will be monitored in the bottom ash as also in the effluents emanating from the existing ash pond. No ash shall be disposed off in low lying area.
- (x) Ash pond shall be lined with HDPE/LDPE lining or any other suitable impermeable media such that no leachate takes place at any point of time. Adequate safety measures shall also be implemented to protect the ash dyke from getting breached. Ash pond water shall be re-circulated and utilized.

- (xi) Fugitive emissions shall be controlled to prevent impact on such that no agricultural/non-agricultural land. Impact to any land shall be mitigated and suitable compensation provided in consultation with the local Panchayat.
- (xii) Hydrogeology of the area shall be reviewed annually from an institute/ organization of repute to assess impact of surface water and ground regime (especially around ash dyke). In case any deterioration is observed specific mitigation measures shall be undertaken and reports/ data of water quality monitored regularly and maintained shall be submitted to the Regional Office of the Ministry.
- (xiii) No ground water shall be extracted for use in operation of the power plant even in lean season.
- (xiv) No water bodies (including natural drainage system) in the area shall be disturbed due to activities associated with the setting up / operation of the power plant.
- (xv) Regular monitoring of ground water level shall be carried out by establishing a network of existing wells and constructing new piezometers. Monitoring around the [ash pond area](#) shall be carried out particularly for heavy metals (Hg, Cr, As, Pb) and records maintained and submitted to [the Regional Office of this Ministry](#). The data so obtained should be compared with the baseline data so as to ensure that the ground water quality is not adversely affected due to the project.
- (xvi) Monitoring surface water quality in the area shall also be regularly conducted and records maintained. The monitored data shall be submitted to the Ministry regularly. Further, monitoring points shall be located between the plant and drainage in the direction of flow of ground water and records maintained. Monitoring for heavy metals in ground water shall be undertaken.
- (xvii) Minimum required environmental flow suggested by the Competent Authority of the State Govt. shall be maintained in the Channel/ Rivers (as applicable) even in lean season.
- (xviii) The treated effluents conforming to the prescribed standards only shall be re-circulated and reused within the plant. Arrangements shall be made that effluents and storm water do not get mixed.
- (xix) Waste water generated from the plant shall be treated before discharge to comply limits prescribed by the SPCB/CPCB.
- (xx) A sewage treatment plant shall be provided (as applicable) and the treated sewage shall be used for raising greenbelt/plantation.

- (xxi) The project proponent shall undertake rain water harvesting measures and shall develop water storage for use in operation of the plant. Rain water harvesting system shall be put in place which shall comprise of rain water collection from the built up and open area in the plant premises. Action plan for implementation shall be submitted to the Regional Office of the Ministry.
- (xxii) Additional soil for leveling of the proposed site shall be generated within the sites (to the extent possible) so that natural drainage system of the area is protected and improved.
- (xxiii) Common property resource falling in the vicinity of the project area shall be identified and if any common property resource (such as grazing land, pond etc.) is falling within the plant area and is unavoidable by its sheer location an equal area shall be first developed and handed over to the community.
- (xxiv) Adequate safety measures shall be provided in the plant area to check/minimize spontaneous fires in coal yard, especially during summer season. Copy of these measures with full details along with location plant layout shall be submitted to the Ministry as well as to the Regional Office of the Ministry.
- (xxv) Storage facilities for auxiliary liquid fuel such as LDO/ HFO/LSHS shall be made in the plant area in consultation with Department of Explosives, Nagpur. Sulphur content in the liquid fuel will not exceed 0.5%. Disaster Management Plan shall be prepared to meet any eventuality in case of an accident taking place due to storage of oil.
- (xxvi) First Aid and sanitation arrangements shall be made for the drivers and other contract workers during construction phase.
- (xxvii) Noise levels emanating from turbines shall be so controlled such that the noise in the work zone shall be limited to 85 dB(A) from source. For people working in the high noise area, requisite personal protective equipment like earplugs/ear muffs etc. shall be provided. Workers engaged in noisy areas such as turbine area, air compressors etc shall be periodically examined to maintain audiometric record and for treatment for any hearing loss including shifting to non noisy/less noisy areas.
- (xxviii) Regular monitoring of ambient air ground level concentration of SO₂, NO_x, PM_{2.5} & PM₁₀ and Hg shall be carried out in the impact zone and records maintained. If at any stage these levels are found to exceed the prescribed limits, necessary control measures shall be provided immediately. The location of the monitoring stations and frequency of monitoring shall be decided in consultation with SPCB.

Periodic reports shall be submitted to the [Regional Office of this Ministry](#). The data shall also be put on the website of the company.

- (xxix) Green Belt consisting of 3 tiers of plantations of native species around plant not less than 100 m width shall be raised (except in areas not feasible). The density of trees shall not less than 2500 per ha with survival rate not less than 80 %.
- (xxx) An Environmental Cell shall be created at the project site itself and shall be headed by an officer of appropriate seniority and qualification. It shall be ensured that the head of the Cell shall directly report to the Head of the Organization.
- (xxxi) The project proponent shall also adequately contribute in the development of the neighbouring villages. Special package with implementation schedule for providing potable drinking water supply in the nearby villages and schools shall be undertaken in a time bound manner.
- (xxxii) CSR scheme shall be undertaken based on need based assessment in and around the villages within 5 km of the site and in constant consultation with the village Panchayat and the District Administration. As part of CSR employment of local youth after imparting relevant training as may be necessary shall be undertaken as committed.
- (xxxiii) It shall be ensured that an in-built monitoring mechanism for the CSR schemes identified is in place and annual social audit shall be got done from the nearest government institute of repute in the region. The project proponent shall also submit the status of implementation of the scheme from time to time. The achievements should be put on company's website.
- (xxxiv) Provision shall be made for the housing of construction labour (as applicable) within the site with all necessary infrastructure and facilities such as fuel for cooking, mobile toilets, mobile STP, safe drinking water, medical health care, crèche etc. The housing may be in the form of temporary structures to be removed after the completion of the project.
- (xxxv) The project proponent shall advertise in at least two local newspapers widely circulated in the region around the project, one of which shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned within seven days from the date of this clearance letter, informing that the project has been accorded environmental clearance and copies of clearance letter are available with the State Pollution Control Board/Committee and may also be seen at Website of the Ministry of Environment and Forests at <http://envfor.nic.in>.

- (xxxvi) A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the proponent to concerned Panchayat, Zila Parisad / Municipal Corporation, urban local Body and the Local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions/representations, if any, received while processing the proposal. The clearance letter shall also be put on the website of the Company by the proponent.
- (xxxvii) The proponent shall upload the status of compliance of the stipulated environmental clearance conditions, including results of monitored data on their website and shall update the same periodically. It shall simultaneously be sent to the Regional Office of MOEF, the respective Zonal Office of CPCB and the SPCB. The criteria pollutant levels namely; SPM, RSPM (PM_{2.5} & PM₁₀), SO₂, NO_x (ambient levels as well as stack emissions) shall be displayed at a convenient location near the main gate of the company in the public domain.
- (xxxviii) The environment statement for each financial year ending 31st March in Form-V as is mandated to be submitted by the project proponent to the concerned State Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, as amended subsequently, shall also be put on the website of the company along with the status of compliance of environmental clearance conditions and shall also be sent to the respective Regional Offices of the Ministry by e-mail.
- (xxxix) **The project proponent shall submit six monthly reports on the status of the implementation of the stipulated environmental safeguards to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, its Regional Office, Central Pollution Control Board and State Pollution Control Board. The project proponent shall upload the status of compliance of the environment of the environmental clearance conditions on their website and update the same periodically and simultaneously send the same by e-mail to the Regional Office, Ministry of Environment and Forests.**
- (xl) Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment & Forests will monitor the implementation of the stipulated conditions. A complete set of documents including Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Environment Management Plan along with the additional information submitted from time to time shall be forwarded to the Regional Office for their use during monitoring. Project proponent will up-load the compliance status in their website and up-date the same from time to time at least six monthly basis. **Criteria pollutants levels including NO_x (from stack & ambient air) shall be displayed at the main gate of the power plant.**

- (xli) Separate funds shall be allocated for implementation of environmental protection measures along with item-wise break-up. These cost shall be included as part of the project cost. The funds earmarked for the environment protection measures shall not be diverted for other purposes and year-wise expenditure should be reported to the Ministry.
- (xlii) The project authorities shall inform [the Regional Office](#) as well as the Ministry regarding the date of financial closure and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the dates of start of land development work and commissioning of plant.
- (xliii) Full cooperation shall be extended to the Scientists/Officers from the Ministry / Regional Office of the Ministry / CPCB/ SPCB who would be monitoring the compliance of environmental status.

5. The Ministry of Environment and Forests reserves the right to revoke the clearance if conditions stipulated are not implemented to the satisfaction of the Ministry. The Ministry may also impose additional environmental conditions or modify the existing ones, if necessary.

6. The environmental clearance accorded **shall be valid for a period of 5 years** to start operations by the power plant.

7. Concealing factual data or submission of false/fabricated data and failure to comply with any of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

8. In case of any deviation or alteration in the project proposed including coal transportation system from those submitted to this Ministry for clearance, a fresh reference should be made to the Ministry to assess the adequacy of the condition(s) imposed and to add additional environmental protection measures required, if any.

9. The above stipulations would be enforced among others under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and rules there under, Hazardous Wastes (Management, Handling & Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008 and its amendments, the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 and its amendments.

10. Any appeal against this environmental clearance shall lie with the National Green Tribunal, if preferred, within 30 days as prescribed under Section 16 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

Yours faithfully,

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1. The Secretary, Ministry of Power, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi 110001.
2. The Secretary (Environment), Environment Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
3. The Chairman, Central Electricity Authority, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066.
4. The Chairman, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, PICUP Bhawan, 3rd Floor, B-Block, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow – 226 020.
5. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi- 110032.
6. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office (WZ), E-5, Kendriya Bhandar, 5th Floor, Sector-H, Aliganj, Lucknow – 226 020.
7. The District Collector, Raebareli District, Uttar Pradesh.
8. Guard file.
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