

CLUSTER-XIV

**REPLIES TO THE CLARIFICATIONS
RAISED BY THE EXPERT APPRAISAL
COMMITTEE (T&C), MOEF, NEW DELHI**

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THE COMMITTEE OBSERVED THAT fire is a major problem in the area but method of working should not hinder fire control or exacerbate the fire problem. All the mitigative measures should be dovetailed with Jharia Action Plan.

There is no problem of fire in this cluster except for the problem of subsidence and instability.

The dealing of unstable sites and rehabilitation of affected people from these unstable sites in this cluster have been integrated with the EIA/ EMP.

THE COMMITTEE SOUGHT the present levels of production in the mines of the cluster for record of the Ministry.

CLUSTER NO.	NAME OF MINE	COAL PRODUCTION in MT for 2011-12		
		Normal production (in MT)	one time Fiery coal availed during execution of Master Plan for dealing with fires and subsidence (in MT)	Total (in MT)
CLUSTER-14	Lohapatti UG Section	0.035	0.017 coal availed during curbing illegal mining activities	0.052
	Lohapatti OCP Section		Proposed mine	

THE COMMITTEE OBSERVED THAT a part of cluster XIV is under River Damodar. It was clarified that although the mine is underground, there is no coal underneath River Damodar, which would be mined. The Committee desired that the data of bore wells near River Damodar require to be monitored for permeability and seepage of waster of River Damodar.

As observed by the Committee, any part of the cluster does not exist below the river Damodar. The mining procedure in these Clusters shall be done by underground method. However as suggested by the Committee the data of bore wells near river Damodar in these Clusters shall be monitored for permeability and seepage of water from river Damodar.

**THE COMMITTEE AFTER DISCUSSIONS
RECOMMENDED THE PROJECT FOR EC.**

THANK YOU