

No.J-11015/133/2007-IA-II (M) Pt.
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
IA-II (Coal Mining) Division

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Jor Bagh, New Delhi
Dated: 3rd March, 2016

To,

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M/s NTPC Limited,
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Sub: Revalidation/Transfer of Environmental Clearance of Chhattibariatu Opencast Coal Mine Project of 7 MTPA in ML area of 646.23 ha in North Karanpura Coalfields, villages Chhattibariatu, Jordag and Pagar, District Hazaribagh (Jharkhand) – reg.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendment thereto had accorded Environmental Clearance (EC) for Chhattibariatu Opencast Coal Mine Project of 7 MTPA in an ML area of 646.23 ha in North Karanpura Coalfields, villages Chhattibariatu, Jordag and Pagar, District Hazaribagh (Jharkhand) to M/s National Thermal Power Corporation Limited subject to compliance of terms and conditions stipulated therein vide letter No. J-11015/133/2007-IA.II (M) dated 19th April, 2010.

WHEREAS the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide judgment dated 25th August, 2014 read with the order dated 24th September, 2014 has cancelled the allocation of 204 coal blocks and issued directions with regard to such coal blocks wherein the Central Government in pursuance of the said directions has to take immediate action to implement the said order.

WHEREAS in pursuance of the judgment and order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the nominated authority has, in accordance with provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Second Ordinance, 2014 and the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Rules, 2014 conducted the auction of the mines.

WHEREAS Ministry of Coal (MOC) vide letter No.13016/38/2015-CA-III dated 18th September, 2015 has informed that, their Ministry has allotted 8 Coal Mines through allotment routes to 3 different allottees. MOC has requested this Ministry to facilitate transfer of the Environment Clearance and Forest Clearance of these blocks to the successful allottees.

WHEREAS Ministry of Coal vide Allotment Order under clause (c) of sub-rule (2) of rule 7 and sub-rule (1) of rule 13 and Order No. 103/26/2015/NA dated 8th September, 2015 has allotted the Chhattibariatu Opencast Coal Mine Project of 7 MTPA in an ML area of 646.23 ha in North Karanpura Coalfields, villages Chhattibariatu, Jordag and Pagar, District Hazaribagh (Jharkhand) to M/s National Thermal Power Corporation Limited as the successful allottee.

WHEREAS vide Gazette Notification S.O.811 (E) Notification dated 23.03.2015, MOEFCC has made amendments to paragraph 11 in the Gazette Notification S.O.1533 (E) dated 14th September, 2006. Vide the said amendment; where an allocation of coal block is cancelled in any legal proceeding; or by the Government in accordance with law, the environmental clearance granted in respect of such coal block may be transferred, subject to the same validity period as was initially granted, to any legal person to whom such block is subsequently allocated, and in such case, obtaining of "no objection" from either the holder of environment clearance or from the regulatory authority concerned shall not be necessary and no reference shall be made to the Expert Appraisal Committee or the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee concerned.

WHEREAS in light of the MOC Allotment Order No.103/26/2015/NA dated 8th September, 2015, transfer of EC may not be warranted as the Successful Allottee M/s NTPC Ltd is already in possession of EC letter No.J-11015/133/2007-IA.II (M) dated 19th April, 2010. However, the said EC may be considered for revalidation in favour of **M/s National Thermal Power Corporation Limited for Chhattibariatu Opencast Coal Mine Project of 7 MTPA in an ML area of 646.23 ha in North Karanpura Coalfields, villages Chhattibariatu, Jordag and Pagar, District Hazaribagh (Jharkhand)** subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Any change in scope of work will attract the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the EIA Notification, 2006 in conjunction with the subsequent amendments /circulars.
- (ii) All conditions stipulated in the EC letter No.J-11015/133/2007-IA.II (M) dated 19th April, 2010 shall remain unchanged.
- (iii) The allottee shall be liable, if any, for any act of violation of the EP Act, 1986 / EIA Notification 2006/subsequent amendments and circulars which it has inherited during the revalidation/ transfer.
- (iv) The allottee shall be liable for compliance of all court directions, if any.

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8. The District Collector, Hazaribagh, Government of Jharkhand.
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