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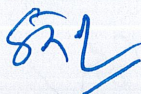
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Sub: Re-Constitution of Expert Appraisal Committee (Thermal Power & Coal Mining) for Environmental Impact Assessment of projects requiring Environmental Clearance under the provisions of Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 - reg.

In pursuance of the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification S.O. No. 1533 (E) dated 14th September, 2006, the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby constitutes the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) (hereinafter referred as the Committee) for evaluation of projects relating to Thermal Power & Coal Mining sector received in the Ministry for grant of environmental clearances.

2. The composition of the Committee is as follows:

S. No.	Name & Organisation	Position
1	Dr. Sharad Singh Negi (I.F.S Retd.) Ex DGF MoEFCC 178, Subhash Road, Dehradun-248001, Uttarakhand sharadnegi1957@gmail.com	Chairman
2	Sh. Inder Pal Singh Matharu, I.F.S. (Retd.) A-12, Haridas Ji Magri, Trident Hotel Road, Udaipur - 313001. Rajasthan. matharu0204@gmail.com	Member
3	Sh. Lalit Kapur (Retd. Adviser, MoEFCC) A1/337 Janakpuri, New Delhi 110058 lkapoor2000@yahoo.com	Member
4	Dr. Umesh Jagannathrao Kahalekar B1-704, Acolade Housing Society, Tukaramnagar, Kharadi, Pune-411014 ukahalekar@gmail.com/ ukahalekar@rediffmail.com	Member
5	Dr. Santosh Kumar Hampannavar Dean (R&D), SDM College of Engineering and Technology, Dharwad, Karnataka, India -580 002 santoshkumar777@yahoo.com	Member
6	Shri. Savalge Chandrasekhar House no-B-309, Express Apartments, Lakdi-ka pul, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004 savalgec@gmail.com	Member



7	Shri K.B. Biswas Former Chairman Central Ground Water Board, Camellia Apartment, 313, Natunpally, Ghasiara More, Sonarpur, Kolkata-700150 biswaskiriti@gmail.com	Member
8	Prof. Shyam Shanker Singh Guru Ghasidas Central University, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, India singhss.ggu@gmail.com	Member
9	Dr. Vinod Agrawal Retd. Professor of Geology 161, Sarva Ritu Vilas, Udaipur-313001 vinodudz@yahoo.com	Member
10	Representative of Central Pollution Control Board	Member
11	Representative of Central Electricity Authority (CEA)	Member
12	Representative of Indian Meteorological Department	Member
13	Representative of IIT/ISM, Dhanbad	Member
14	Director/ Additional Director/Scientist E/F of Thermal Power and Coal Mining sector of MoEFCC	Member Secretary

3. The terms of reference (ToRs) of the above Committee shall be as follows:

- i. To scrutinize the proposals relating to Thermal Power and Coal Mining Projects for prescribing Terms of Reference (TORS) for undertaking detailed Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) study and preparation Environment Management Plan (EMP).
- ii. To scrutinize and assess adequacy of the Environmental Impact Assessment reports of Thermal Power and Coal Mining Projects and Environmental Management Plan prepared and submitted by the project authorities.
- iii. To recommend clearance or rejection of Thermal Power and Coal Mining Projects from environmental angle. Recommendation for rejection of any project will contain comprehensive reasons thereof.
- iv. To suggest adequate safeguards, to mitigate the adverse environmental impacts in respect of projects recommended for approval.

4. The committee shall adopt the following procedure for appraisal:

- i. The committee shall meet twice a month on fixed dates.
- ii. The agenda for the meeting shall be circulated to all the members at least 15 days prior to the scheduled meeting by the Member Secretary.
- iii. The proponent will undergo a preliminary scrutiny (Screening) by the concerned Impact Assessment Division and if found conforming to the statutory requirement will be placed before the Committee for appraisal on the first scheduled date of its meeting.
- iv. The appraisal of the proposal should be completed ordinarily in single meeting and a specific recommendation to be made. In case the committee finds that additional information required for considering the proposal cannot be furnished by the project proponent in the meeting, then the proposal may be deferred for the next meeting and shall be reconsidered based on submission

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of information on merits. Expert Appraisal Committee may recommend the project under the following four mutually exclusive categories:

- a. Recommended;
 - b. Deferred (for consideration in the next or future meeting as may be specified in the committee's deliberations, after submission of required additional information to be further reviewed/examined by the Expert Appraisal Committee).
 - c. Rejected (along with reasons for rejection).
 - d. Returned to Project proponent in the present form.
- v. Site visit as part of the appraisal may be undertaken where it is considered as necessary for reasons to be recorded by the committee, by a sub-group of the Committee consisting of not more than 3 members including one representative from MoEF&CC with the prior approval of the Ministry.
 - vi. Minutes of the meeting recorded shall be prepared and the recommendations finalized and approved by the Chairman before taking further necessary action.
 - vii. The chairperson may co-opt an expert as a Member for a particular meeting of the Committee.
 - viii. If in the preceding five years, the Chairman or any Member of the Committee has provided consultancy services or conducted Environment Impact Assessment studies for any project proponent, in that situation they shall recuse themselves from the meetings of the Committee from the process of appraisal of any project proposed by such proponents.
5. Meeting of the Committee shall be held normally at Delhi but in exceptional cases, with the prior concurrence of the Ministry, these may be held elsewhere in the country.
6. Payment of TA/DA to the Chairman/members of the Committee for attending its meetings or site visits shall be governed as under:-
- i. Chairman is entitled for the reimbursement of the cost of Air travel by Executive Class by shortest route. All other members are entitled to travel by Air in the Economy class by the shortest route subject to production of boarding passes for actual use of the facility.
 - ii. Payment of sitting fee of Rs. 6000/- per day with a ceiling of 10 days in a month for attending the aforesaid meeting by non official members will be as per instructions issued by DoE on the subject. It is further clarified that sitting fee to salaried persons employed in Central University/UGC/Central Institutes/Institutions and autonomous bodies wholly or substantially funded by the Central Government shall not be paid.
 - iii. TA/DA to non-official members will be regulated as per SR 190 and shall be paid as per rules.
 - iv. Entitlement shall be restricted to actuals.
 - v. Relaxation for air journey, if any, will be as per instructions issued from time to time by the Ministry.
 - vi. Air tickets may be purchased directly from Airlines (website/booking counters/office or authorized travel agents viz. M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited, M/s Ashok Travels & Tours and M/s IRCTC.
 - vii. No duplication in payment, and
 - viii. Payment shall be made through e-transfer only.

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7. The tenure of the Committee shall be for a period of three years.

8 This issues with the concurrence of IFD vide dy. no. E134669 dated. 29.09.2023 and with the approval of the Competent Authority.



(Dr. Sujit Kumar Bajpayee)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

To

1. The Chairman and Members of the Committee (Thermal Power & Coal Mining Member)
2. All the officers of IA Division

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