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To
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Sub: Expansion of Sagardighi Thermal Power Station by addition of 2x500 MW (Unit- 3 & 4) at village Manigram, in Sagardighi Block, in Murshidabad Distt., in West Bengal - reg. Environmental Clearance.

Sir

The undersigned is directed to refer to your letter no. WBPDC/DGM(Civil)/1(v)/5873; WBPDC/Project/12/5920 and WBPDC/Project/12/1399, dated 07.05.2010, 18.06.2010 and 19.10.2010 respectively on the subject mentioned above. The Ministry of Environment & Forests has examined the application.

2. It has been noted that the proposal is for expansion of the existing 2x300 MW Sagardighi Thermal Power Station by addition of 2x500 MW (Unit- 3 & 4) at village Manigram, in Sagardighi Block, in Murshidabad Distt., in West Bengal. No additional land is required for expansion. Coal required will be 4.42 MTPA, which will be obtained from Panchawara North Coal Block in Jharkhand. The coal block has been allotted to the project proponent. Environmental clearance for the coal block has been obtained. Quantity of fly ash and bottom ash to be generated will be 1.44 MTPA and 0.36 MTPA respectively. Memorandum of understanding for fly ash utilization with cement and brick manufactures is in place. Water requirement will be 60 cusec, which will be obtained from Bhagirathi River through pipeline over a distance of 4.5 km. Water allocation has been obtained from the state govt. Natural draft cooling will be adopted. Public hearing was conducted on 16.12.2008. Cost of the project will be Rs. 3666.41 Crores.

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 before the Expert Appraisal Committee (Thermal Power) in its 1st Meeting held during July 7-9, 2010, the Ministry of Environment and Forests hereby accords environmental clearance to the above mentioned project under the provisions of EIA notification dated September 14, 2006, subject to the compliance of the following Specific and General conditions:

A. Specific Conditions:

Vision document specifying prospective plan for the site shall be formulated and submitted to the Ministry **within six months**.

Existing water bodies in the study area shall be regenerated at the project proponent's expenses in consultation with the state govt.

(iii) Detailed hydro-geological study shall be conducted (including sustainability of water source study specially during lean season) shall be carried out by an institute of repute and report submitted to the Regional Office (RO) of the ministry. Further hydro-geological study 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 and 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.

(iv) Water requirement for the expansion shall be restricted to maximum 30 cusecs.

(v) Source of water for meeting the requirement during lean season shall be specified and submitted to the Regional Office of the Ministry **within three months**.

No ground water shall be extracted for use in operation of the power plant even in lean season.

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.

(viii) 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.

COC of 5.0 shall be adopted for both the phases.

(x) A well designed rainwater harvesting shall be put in place before **within six months**. Central Groundwater Authority/ Board shall be consulted for finalization of appropriate rainwater harvesting technology/design within a **period of three months** from the date of this clearance and details shall be furnished.

(vi) 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.

Monitoring surface water quantity and quality 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.

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.

Provision for installation of FGD shall be provided for future use.

(xv) Coal transportation shall be by rail.

(xvi) 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 MOEF for suitable amendments to environmental clearance condition wherever necessary.

(xvii) Stack of 275 m height shall be installed and provided with continuous online monitoring equipments for SO_x, NO_x and PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀. Exit velocity of flue gases shall not be less than 22 m/sec. Mercury emissions from stack shall also monitored on periodic basis.

(xviii) High Efficiency Electrostatic Precipitators (ESPs) shall be installed to ensure that particulate emission does not exceed 50 mg/Nm³.

(xix) 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.

(xx) Fugitive emission of fly ash (dry or wet) shall be controlled such that no agricultural or non-agricultural land is affected. Damage to any land shall be mitigated and suitable compensation provided in consultation with the local Panchayat.

(xxi) 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.

(xxii) 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.

(xxiii) 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.

(xxiv) For disposal of Bottom Ash in abandoned mines (if proposed to be undertaken) it shall be ensured that **the bottom and sides of the mined out areas are adequately lined with clay before Bottom Ash is filled up**. The project proponent shall inform the State Pollution Control Board well in advance before undertaking the activity.

(xxv) 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.

(xxvi) Green Belt consisting of 3 tiers of plantations of native species around plant and at least 100 m width shall be raised. Wherever 100 m width is not feasible a 50 m width shall be raised and adequate justification shall be submitted to the Ministry. Tree density shall not less than 2500 per ha with survival rate not less than 80 %.

(xxvii) The project proponent shall also adequately contribute in the development of the neighbouring villages. Special package with implementation schedule for providing fluoride free potable drinking water supply in the near by villages and schools shall be undertaken in a time bound manner.

(xxviii) Further an amount of Rs 14.60 Crores shall be earmarked as one time capital cost for CSR programme as committed by the project proponent. Subsequently a recurring expenditure of Rs 3.0 Crores per annum shall be earmarked as recurring expenditure for CSR activities. Details of the activities to be undertaken shall be **submitted within three month** along with road map for implementation.

While identifying CSR programme the company shall conduct need based assessment for the nearby villages to study economic measures with action plan which can help in upliftment of poor section of society. Income generating projects consistent with the traditional skills of the people besides development of fodder farm, fruit bearing orchards, vocational training etc. can form a part of such programme. Company shall provide separate budget for community development activities and income generating programmes. This will be in addition to vocational training for individuals imparted to take up self employment and jobs.

It shall be ensured that in-built monitoring mechanism for the 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

B. General Conditions:

(i) The treated effluents conforming to the prescribed standards only shall be re-circulated and reused within the plant. There shall be no discharge outside the plant boundary except during monsoon. Arrangements shall be made that effluents and storm water do not do not get mixed.

(ii) A sewage treatment plant shall be provided (as applicable) and the treated sewage shall be used for raising greenbelt plantation.

(iii) 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.

(iv) Storage facilities for auxiliary liquid fuel such as LDO and/ 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.

First Aid and sanitation arrangements shall be made for the drivers and other contract workers during construction phase.

(vi) Noise levels emanating from turbines shall be so controlled such that the noise in the work zone shall be limited to 75 dBA. 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.

(vii) 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, creche etc. The housing may be in the form of temporary structures to be removed after the completion of the project.

(viii) 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>.

(ix) A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the proponent to concerned Panchayat, Zila Parishad / 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.

(x) 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.

(xi) 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.

(xii) 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.

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.

(xiv) 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.**

(xv) 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.

(xvi) 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.

(xvii) Full cooperation shall be extended to the Scientists/Officers from the Ministry / Regional Office of the Ministry at Bangalore / CPCB/ SPCB who would be monitoring the compliance of environmental status.

4. 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.

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

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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 and Handling) Rules, 1989 and its amendments, the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 and its amendments.

Yours faithfully,

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