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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment and Forests

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Dated: 02 September, 2014


**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Guidelines for granting Environment Clearance for expansion of Coal Mining Projects involving one time Production Capacity Expansion in the existing operation – reg.**

This O.M. may be read in continuation of earlier O.M. of even number dated 19.12.2012, 07.1. 2014, 30. 5. 2014 and 28.7.2014 which deal with the above subject.

2. Considering the request of Ministry of Coal, for further dispensation in the matter of granting Environment Clearance for expansion of Coal Mining Projects involving one time Production Capacity Expansion in the existing operation so as to quickly ramp-up coal production for enhancing power production in public interest, it has been decided that in respect of one time capacity expansion proposals of existing coal mining projects with production capacity exceeding 20 MTPA, the EAC may after due diligence consider exempting public hearing subject to the ceiling of additional production up to 6 MTPA if the transportation of additional production of coal is proposed by means of a conveyor and/ or rail transport. The above dispensation would be subject to satisfactory compliance with environmental clearance(s) issued in the past as judged by the EAC. All other stipulations stated in earlier O.Ms. of even number dated 19.12.2012, 07.01.2014 30.5.2014 and 28.7.2014 will continue to apply in such cases.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
02 Sept 2014  
(Dr. Manoranjan Hota)  
Director

To

1. PS to MEF
2. PPS to Secretary (E&F)
3. PPS to AS (SS)
4. All Officers of IA Division
5. PMO
6. Ministry of Coal