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Office Memorandum

Sub: Clarification regarding coal transportation by Thermal Power Plants in line with Ministry's Gazette Notification vide S.O. 1561(E) dated 21.05.2020- reg.

The Ministry vide Gazette Notification S.O. 1561(E) dated 21.5.2020 has prescribed certain conditions on coal transportation.

2. The Ministry has been receiving several representations from various power plant operators to issue a clarification on coal transportation in light of the said Notification dated 21.05.2020.

3. It is reiterated that the Ministry's Notification dated 21.5.2020 aims at achieving coal transportation by railway wagons and/or belt conveyors from delivery point of coal mine to thermal power plant and it is the responsibility of power plant operators to set up such infrastructure pertaining to rail or conveyor belt system. Therefore, the condition in the Environmental Clearance, as regards setting up rail infrastructure or conveyor belt system shall remain operative. However, till such time infrastructure regarding rail/conveyor system is not established, coal may be transported by road **with tarpaulin covered trucks**.

4. The said Notification also clarifies that the existing conditions in the Environmental Clearance stand modified so as to make the above conditions operative. Therefore, the project proponents need not approach the Ministry to seek temporary permissions for road transportations subject to transportation through tarpaulin covered trucks.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(Dr. S. Kerketta)
Director

To

1. All Power Plant Operators who were granted Environmental Clearance
2. All Chairmen and Members of SPCBs/UTPCCs/CECB/EACs/SEACs/SEIAAs.

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