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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(IA Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi -3
Dated: 9th December, 2016

ORDER

In supersession of the order No.J-15012/1/2007-IA.II (T) dated 2nd September, 2013, the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby reconstitutes the Expert Appraisal Committee for appraisal of Thermal Power and Coal Mine Projects in terms of the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 with the following composition:

S. No	Name and Organization	Role/Expertise
1.	Dr.Navin Chandra Former Director, CSIR-Advanced Materials and Processes Research Institute (AMPRI), Bhopal House No.246, Sector 9-B, Saket Nagr, Bhopal-462024	Chairman
2.	Dr.Narmada Prasad Shukla, Former Chairman, MP Pollution Control Board, H-44-B, Apsara Complex, Indrapuri, A-Sector Bhopal- 462021	Member
3.	Dr.Rajesh P Gunaga, Associate Professor (Forest Biology/Agro-forestry) Head (I/C) Department of Forest Produce and Utilization, College of Forestry, Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari - 396450 (Gujarat)	Member
4.	Shri N. Mohan Karnat, IFoS Group Coordinator (Research) Institute of wood Science and Technology, Malleswaram 18th Cross, P.O.Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560003	Member
5.	Shri Sharachchandra Lele, Programme Leader (Forests & Governance), Convenor (Centre for Environment & Development), Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment, (AITREE), Royal Enclave, Srirampura, Jakkur P.O., Bangalore-560064	Member
6.	Representative of Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Power, Govt. of India, New Delhi	Member

7.	Representative of Director General, Indian Meteorological Department, New Delhi	Member
8.	Representative of Central Pollution Control Board– Officer dealing in Thermal Power/Coal Mining	Member
9.	Representative of Indian School of Mines Dhanbad (ISM Dhanbad)	Member
10.	Dr. S. Kerketta Director Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Govt. of India, New Delhi - 3 Shri S. K. Srivastava Additional Director Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Govt. of India, New Delhi - 3	Member Secretary (Thermal Power) Member Secretary (Coal Mining)

2. The terms of reference of the Committee will be as follows:-

- (i) To scrutinize the proposals relating to Thermal Power and Coal Mine Projects for prescribing Terms of Reference (TORs) for undertaking detailed Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) study and preparation of Environment Management Plan (EMP).
- (ii) To scrutinize and assess adequacy of the Environmental Impact Assessment reports of Thermal Power and Coal Mine Projects and Environmental Management Plan prepared and submitted by the project authorities.
- (iii) To recommend clearance or rejection of Thermal Power and Coal Mine 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.

3. The committee shall adopt the following procedure for appraisal:-

- (i) The Committee shall meet at least once in a month on a fixed date/period.
- (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 appraisal of the proposal shall be carried out subject to availability of material relevant for appraisal and firm recommendations made. In case the Committee finds that additional information are required for considering the proposal, the consideration of the proposal may be deferred to the subsequent meetings and the proposal shall be re-considered only after formal receipt of additional information sought. The Committee will provide recommendations in respect of any projects under the following three mutually exclusive categories:-
 - (a) Recommended

- (b) Deferred [for consideration in the next or future meeting as may be specified in the Committee deliberations, after submission of required additional information to be further reviewed/examined by the EAC].
- (c) Rejected [along with reasons for rejection].
- (iv) A site visit as part of the appraisal process may be undertaken where it considered necessary for reasons to be recorded by the Committee, with the prior approval of the Ministry. The site visit team shall comprise of not more than three members.
- (v) Minutes of each meeting shall be finalized within five working days after the meeting.
4. The tenure of the Committee shall be for a period of three years from the date of issue of this Order.
5. Meetings of the Committee normally shall be organized in Delhi. However, in special cases, with the prior concurrence of the Ministry, a meeting may be held elsewhere in the country.
6. The Committee may co-opt an expert as a member in a relevant field with prior approval of the Ministry.
7. TA/DA of the members/co-opted experts/ independent experts nominated by the Ministry for attending the meeting of the Committee or undertaking site visits approved by the Ministry shall be met by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change as per rules. The Chairman/members of the Committee are entitled for Travelling Allowance as admissible under the Rules.
8. The non-official members/co-opted experts/independent nominated experts attending the Committee meetings/site visits are also entitled for honorarium of Rs.5000/- per day and road mileage as per Government Rules.
9. This issues with the concurrence of IFD vide their Dy. No.P-12929 dated 9th December, 2016 and with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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Joint Secretary to Government of India

To

The Chairman and all Members of the Committee

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