

EAC (Coal) Recommends ToR for a New Coal Mine in Korba

The 38th meeting of EAC (Coal) held on 27th September 2018 considered 21 proposals. State wise overview of the proposals and decisions/recommendations of EAC are as follows:

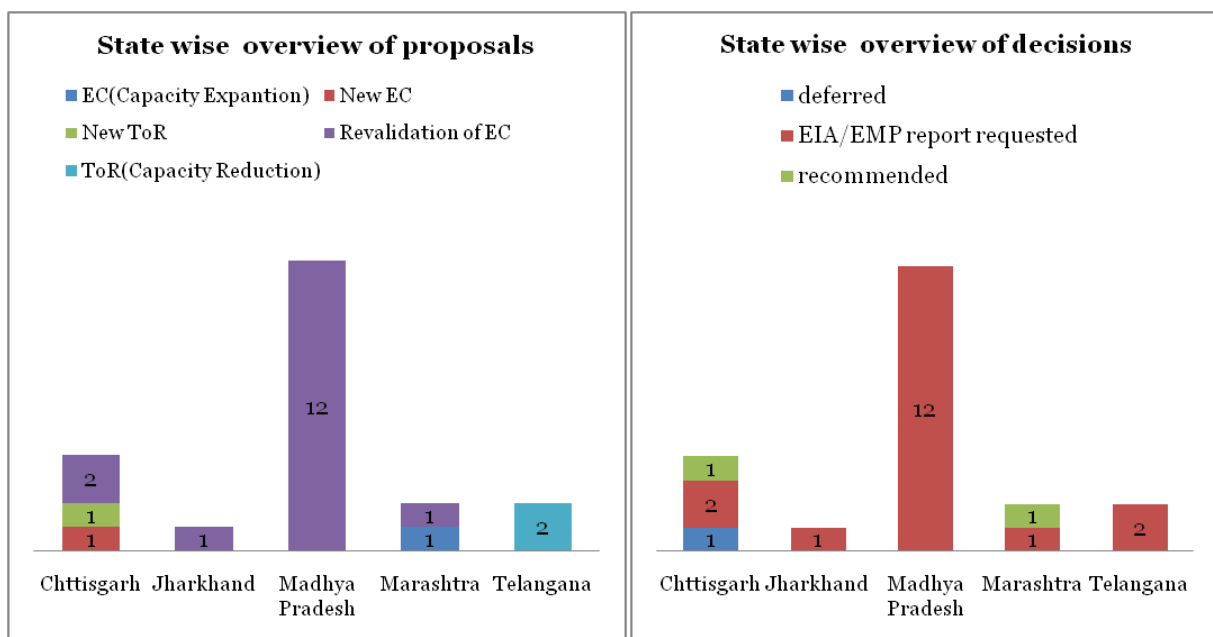


Table: State Wise proposals for Different stages and respective decisions

States	Row Labels	deferred	EIA/EMP report requested	Recommended	Total
Chhattisgarh	New EC	1	-	-	1
	New ToR	-	-	1	1
	Revalidation of EC	-	2	-	2
Jharkhand	Revalidation of EC	-	1	-	1
Madhya Pradesh	Revalidation of EC	-	12	-	12
Marashtra	EC(Capacity Expansion)	-	-	1	1
	Revalidation of EC	-	1	-	1
Telangana	ToR(Capacity Reduction)	-	2	-	2
Total		1	18	2	21

Table: Overview of all proposals considered along with respective decision taken.

N o	Stage	Project Proposal	Prop onent	Mine Type	State	District	New Capacity (MTPA)	Lease area (ha)	Decision
1	New EC	Parsa OC Coal Mine	RVUN L	OCP	Chttisgarh	Surguja & Surajpur	5	1252.447	Deferred
2	New ToR	Gidhmuri & Paturia OC Coal Mine	CSPD CL	OCP	Chttisgarh	Korba	5.6	1751.92	Recommended
3	Revalidation of EC	Rajmahal OC	ECL	OCP	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	17.0	1978.0	EIA/EMP report requested
4	Revalidation of EC	New Kumda UG Coal Mine	SECL	UG	Chttisgarh	Surajpur	0.60	499.00	EIA/EMP report requested
5	Revalidation of EC	Balrampur UG Coal	SECL	UG	Chttisgarh	Surajpur	0.84	555.0 ha	EIA/EMP report requested
6	Revalidation of EC	Vindhya UG Coal Mine	SECL	UG	Madhya Pradesh	Umaria	0.705	350.0 ha	EIA/EMP report requested
7	Revalidation of EC	Pinoura UG Coal Mine	SECL	UG	Madhya Pradesh	Umaria	0.79	430	EIA/EMP report requested
8	Revalidation of EC	Amadand OC Coal Mine	SECL	OCP	Madhya Pradesh	Anuppur	2.15	1443.02	EIA/EMP report requested
9	Revalidation of EC	Jamuna OC Mine	SECL	OCP	Madhya Pradesh	Anuppur	1.31	1052.54	EIA/EMP report requested
10	Revalidation of EC	Jamuna UG Coal Mine	SECL	UG	Madhya Pradesh	Anuppur	0.516	915	EIA/EMP report requested
11	Revalidation of EC	Rajnagar UG Coal Mine	SECL	UG	Madhya Pradesh	Anuppur	0.85	1848.12	EIA/EMP report requested
12	Revalidation of EC	Waghoda UG Coal Mine	WCL	UG	Marashtra	Nagpur	0.39	261.00	EIA/EMP report requested
13	Revalidation of EC	Vishnupuri-II UG Mine	WCL	UG	Madhya Pradesh	Chhindwara	0.26	321.985	EIA/EMP report requested
14	Revalidation of EC	Vishnupuri-I UG Coal Mine	WCL	UG	Madhya Pradesh	Chhindwara	0.21	191.944	EIA/EMP report requested
15	Revalidation of EC	Tawa UG Coal Mine	WCL	UG	Madhya Pradesh	Betul	0.8	493.728	EIA/EMP report requested
16	Revalidation of EC	Shobhapur UG Coal Mine	WCL	UG	Madhya Pradesh	Betul	0.6	343.239	EIA/EMP report requested
17	Revalidation of EC	Satpura-II UG Coal Mine	WCL	UG	Madhya Pradesh	Betul	0.7	457.77	EIA/EMP report requested
18	Revalidation of EC	Tawa-II UG Coal Mine	WCL	UG	Madhya Pradesh	Betul	0.6	520	EIA/EMP report requested
19	EC (Capacity Expantion)	Dinesh (Makardhokra-III) OC Coal Mine Expansion	WCL	OC	Marashtra	Nagpur	4.2 (previously 3)	1636.97	Recommended
20	ToR (Capacity Reduction)	Ravindra khani - New Tech(RKNT) UG Mine	SCCL	UG	Telangana	Mancheri al	0.33 (previously 1.0)	327.40	EIA/EMP report requested
21	ToR (Capacity Reduction)	Padmavathi Khani No.5 Incline UG Mine	SCCL	UG	Telangana	Bhadradri kothagudem	0.825 (previously 1.2)	916.48	EIA/EMP report requested
	Total						44.276	17545.56	

* **RVUNL:** Rajashtan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited; **CSPDCL:** Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Company Limited; **ECL:** Eastern Coalfields Limited; **SECL:** South Eastern Coalfields Limited; **WCL:** Western Coalfields Limited; **SCCL:** Singareni Collieries Company Limited; **UG:** Underground; **OC:** Open Cast.

The proposals include one proposal, Parsa OC Coal Mine, in Surguja district of Chhattisgarh for fresh EC of 5 MTPA capacity in 1252.447 ha lease area. EAC has deferred the proposal in view of forest, wildlife, and legal issues.

A proposal of concern relates to opening up of a new coal mine, Gidhmuri & Paturia OC Coal Mine in Korba district of Chhattisgarh. This proposal for new ToR for 5.6 MTPA capacity in 1751.92 ha lease area has been unfortunately recommended in spite of EIA Resource and Response Centre (ERC) representation opposing opening of new coal mines because of policy environment, global commitments and climate concerns.

One capacity expansion project Dinesh (Makardhokra-III) OC Coal Mine Expansion in Nagpur district of Maharashtra) from 3 MTPA to 4.2 MTPA capacity has also been recommendation for EC.

Sixteen old and operational projects appeared for 'revalidation of EC'. This legal requirement has emerged in pursuance of MoEF&CC's Notification dated 6 April, 2018. The Projects, which were granted environmental clearance by the Ministry before the EIA Notification 2006, now requires fresh appraisal/approval in terms of the 2006 Notification for their present mining operations.

According to the 2018 Notification, EAC can to exercise 'the due diligence necessary including preparation of Environmental Impact Assessment Report and public consultation.'

In all these cases, EAC has not exempted the projects from Public Consultation and preparation EIA-EMP. It also desired to know about the Compliance status of old EC conditions and several other details regarding production etc. In fact, same decision and conditions have been cut-pasted for all the 16 proposals e.g.

The Committee, after deliberations, desired for the EIA/EMP report based on one season (12 weeks) baseline data, along with the details in respect of the following:

- Public Consultation, including public hearing, shall be conducted through concerned SPCB as per the provisions/procedure contained in the EIA Notification, 2006 for information of the stakeholders about the present coal mining operations inviting comments and their redressal,
- Valid Mining Plan and the Progressive Mine Closure Plan duly approved by the competent authority,
- Compliance status of the conditions stipulated in the environmental from the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry.
- Consent to operate from the State Pollution Control Board for the present mining operations.

- Redressal of issues raised during the last public hearing conducted by the SPCB.
- Coal production realized from the mine from 1993-94 vis-à-vis capacity stipulated in the environment clearance.
- Need assessment survey for the activities proposed under the CSR and the comprehensive plan to be prepared accordingly for implementation by the project proponent. Also, impact of the CSR activities undertaken at an interval of 5 years to be evaluated and a report to be submitted.
- Stage-I/Renewal of forest clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, as the case may be, of the forest land involved in the project.
- Details of court cases and the compliance status.

There have been two proposals for capacity reduction for a good change. These have been recommended to go through complete EIA process.

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