

EAC (Thermal) in Sept'18 meeting recommends all proposals

In the 21st meeting of EAC (Thermal) held on 26th September 2018, total 6 projects were discussed for either amendment or validity extension in EC/ToR. All the projects discussed were recommended by EAC subject to certain conditions in some cases. A brief overview of the decisions is presented here.

S. No.	Stage	Proponent	Proposal	State	Capacity (MW)	EAC Decision
1.	EC amendment	Tehkhand WTE	MSW WTE	Delhi	25	Recommended
2.	EC amendment	NTPC	Lara STPP	Chhattisgarh	1600	Recommended
3.	EC validity extension	Adani Power Dahej Ltd.	Imported coal based TPP	Gujarat	2640	Recommended
4.	EC amendment	OPG power generation	Coal Fired TPP	Tamil Nadu	240	Recommended
5.	ToR amendment	NTPC	Shaktinagar STPP	Uttar Pradesh	1320	Recommended
6.	EC amendment	Jindal power	Tmanar TPP	Chhattisgarh	500	Recommended

In two proposals of amendment of EC / extension of validity of EC, EAC did put some important conditions while recommending the proposals.

1. In Lara STPP EC amendment proposal, the permission is sought for temporary transportation of coal on 7 different transport routes from allocated coal mines under 'Bridge Linkage Policy'. Lara's own mine is yet to develop. EAC recommended only 5 routes for temporary road transportation for 1 year. The reason two routes (Route-5: Kotarliya siding (43.9 km) and Route-7: Dulanga mines (117.8 km) were rejected because the stretches are very narrow (of 3-4 m width) for a length of 8 km and 6 km. EAC noted that these routes shall not be used till the roads are widened and strengthened.

EIA Resource and Response Centre (ERC) in its representation to EAC on this proposal has suggested that EAC may avoid recommending long routes e.g. Coal from Dulanga mine.

2. In case of imported coal based TPP of Adani Power in Dahej, Gujarat, the project proponent has requested for extension of validity of EC for five years which is not possible as per the provisions of the EIA Notification. The EAC in the matter has recommended for extension of the EC for further period of three years, i.e. till 24.10.2021 subject to following conditions (i) Compliance to Ministry's notification dated 07.12.2015 of revised **emission standards**, (ii) To explore the use of treated sewage water from the Sewage Treatment Plant of Municipality/ local bodies/ similar organization located within 50 km radius of the proposed power project to minimize the water drawl from surface water bodies in accordance with the Revised Tariff Policy notified by Ministry of Power vide dated 28.01.2016 and, (iii) Submitting detailed progress report of the project construction activities to the concerned Regional Office. Also, it has been mentioned that in case, plant is ready for commissioning and is not meeting revised emission norms dated 07.12.2015; operations shall be stopped unless there is an extension given through a specific direction by MoEFCC/CPCB or amendment in notification issued.

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