



EAC recommended 1.4 mtpa additional coal mining in October 2018

EAC (Coal) on 26 October 2018 considered 17 proposals. There were four proposals for EC, three proposals for ToR, one proposal for EC amendment and nine proposals for Revalidation of EC.

Four coal mining capacity expansion projects came for EC. One project in UP, namely Dudhichua Opencast Coal Mining, has been directed to prepare and submit EIA/EMP report and conduct Public Consultation (details given below). In Chhattisgarh, one project has been deferred and other has been recommended. The recommended proposal, Manikpur Opencast expansion, would result in 1.4 MTPA capacity additions in 1018.925 ha ML area. Rest one project in Maharashtra, Umrer OC Expansion, has been asked to obtain ToR instead of EC (details given below).

Three Proposals, one Coal Washery project in Jharkhand, one Coal Mine project in WB and one Coal Mining expansion project in Telangana came for ToR and have been recommended by EAC.

One Coal Mining project in Telangana came for EC amendment and has been recommended.

Nine old and operational projects appeared for 'revalidation of EC'. Among those, 2 projects, one Lignite Mining project in Rajasthan and one Coal Washery Project in Jharkhand have been deferred. Rest seven proposals have been asked to prepare and submit EIA/EMP report and also directed to conduct Public Consultation.

EAC takes a tough stand against Dudhichua

Expansion of Dudhichua Opencast Coal Mining Project from 15.5 to 17.5 MTPA in mine lease area of 1752 ha in UP appeared for EC purportedly under the provisions contained in para 7(ii) of the EIA Notification, 2006, without any fresh ToR for the project and exemption from public hearing in terms of the Ministry's OM dated 15 September, 2017.

The EAC however noted that the PP already had an existing TOR (issued in February 2018) for the expansion from 15.5MTPA to 25 MTPA, and that this was clearly the

long-term goal of the project. This expansion proposal would then have to stand withdrawn and the TOR cancelled. The PP had not made any motion to withdraw the TOR issued in February 2018. Moreover, **proposal submission and TOR issuance are not processes to be taken lightly, to be discarded at will.**

Moreover, the OM dt. 15th September 2017 only provides the possibility of exemption from public hearing for expansion of up to 40%. It still requires that a TOR be granted and an EIA/EMP be developed and presented to the EAC as per this TOR. Finally, the PP has already received environmental clearance for one expansion in December 2008 without additional public hearing. **The exemption from public hearing cannot be taken repeatedly.**

EAC decided that the project cannot be considered for EC. It asked the project proponent to continue with the EIA/EMP and public hearing process as per the TOR granted in February 2018.

Umrer Expansion has to obtain ToR

Expansion of Umrer OC Coal Mining Project from 3.50 MTPA to 4.90 MTPA in mine lease area of 944.65 in Maharashtra appeared for grant of environmental clearance purportedly under the provisions contained in para 7(ii) of the EIA Notification, 2006, without any fresh ToR for the project and exemption from public hearing in terms of the Ministry's OM dated 15th September, 2017.

EAC decided that PP needs to obtain a TOR for the proposed expansion and conducting of EIA and preparation of EMP. So, **EAC directed the Project Proponent has to apply for ToR and not EC.**

Overview of the 17 projects considered in the Meeting									
No	Stage	Project Proposal	Proponent	Mining Type	State	District	New/Exp.	Lease area(ha)	Decision MoM
1	For EC*	Expansion of Dhudhichua OC Coal Mining	NCL	OC P	Uttar Pradesh	Sonebhadra	2	1752	EIA/EMP report & PH required
2	For EC*	Umrer OC Expansion	WCL	OC P	Maharashtra	Nagpur	3.5	944.64	Obtain TOR
3	EC amendment	Kakatiya Khani Opencast 2	SCCL	OC P	Telangana	Warangal	1.5	668.23	Recommended
4	Revalidation of EC	Rajgamar UG Coal Mining	SECL	UG	Chhattisgarh	Korba	0.45	3486.577	EIA/EMP report & PH required
5	Revalidation of EC	Rehar Underground Coal Mining	SECL	UG	Chhattisgarh	Surajpur	0.31	424.7	EIA/EMP report & PH required
6	Revalidation of EC	Kurasia Underground Coal Mining	SECL	UG	Chhattisgarh	Korba	0.5	523.3	EIA/EMP report & PH required
7	Revalidation	Damini	SECL	UG	Madhya	Shahdol	0.4	335	EIA/EMP

	on of EC	Underground Coal Mining			Pradesh		8		report & PH required
8	Revalidation of EC	Chirimiri Underground Coal Mining	SECL	UG	Chhattisgarh	Korea	1.40	686.29	EIA/EMP report & PH required
9	Revalidation of EC	North Chirimiri Underground Coal Mining	SECL	UG	Chhattisgarh	Korea	0.5	510.667	EIA/EMP report & PH required
10	Revalidation of EC	Katkona Underground Coal Mining	SECL	UG	Chhattisgarh	Korea	0.36	1130.929	EIA/EMP report & PH required
11	Revalidation of EC	Rajrappa OC Coal Mining and Coal Washery Project	CCL	OC P	Jharkhand	Bokaro	3	2263.83	Deferred
12	For ToR	Basanput Tapin Coking Coal Washery	CCL		Jharkhand	Ramgarh	4	32.47	Recommended
13	For ToR	Tara (East) and Tara (West) Coal Mine	WBPDCL	OC P	West Bengal	Bardhaman	4	937.44	Recommended
14	For ToR	Expansion Kondapuram Underground Coal Mining	SCCL	UG	Telangana	Kothagudem	0.41	477.03	Recommended
15	Revalidation of EC	Kasnau Matasukh Lignite Mining	RSMML		Rajasthan	Nagpur	1	1063.35	Deferred
16	For EC	Expansion of Kusmunda Opencast Coal Mine Project	SECL	OC P	Chhattisgarh	Korba	15	1655.825	Deferred
17	For EC	Manikpur Opencast expansion project	SECL	OC P	Chhattisgarh	Korba	1.4	1018.925	Recommended

*EAC did not consider these proposals for EC

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