



EAC (Coal) to consider 2.49 MTPA Coal Capacity Increase

Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) for Coal of MoEF&CC in its meeting on 24 January 2019 is considering 8 proposals.

Two proposals for Environmental Clearance (EC) involve coal mining addition of 2.49 MTPA. These two proposals are Kistaram Opencast Project of SCCL in Telengana of 2 MTPA capacity and the other one is Bhatadi Opencast Expansion proposal in Maharashtra for expansion of 0.49 MTPA.

Three proposals are there for Amendment in EC. - two coal washeries and one coal mine project. Both the coal washeries e.g. Phil Coal Beneficiation Pvt. Ltd and Paras Power & Coal Beneficiation Limited have capacity of 2.5 MTPA each and located in Ghutku Village, Chhattisgarh. Kulda Opencast Expansion Project in Orissa has also come for EC amendment.

For three proposals the purpose of application is not specified in the agenda as well as no clarity is available on MoEF&CC website. It can be assumed that these projects may be for amendment or extension of permissions. These projects are Cluster No. 3 comprising 3 mines of ECL in Raniganj Coalfield, West Bengal; Bhubaneswari Opencast Expansion by Mahanadi Coalfield Limited (MCL) in Orissa; and Chotia I captive coal mining project of Prakash Industries Ltd. in Chhattisgarh.

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