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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

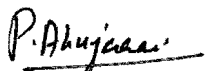
**Sub: Consideration of Projects of Thermal Power, Steel Sector for Environmental Clearance with sourcing of Coal from dedicated Coal Blocks/Coal India - Further Clarification – regarding**

In continuation to this Ministry's Office Memorandum of even number dated 19.04.2012 on the above mentioned subject, the matter regarding coal linkage has been further considered and examined in the Ministry.

2. In case of Thermal Power projects, which are dependent on domestic coal supply from the basket of mines of CIL/SCCL with valid EC/FC, proposals for environmental clearance would be considered, if the information on the coal quality parameters i.e. (i) calorific value (ii) sulphur content and (iii) ash content in respect of the mines in the basket, is provided in the EIA/EMP report.

3. The proposals for environmental clearance of imported coal based ultra mega thermal power projects would be considered taking into consideration the following quality parameters of imported coal, namely gross calorific value (Kcal/Kg) (5000 minimum); ash content (12% maximum) & sulphur content (0.8% maximum). The validity of environmental clearance granted is subject to compliance with the coal quality parameters indicated above. Further, it would be necessary to provide details in the EIA/EMP report regarding the port for the import of coal, its capacity for coal handling, transportation of coal from port to the thermal power plant by road or rail and railway rolling stock availability etc. If it is proposed to establish port, jetty or any other coal handling facility, as also construction of road/laying of railway line, etc., the same need to be covered under the EIA/EMP report of thermal power plant.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
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