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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi-03

Dated: 10th July, 2020

ORDER

In supersession of the order No. J-15012/1/2007-IA.II (T) dated 9th December, 2016, the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby reconstitutes the Expert Appraisal Committee for environmental appraisal of Thermal Power and Coal Mining Projects in terms of the provisions of the EIA Notification No. S.O. 1533 (E) dated 14th September, 2006 with the following composition:

| S. No | Name and Organisation | Role |
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| 1. | Shri Gururaj P. Kundargi, Ex.CMD-MOIL Plot No.32, MOIL Vatika, Chicholi Road, Fetri, Nagpur-441501. E-mail: gpkundargi@gmail.com | Chairman (Non-official) |
| 2. | Shri Suramya Dolarray Vora, Retd.IFS Executive Director -Gujarat Science City Plot No.725/B, Sector- 8C, Gandhinagar, Gujarat- 382007. E-mail: suramya.vora@gmail.com | Member (Non-official) |
| 3. | Dr. Narmada Prasad Shukla Former Chairman-Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board, H-44-B, Apsara Complex, Indrapuri, A-Sector Bhopal- 462021. E-mail: shuklanp55@gmail.com | Member (Non-official) |
| 4. | Dr. Santoshkumar Hampannavar Professor, School of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, REVA University, Flat No.302, Faculty Quarters, Kattigenahalli, Yelahanka, Bangalore, India. E-mail: santoshkumar777@yahoo.com | Member (Non-official) |
| 5. | Dr. Umesh Jagannathrao Kahalekar Professor-Civil Engineering, Govt. College of Engineering-Aurangabad, 39, Mauli, Samarth Hsg. Soc., Near Jawahar Colony Aurangabad, (Maharashtra) - 431 005. E-mail: ukahalekar@rediffmail.com | Member (Non-official) |
| 6. | Shri K. B. Biswas Former Chairman-Central Ground Water Board, Camellia Apartment, 313, Natunpally, Sonarpur, Kolkata-700150. E-mail: biswaskiriti@gmail.com | Member (Non-official) |

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| 7. | Dr. Nandini.N Professor, Dept. of Env. Science, Bangalore University, #7, Reader Quarters, Jnanabharathi Campus, Bengaluru-560 056. E-mail: sai.nandinin@gmail.com | Member (Non-official) |
| 8. | Dr. Unmesh Patnaik Associate Professor, Centre for Climate Change & Sustainability Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Deonar Farm Road, Mumbai - 400088. E-mail: unmesh.patnaik@tiss.edu | Member (Non-official) |
| 9. | Shri Prasant Kumar Mohapatra Former Director (Technical)- NTPC Ltd. Flat No.94B, Gayan Khand-IV, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad -201014. E-mail: pkmsipat11@gmail.com | Member (Non-official) |
| 10. | Representative of Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi- Officer dealing in Thermal Power/Coal Mining. | Member (Official) |
| 11. | Representative of Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Ministry of Power, Govt. of India, New Delhi. | Member (Official) |
| 12. | Representative of Director General Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), New Delhi. | Member (Official) |
| 13. | Representative of Indian School of Mines Dhanbad (ISM Dhanbad) | Member (Official) |
| 14. | Dr. S. Kerketta Director in-charge of Thermal Power Sector Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Govt. of India, New Delhi- 110003. Shri Manoj Kumar Gangeya Director in-charge of Coal Mining Sector Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Govt. of India, New Delhi- 110003. | Member Secretary (Official) Member Secretary (Official) |

2. The terms of reference of the Committee will be as follows:-

- (i) To scrutinize the proposals relating to Thermal Power and Coal Mining Projects for prescribing Terms of Reference (TORs) for undertaking detailed Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) study and preparation of Environment Management Plan (EMP).
- (ii) To scrutinize and assess adequacy of the Environmental Impact Assessment reports of Thermal Power and Coal Mining Projects and Environmental Management Plan prepared and submitted by the project authorities.

(iii) To recommend clearance or rejection of Thermal Power and Coal Mining Projects from environmental angle. Recommendation for rejection of any project will contain comprehensive reasons thereof.

(iv) To suggest adequate safeguards, to mitigate the adverse environmental impacts in respect of projects recommended for approval.

3. The committee shall adopt the following procedure for appraisal:-

(i) The Committee shall meet at least once in a month on a fixed date/period.

(ii) The agenda for the meeting shall be circulated to all the members at least 15 days prior to the scheduled meeting by the Member Secretary.

(iii) The appraisal of the proposal shall be carried out subject to availability of material relevant for appraisal and firm recommendations made. In case the Committee finds that additional information are required for considering the proposal, the consideration of the proposal may be deferred to the subsequent meetings and the proposal shall be re-considered only after formal receipt of additional information sought. The Committee will provide recommendations in respect of any projects under the following three mutually exclusive categories:-

(a) Recommended.

(b) Deferred [for consideration in the next or future meeting as may be specified in the Committee deliberations, after submission of required additional information to be further reviewed/examined by the EAC].

(c) Rejected [along with reasons for rejection].

(iv) A site visit as part of the appraisal process may be undertaken where it considered necessary for reasons to be recorded by the Committee, with the prior approval of the Ministry.

(v) Minutes of each meeting shall be finalized within five working days after the meeting.

4. The tenure of the Committee shall be for a period of three years from the date of issue of this Order.

5. Meetings of the Committee normally shall be organized in New Delhi. However, in special cases, with the prior concurrence of the Ministry, a meeting may be held elsewhere in the country. In special circumstances, the meeting may be conducted through Video-conferencing with the support of NIC.

6. The Committee may co-opt an expert as a member in a relevant field with prior approval of the Ministry.

7. TA/DA of the members/co-opted experts/ independent experts nominated by the Ministry for attending the meeting of the Committee or undertaking site

visits approved by the Ministry shall be met by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change as per rules.

8. The non-official members/co-opted experts/independent nominated experts attending the Committee meetings/site visits including EAC meetings held through video conference are entitled for sitting fee of Rs. 6,000/- per day and road mileage as per Government Rules. The payment of sitting fee is not given to the salaried persons employed in Central Universities/UGC/Central Institutes/Institutions and autonomous bodies wholly or substantially funded by the Central Government.

9. The Chairman may be entitled for the reimbursement of the cost of Air travel by Executive Class by shortest route. All other members are entitled to travel by Air in the Economy class by shortest route subject to production of boarding pass for actual use of the facility. Air Tickets may be purchased directly from Airlines website/booking counters/office or authorized travel agents viz. M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited, M/s Ashok Travels & Tours and IRCTC.

10. This issues with the concurrence of IFD vide their Dy. No.E-134669, dated 09.07.2020 and with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Geeta Menon

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Joint Secretary to Govt. of India

To:

- (i) The Chairman and all Members of the Committee.

Copy for information to:

1. PS to Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
2. PS to Hon'ble Minister of State, EF&CC.
3. PPS to Secretary (EF&CC).
4. PPS to AS (RA).
5. Website of MoEF&CC.
6. Guard File.

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