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Government of India  
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*Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi*  
*Dated : the 3rd August, 2021*

To,

**CMD, MCL**

Subject : Minutes of Meeting taken by Secretary (Coal), MoC on 19.07.2021 to review the status of compliance of EC conditions of Lakhanpur OCP, MCL – reg.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of above-mentioned meeting for information and necessary action under intimation to this office.

Yours faithfully,



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Copy to:-

1. D(T), CIL
2. CMDs of CMPDI, ECL, BCCL, CCL, SECL, NCL and WCL
3. PSO to Secretary (Coal)
4. Sr. PPS to AS (VKT), MoC
5. PPS to JS (BPP), MoC
6. Sr. Adviser (SDC), MoC
7. DS (SDC), MoC

**Minutes of Meeting taken by Secretary (Coal), MoC on 19.07.2021 to review the status of compliance of EC conditions of Lakhanpur OCP, MCL.**

1. List of participants enclosed at **Annexure-I**.
2. At the outset, JS (BPP) welcomed all the participants and requested CMD, MCL to give a presentation on the status of the compliance of EC conditions of Lakhanpur OCP.
3. During the presentation, various points relating to EC compliance and implemented environmental control measures were discussed and following decisions/directions were made:
  - MCL need to enhance the annual expenditure on environment control measures and ensure that benefits to local area/population are maximized.
  - A model may be developed under which the mined out areas are reclaimed for gainful use (agriculture land, grass land etc.) and the same may be transferred/leased to local people/State agencies for utilization.
  - The percentage survival of plants may also be verified by engaging a 3<sup>rd</sup> party – preferably a local college/agency.
  - Satellite imagery of reclamation status may also be verified by engaging a suitable 3<sup>rd</sup> Party.
  - In first phase, all 35 big mines of CIL to install Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station (CAAQMS) and monitoring data to be displayed in the office of CMDs and also in the conference room of MoC.
  - To attach more credibility, time to time monitoring of air quality may be got done by a suitable 3<sup>rd</sup> party agency and a robust system of Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) should be developed and implemented.
  - Local colleges, institutes, universities and organisations may also be involved for 3<sup>rd</sup> party audit/studies.
  - MCL was directed to share the ICFRE audit report for Lakhanpur OC with MoC.
  - Slides showing data of avenue plantation should reflect total road length to be covered in the mine vis-a-vis length of road covered till date. All slides showing such type of data should be prepared on similar lines (how much to be achieved vis-à-vis actual achievement till date).
  - MCL to showcase its initiatives like Sewerage treatment, Mine water treatment, Industrial effluent treatment, elimination of single use plastic etc. during Swakshta Pakhwara.
  - An Office order may be issued for no use of plastic bags, folders and bottles in offices and other premises. There should be directions to minimize paper printing and photo copying.
  - Implementation status report of site-specific wildlife conservation plan to be obtained from the State agency and shared with MoC
  - MCL was directed to upload the copies of 2 presentations (Lakhanpur OC and Bhuvanewari OC) on Company's website.
  - As far as practicable, community water supply may be made through pipelines. In case of tanker supply – permanent reservoirs may be constructed in villages at suitable places for convenience of villagers.



- Thrust should be on multi-purpose camp - Kisan Mela may also include medical camps and the participants may be given some tokens like caps, T-shirts, saplings of fruit bearing trees, etc.
  - Pilot project for adoption of LNG in HEMMs to be expedited.
4. In the end, Secretary(Coal) appreciated the efforts of MCL towards compliance of EC conditions and preparing a good presentation on the same. He emphasised that there is need and scope for improvements. CMPDI and other Subsidiaries ought to put more efforts towards showcasing the good environmental works done in mines and also to bring more truthfulness and credibility in monitoring mechanism.
- Coal companies should invite external bodies/local agencies/local college/schools to visit their mines and showcase various environmental control measures/good works being done.
  - There is need to compare the present air/water quality data with the baseline data and also with the air/water quality data measured at some distance from the mine – may be at a distance of 10, 20, 30 Km.
  - Attribute-wise good quality movies of 10-15 minute duration should be prepared to exhibit as to how various initiatives of coal companies have brought changes in lives of host community.

Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

## Annexure - I

### LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Sl. No	Name	Office
<b>From Ministry of Coal</b>		
1.	Dr. A.K Jain	Secretary (Coal), MoC
2.	Shri. V.K Tiwari	AS, MoC
3.	Shri. B.P. Pati	JS, MoC
4.	Shri. R.R. Mishra	Sr. Advisor, MoC
5.	Shri Ajitesh Kumar	DS, MoC
<b>From CIL through VC</b>		
1.	Shri. Pramod Agrawal	Chairman, CIL
2.	Shri. Binay Dayal	DT, CIL
3.	Shri. P.K Sinha	CMD, MCL
4.	Shri. Manoj Kumar	CMD, CMPDI
5.	Shri. SK Gomasta	D(T) CRD, CMPDI
6.	Shri. O.P Singh	D(T/Op), MCL
7.	Shri. Baban Singh	D(T/P&P), MCL
8.	Shri. S C Subramanian	GM (Envt), CIL
9.	Shri. Neeraj Kalla	GM(E&F), MCL