

**QUORUM**

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**IN THE MATTER OF**

**Threat to Life Arising Out of Coal Mining in South Garo Hills District**

**-Vs-**

**The State of Meghalaya & Ors.  
And other connected matters**

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RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.D. AGGARWAL, FORMER JUDGE, GAUHATI HIGH COURT HELD ON **12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2019 AT 11.30 A.M** IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, SYLVAN HOUSE, OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HOFF, LOWER LACHUMIERE, SHILLONG

## **AGENDA**

To consider, finalize and approve the Comprehensive Plan prepared by Mining and Geology Department, Govt. of Meghalaya in accordance with the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 03.07.2019 in Civil Appeal No.10720 of 2018. The Comprehensive Plan pertains to handing over of already extracted coal to Coal India Limited for auction, modalities of auction of such coal, and its subsequent transportation.

## PROCEEDINGS

At the outset, the Chairperson of the Committee welcomed the Members of the Committee, Special Invitees, Senior Officials of the State Government and other Officers present.

1. After a threadbare discussion with the official of Coal India Limited, officials of Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board and Mining and Geology Department of Government of Meghalaya, the Committee approved the Comprehensive Plan, which has been prepared jointly by the Mining and Geology Department, Government of Meghalaya and Coal India Limited, for handing over of 32,56,715 MT of extracted coal to Coal India Limited for auction, and subsequent transport thereof.
2. The Committee approved the suggestion of the Mining and Geology Department officials for permitting transport and auction of 2 (two) lakhs MT of coal which is distributed over four (4) coal bearing Districts in Meghalaya viz. East Jaintia Hills, West Khasi Hills, South Garo Hills and South West Khasi Hills, in the first phase. The transport and auction of the aforesaid quantity of coal has been approved by the Committee on an experimental or pilot basis.

In Phase – I the Committee allowed the Government of Meghalaya to hand over to Coal India Limited for auction the following quantities of coal in respect of each of the four coal bearing districts of Meghalaya:

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| (i)   | East Jaintia Hills     | - 75,000 MT  |
| (ii)  | West Khasi Hills       | - 50,000 MT  |
| (iii) | South Garo Hills       | - 50,000 MT  |
| (iv)  | South West Khasi Hills | - 25,000 MT. |

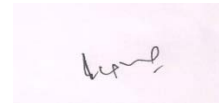
3. The Comprehensive Plan alongwith the Annexures shall be uploaded by Mining and Geology Department in the websites of Mining and Geology Department and Forests & Environment Department respectively. A copy

of the said Comprehensive Plan should be circulated by the Mining and Geology Department to all concerned Departments, Offices and agencies including Coal India Limited.

4. The Mining and Geology Department shall allow the coal owners to transport their coal to the designated depots in their respective Districts within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of issuance of Transit Pass to the coal owners of the designated coal depots.
5. The Mining and Geology Department will select the coal owners on the basis of drawal of lots. However, the maximum quantity a coal owner will be entitled to bid shall be restricted to 5000 MT in the first phase of auction.
6. The Mining and Geology Department will intimate the commencement of auction of coal in two prominent newspapers in Meghalaya.
7. The guidelines prepared by the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board in respect of pollution control norms to be observed by coal depot owners was perused and approved by the Committee.
8. The Scientist deputed by North Eastern Space Applications Centre, Umiam, Shillong, made a brief Power Point presentation regarding the cost estimate and availability of satellite imageries relating to mapping coal dump sites in the coal mined districts of Meghalaya and also the land use, land cover studies in the said sites. The North Eastern Space Applications Centre shall furnish a hard copy of the said presentation to the Committee for their perusal to enable them to take an appropriate decision in the matter of undertaking the aforesaid mapping exercise.
9. In respect of the buyers of auctioned coal who intend to transport or sell the same within Meghalaya, a list of such buyers shall be furnished by the Mining and Geology Department to the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board.

10. The Secretary of Mining and Geology Department, Govt of Meghalaya, submitted to the Committee a copy of the affidavit along with all annexures filed by the Government of Meghalaya in Civil Appeal No.10720 of 2018 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in compliance of the directive of the Committee in their proceedings dated 02.03.2020.
11. The next General Sitting of the Committee will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 in Shillong at the Conference Hall, O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Sylvan House, Lower Lachumiere Meghalaya, Shillong at 10:30 AM.

The Chairman thanked all present.



**(Justice B.D. Agarwal)**