In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 26 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (67 of 1957), the Central Government hereby directs that on and from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette,the powersof the Central Government under section 11A of the said Actin accordance with the Coal Bocks Allocation Rules, 2017 shall alsobe exercisable by thenominated authority appointed under section 6 of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 (No. 11 of 2015).

1. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, the nominated authority shall**—**
   1. call for all information necessary from any person or authority in relation to any coal or lignite block, including records in relation to the mineral reserves, production, costs of production, mine infrastructure and the like and prepare block dossier;
   2. prepare tender document, auction and allotment conditions, model agreement to be entered with the successful allocatees or any other documents required for conduct of auction and allotment;
   3. after conducting the allocation process, declare the name of preferred bidder or preferred allottee and forward its recommendations to the Central Government for approval;
   4. upon receipt of the direction from the Central Government, enter into agreement related to block development and production with the successful allocatee or cancel the allocation process; (v) execute the allocation order;
   5. inform the relevant Central Government authorities and State Government authorities to act in pursuance of the allocation order and the provisions of the Act and rules framed thereunder;
   6. take requisite steps for the collection of auction proceeds and the amounts realised from allotment;
   7. collect performance bank guarantee from the successful allocatee and invoke such bank guarantee in accordance with the terms of allocation;
   8. call for information from the relevant statutory authorities under the Act and any rules made or regulations framed thereunder;
   9. open, operate and maintain one or more bank accounts for discharge of its functions; and (xi) engage experts and advisors to assist it in discharge of its functions.
2. The nominated authority shall be bound by the written direction given by the Central Governmenton the question of policy.