F. No. CBA2-13011/2/2020-CBA2-Part(2)
Government of India,
Ministry of Coal

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated, 28 May 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Constitution of Empowered Committee of Secretaries (ECoS) for certain matters pertaining to auction methodology and associated matters, issues in operationalisation of blocks allocated for sale of coal etc.

It has been decided with the approval of Competent Authority to set up an Empowered Committee of Secretaries to deliberate and decide/recommend on the certain matters pertaining to auction methodology and associated matters, issues in operationalisation of blocks allocated for sale of coal etc. The committee will have the following members:-

i. Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs
ii. Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs
iii. Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
iv. Secretary, Ministry of Coal

2. The Empowered Committee would be authorised to deliberate and decide/recommend on *inter-alia*, the following matters:-

i. the purpose for which a mine listed in Schedule II and Schedule III of Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 may be allocated;
ii. review and determine the incentives that may be allowed for early production and coal gasification or liquefaction for successive tranches of auction;
iii. determine the limit of maximum number of coal mines or reserves or any other parameter regarding production of coal or any combination thereof that can be allocated to a company or its affiliate, associate company, holding company or subsidiary company in subsequent tranches of auction;
iv. issues relating to operationalisation of National Coal Index (NCI) including representative price, modalities for successive tranches;
v. to make changes in efficiency parameters including flexibility given in production as per requirement looking at the ground conditions for successive tranches of auction;
vi. to review the two stage bidding process for successive tranches of auction;
vii. In case mine/mines remains unallocated in the auction tranches held hereinafter, the same would be placed before ECoS for appropriate reduction in the floor percentage of revenue share and other terms and conditions;
viii. In case of single bid after successive rounds of auction for a coal mine, appropriate decision regarding allocation of mine.

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ix. to revise ceiling of Upfront Amount for future tranches of auction in case there is substantial upward/downward change in market conditions.

x. such other matters that may be referred to this committee including but not limited to viz. auction methodology and matters associated with it, issues in operationalisation of blocks allocated for sale of coal etc.

3. The decision of the committee will be intimated to the CCEA at the earliest opportunity.

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