

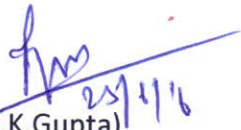
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Government of India  
Ministry of Steel  
(I.D.Division)

Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 23.06.2016

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) meeting held on 31.05.2016- regd.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting of Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) meeting held on 31.05.2016, under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Steel) in Steel Room, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi, Ministry of Steel regarding various issues of Steel producers related to major steel investments in the country, for kind information and necessary action please.

  
(R.K.Gupta) 23/6/16

Under Secretary to the Government of India  
Tele: 23061352

Encl. As above

To,

(As per list attached- Annexure-II)

Copy to: Sr. Technical Director, NIC, M/o Steel: for uploading the minutes on the website of Ministry of Steel.

**Minutes of the Inter Ministerial Group(IMG) meeting held on 31-05-2016 under the Chairmanship of Secretary(Steel)**

List of participants is at Annexure – 2.

2. Joint Secretary (Shri Syedain Abbasi) welcomed all the participants and informed that the Inter-Ministerial Group meeting was being held after a long time, even though State specific issues have been taken up from time to time. Thereafter various matters pending with Central Ministries as well as State Governments were discussed.

3. The issues of Private Sector Steel companies were taken first and the action points are as in the succeeding paragraphs.

**3.1 Electrosteel Steel Ltd:**

(a) Electrosteel Limited (ESL) informed that the company is facing problems in payment of salary, Utilities, transportation charges, etc. due to curtailment of working capital by the consortium led by SBI. This problem is being faced by other steel companies also. Secretary (Steel) informed that Ministry of Steel is taking the matter of financial stress with the Department of Financial services (DoFS), Ministry of Finance and forwarded the representation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Indian Steel association to it. She instructed that representatives of DoFS also be invited for the meeting even though DoFS is not a formal member of IMG.

(b) Regarding Environment Clearance (EC)/Forest Clearance (FC) for iron ore mine of ESL as well as mines of other steel makers in Saranda region, MOEF&CC official informed that as recommended by Shah Commission and CBI reports, a study of Carrying Capacity was conducted the recommendations of which are now available. He informed that MoEFCC will take decision in 2 weeks.

[Action: MoEFCC]

(c) Regarding Coal Linkage from Central Coal Fields (CCL) for its Power Plant, the representative of the company informed that they had submitted necessary documents to CCL but CCCL has been insisting on NoC from State Forest Department before signing Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA) with the company. Ministry of Coal Official informed that e-auction is mandatory under the amended law. The company has given certificate that the land is non-forest to State Government which is now sub-judice. The representative of ESL was informed to await the order of the Court.

(d) Regarding classification of Steel Plants as Integrated Steel Plant, JPC official informed that it has been decided that in order to provide more details of steel plant and flexibility, data regarding location, capacity and form of production will be provided and it will be upto steel consumers to choose from the various steel plants as per their requirement while making procurement. Ministry of Steel has no role in the public procurement of the various Central and the State agencies.

### 3.2 Jayaswal Neco Industries Ltd:

(a) Representative of Jayaswal Neco raised the issue of law and order/security of its 3 mines. The Mining operations are getting disrupted due to LWE issues and safety of the people deployed in mines and heavy mining equipments deployed at site is requested. He also stated that the Government of Chhattisgarh had in recent times resolved the security issues to GREAT EXTENT. However, the law and order needs to be maintained so that the operations do not get affected. Law and order is a state matter. The project Proponent was advised to approach the State Government.

(b) Regarding Metabodali iron ore mines, stage-I FC has been granted. MOEF&CC has accorded prior approval for diversion of 57 Ha forest land for the iron ore mines project of the company, stipulating compensatory afforestation over equivalent non-forest /orange forest land as one of the condition. The State Government has insisting for compensatory afforestation over double the orange land. The State Government has sought clarification from MOEF&CC in this regard and same is awaited. Secretary (Steel) suggested that the Project Proponent follow up the case with MoEFCC.

[Action: MoEFCC]

(c) Regarding the Devpura and Sonadehi Prospecting Licences awarded to the Project Proponent in 2009, Project Proponent informed that the Government of Chhattisgarh had sent a reference to IBM seeking clarifications. Secretary (Steel) requested Ministry of Coal to decide the case in month or so.

[Ministry of Coal]

### 3.3 JSW Steel Ltd:

(a) JSW, Steel Ltd. stated that there is shortage of raw material for its Vijaynagar plants as production cap has been imposed with the ruling of Hon'ble Supreme Court. Secretary (Steel) requested the representative Government of Karnataka to examine the matter. The State Government official informed that in the light of decision of Hon'ble Supreme Court, and CBI enquiry, the State Government will have its meeting to take decision on mining of leases/ auction of category 'C' mining lease.

[Action: Government of Karnataka]

(b) Regarding the issues pertaining to the right of way for water pipeline, permission to cross nalla and access to NH 17 for Dolvi project, the representative of NHAI informed that necessary action will be taken by 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.

[Action: NHAI]

(c) In respect of JSW Jharkahand project, both EC and FC-stage-II are pending, since March, 2014. It was communicated by MOEF&CC that EC & FC will be granted on completion of carrying capacity study in the Sarnda Forest region. The representatives of MOEF&CC informed that decision of Saranda Forest Region will be taken in two weeks time.

[Action: MoEFCC]

